# Safety Benefits

## **Enforce DWI Laws**

Driving While Intoxicated (DWI) laws involves visible, coordinated police efforts such as patrols, checkpoints, and testing, to deter and detect alcohol and drug impaired driving.

#### Implementation Strategy

#### How and Where to Apply

- Enforcing DWI laws should be prioritized in areas with a high incidence of alcohol-related crashes, particularly during nights, weekends, and holiday periods when impaired driving is more prevalent.
- Effective implementation includes conducting sobriety checkpoints, saturation patrols, and using tools like portable breath tests and drug recognition experts to detect impaired drivers.
- HVE efforts especially when paired with public education campaigns are proven strategies for reducing impaired driving fatalities (NHTSA).

Use in a Safe System Approach Supports the Safe System Approach by encouraging safer user behavior and deterring high-risk activity. Enforcement acts as a critical tool to reduce human error and protect other road users from preventable, highseverity crashes.

#### **Key Stakeholders**

Law enforcement agencies, SHSOs, judicial system, transportation agencies (DOTs), public health and behavioral health agencies

#### **Proactive Implementation**

Proactive DWI enforcement uses crash and arrest data to identify highrisk times and locations such as weekends, holidays, and nighttime, for targeted checkpoints and saturation patrols. Innovations include mobile breath testing, drug recognition experts, and coordination with behavioral health services. Public campaigns like Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over enhance deterrence and shift social norms.

#### Countermeasure Overview

Cost: Low

Service Life: N/A

Objective: Enforce DWI laws

Strategy: Conduct regular wellpublicized DWI checkpoints

## CONTRIBUTING

# **TARGET**

**FACTORS** 

- Misjudgment
- Visibility

**Targeted Solution** 

Slower response

Aggressive



- Speeding
- ROAD **FACILITY**
- N/A



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### Safety Linkage



Alcohol-Related Collisions



Management



N/A

Improved Safety

Alcohol Testing. Source: impaired-driving | TxDOT

#### Selected Related Countermeasures

Alcohol Screening and Brief Intervention (SBI)

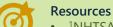
Administrative License Revocation (ALR)

Establish Stronger Penalties for BAC Test Refusal



Discourages impaired driving through active law enforcement.





- <sup>1</sup>NHTSA: Countermeasures That Work: A Highway Safety Countermeasure Guide
- CDC | Impaired Driving

