

External Service

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Vehicle Safety

Public Outreach:

- Deliver regular and focused messaging on the consequences of unsafe vehicles through media events which educate and encourage compliance.
- Partner with the Highway Safety Office to create public outreach videos to be disseminated in Drivers Education Classes and other online media. These may include videos regarding vehicle equipment laws, video segments from vehicle repair professionals and videos which document consequences of equipment failure.

Enforcement:

- Enforcement efforts will be focused in geographical areas where equipment violations were a factor in crashes and other incidents;
- Enforcement efforts will also focus on the top five equipment violations:
 - Unsafe or unapproved tires
 - Altered vehicles
 - Damaged or broken glass
 - Window tint
 - Unapproved lighting
- Troopers will receive additional training in the identification, documentation, and enforcement of equipment laws. The Department will provide troopers with a toolkit specifically designed to confirm equipment violations, which will include:
 - Window tint meter
 - Measuring tape
 - Tire tread depth gauge
 - Tire pressure gauge

Methods:

- Education and enforcement through traffic stops;
- Equipment enforcement blitzes to saturate Utah roadways;
- Vehicle Repair Order (VRO) process: an administrative tool to ensure compliance when violations are egregious, there is a pattern of noncompliance, or vehicles have multiple violations; and
- Provide training to and support allied agencies in the equipment violation enforcement and use of the VRO program.

Measurement/Analysis:

- Tracking of faulty equipment as a contributor to vehicle crashes;
- Tracking of equipment violations through citations and warnings issued; and
- Tracking of VRO's issued and compliance of violators.

Outcomes:

- Collection of data to highlight needs and successes;
- Increased law enforcement contacts for equipment violations;
- Reduction in equipment related crashes and fatalities; and
- Safer vehicles traveling on Utah's roadways.

Utah Highway Patrol

2019 Goals & Initiatives

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Our Mission:

Our mission is to provide professional police services and to protect the constitutional rights of all people in Utah.

Our Vision:

The Utah Highway Patrol sets the standard for excellence in law enforcement with professional service, building trust with each public interaction and demonstrating integrity and courage. Troopers are proactive in all efforts to enhance public safety through community outreach and effective enforcement. Troopers maintain the highest level of proficiency through continual training and education, particularly in issues critical to public safety.

Proactive Goals (Top 5):

The following five violations will be the foundation of high-volume, high-visibility traffic enforcement, focusing on saving lives and interdicting the criminal element.

1. DUI - Detect and remove impaired drivers from Utah roadways;
2. Seat Belts - Stop vehicles with unrestrained occupants and educate regarding seat belt and child restraint laws;
3. Speeding - Daily enforcement focused on speed and aggressive/reckless driving violations;
4. Distracted and Drowsy - Remove distracted and drowsy drivers from Utah roads, through proactive enforcement; and
5. Equipment Safety - Enhance public safety through continual enforcement of vehicle equipment laws.

Proficiency Goals:

Continue developing knowledge, skills, and abilities to ensure a complete, professional and thorough investigation of criminal incidents and motor vehicle crashes.

- Criminal Interdiction - Look beyond the initial violation to recognize indicators of criminal behavior;
- DUI Enforcement - Increase proficiency through training on indicators of impairment, SFST administration, and evidence documentation;
- Investigations - Enhance crash and criminal investigations capabilities through classroom and hands-on training. Utilize all available department resources to further active investigations. Recognize every traffic stop as an opportunity to gather, document and share valuable information;
- Continued Education & Training - Pursue post-secondary education to improve communication skills, promote independent decision making and problem solving, and develop leadership abilities necessary to succeed and thrive in the environment of 21st century policing; and
- Benchmarks - Meet expectations for benchmark training standards.

Professionalism Goals:

Enhance public confidence and foster quality public interactions through adherence to the core values of the Highway Patrol.

- Core Values - Reflect the Six Core Values of the Utah Highway Patrol in all aspects of work and personal life (Integrity, Service, Courage, Knowledge, Teamwork, and Professionalism);
- Uniform and Personal Appearance - Maintain a clean, neat and professional uniform, worn with pride;
- Positive Interactions - Treat members of the public with respect and courtesy;
- Officer Safety - Continued adherence to the Below 100 tenets, TIMS standards, and all Department policies which promote officer safety.

Utah Highway Patrol – 2019 Safety Inspection/Equipment Information

General Safety Inspection / Equipment Statistics:

| | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 YTD-9/12 |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|---------|------------------|
| Safety Inspection Stations: | 2,017 | 1,996 | 1,874 | 1,539 |
| Safety Inspections Performed: | 1,892,975 | 1,878,698 | 272,085 | 121,378 |
| Crashes w/ Equipment as Contributor: | 1,223 | 1,237 | 1,252 | 977* |
| Equipment Enforcement Contacts: | 37,749 | 33,182 | 38,776 | 46,121 |
| Vehicle Repair Orders (VRO) Issued: | 74 | 43 | 139 | 520 |

*Currently Reflects an 11.7% Increase. Projected 2019 year end total: 1,397 crashes.

Fatal/Serious Injury Crash Inspections:

| 2019 YTD Post-Crash Inspections: | | Top 3 Failures Identified: | |
|--|-----|----------------------------|--------|
| Number performed: | 44 | Brakes: | 36.36% |
| # of Vehicles w/ Violations Prior to Crash:* | 22 | Tires: | 15.9% |
| Percentage: | 50% | Other: | 11.36% |

- Violations may or may not have been a contributing factor to the crash.
- "Other" : I.E. missing bumpers, windshield wipers, missing fuel caps etc.

UHP Dealership Audit 2019:

| Vehicle Type: | # of Dealerships | | # Vehicles Audited | # Vehicles OOC | # Violations | % Vehicles OOC |
|---------------|------------------|--|--------------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|
| | Audited: | | | | | |
| New: | 5 | | 188 | 8 | 11 | 4.20% |
| Used: | 50 | | 714 | 276 | 338 | 38.60% |

- Audit consisted of visual inspections of front-line, road side vehicles only.

Avg. # of Vehicle Sales / First Time Registrations Annually: (2015-2018)

| Vehicle Type: | Dealership: | Private Sale: | Total: |
|---------------|-------------|---------------|---------|
| New: | 130,517 | N/A | 130,517 |
| Used: | 215,824 | 254,555 | 470,379 |

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VEHICLE EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS



Despite the elimination of the annual inspection requirement, **ALL SAFETY INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS ARE STILL THE LAW.**

Legal Equipment Standards Include:

- Tires and Wheels – Worn, Damaged, or Improper
- Steering Parts & Mechanisms
- Suspension Systems/Shocks
- Altered Vehicles – Lifted or Lowered Vehicles
- Brake Parts and Systems
- Lighting – OEM and Aftermarket Lights
- Electrical Systems – Horns, Batteries
- Windows – Cracked or Broken Glass
- Body – Mirrors, Bumpers, Etc.
- Exhaust Systems – Mufflers, Piping, Leaks

Most Common Equipment Violations:

- Window Tint: <43% Front Side, <70% Windshield
- Tire Width Violations: Fender Flares Required when Tires stick out past fenders
- Mud Flaps: Required on any vehicle where height is altered by tires or lifts.
- Unapproved Lighting: Lighting that does not meet color, intensity, mounting location, or exceeds max # of lights.
- Lifted Vehicles: Exceed maximum frame or headlight height.
- Broken Windshields

Please be aware that non-compliance with Safety Inspection standards can result in enforcement action by State and local police agencies. This enforcement can result in being pulled over, being issued citations, or even the revocation of your Utah registration.

Questions? Please contact your vehicle service provider or the Utah Highway Patrol - Vehicle Safety Section @ 801-965-4889