IMPACT ON OPERATIONS

Impact on operations at NHTSA
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**Immediate Effect**
- HQ & regions went to 100% telework
- HQ & regions paused all travel

**Response**
- Move to virtual platforms for business processes and meetings

**Result**
- Continued operation of service across all modes
IMPACT ON PROGRAMS

Impact on NHTSA programs and grant administration
IMPACT ON NHTSA PROGRAMS

**Immediate Effect**

Across the board:
- Physical challenges
- Fiscal challenges
- Workforce challenges

Impeacting:
- State Highway Safety Offices
- Emergency Medical Services (EMS)
- Law Enforcement

**Response**

- Media campaigns across multiple media to address pandemic-specific challenges
- Establishment of public-facing email inboxes to collect questions & concerns
- Issuance of decision to accept electronic submission for specific documentation
- Scheduling of weekly calls to stakeholder organizations by the EMS group

**Result**

- NHTSA Office of Communications media plan
- Memorandum of understanding with Johns Hopkins University to aid antibody testing
- Implementation of high-level authorizations such as OMB Memorandum M-20-17 and the CARES Act
- EMS.gov’s COVID-19 website and guidance
IMPACT ON GRANT PROGRAMS

Guidance

- Highway Safety Grant Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) Website
- 911 Grant Program Guidance Document

Flexibility

- Implementation of OMB Memorandum M-20-17
- Implementation of CARES Act
**DEEP DIVE: CARES ACT RESPONSE**

**Immediate Effect**

Across the board:
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**Impacting:**
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**Response**

Postponed or waived requirements for:
- High Visibility Enforcement Mobilizations and Crackdowns
- Seatbelt Use Surveys
- Program Assessments
- Highway Safety Plan and Incentive Grant Application Due Dates
- Maintenance of Effort
- Expenditure Requirements for FY2016 Funds
- Local Benefit/Share to Local

**Result**

- Every waived or postponed requirement has been utilized
KEY FINDINGS

Key findings and topics for further evaluation
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Grant Administration & Oversight

• Collaboration with traffic safety partners was helped NHTSA to quickly pivot and continue to conduct normal operations in order to support the Agency’s mission

• NHTSA is continuing to evaluate processes that may require a more permanent change or shift
KEY FINDINGS

2020 First Quarter (Jan – Mar) Fatality Projections

• 70 fewer lives lost in 2020 Q1 (7,780) as compared to 2019 Q1 (7,850) – a 0.9 percent decline

• FHWA reported VMT declined by 40.1 billion miles – about a 5.4 percent decline during 2020 Q1 as compared to 2019 Q1

• Fatality Rate per 100 Million VMT increased to 1.10 during 2020 Q1 from 1.05 in 2019 Q1
All of us at NHTSA applaud the daily contributions and ingenuity demonstrated by our stakeholders and their employees as they assist their surrounding communities. We look forward to a continued partnership with you to advance these efforts during this challenging time.

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