Baltimore Regional Pedestrian and Bike Safety Campaign

Regional Safety Subcommittee Meeting

May 27, 2021

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 Seven bicyclists and 61 pedestrians were killed in the Baltimore region in 2020. That's 28% of all traffic deaths in the area. Pedestrian and bicyclist fatalities in the Baltimore region accounted for 46% of the total pedestrian and bicyclist deaths in the state of Maryland.







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Maryland Pedestrian Fatalities - Excludes Bicycles & Other Pedalcycles Interim Report for 2020 - Preliminary Totals (Incomplete and Subject to Change) 1/15/202

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020*	5-year Average	Total
							(2015 - 2019)	(2015-2019)
State of Maryland	99	111	119	133	125	134	117	587
Indivdual Jurisdictions								
Anne Arundel	7	7	7	20	11	10	10	52
Baltimore	18	19	16	28	22	21	21	103
Carroll	1	5	3	1	6	4	3	16
Harford	5	4	4	3	2	1	4	18
Howard	2	9	2	6	2	6	4	21
Queen Anne's	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	1
Baltimore City	15	17	20	10	19	17	16	81
Baltimore Region	48	62	52	68	62	61	58.4	292
* Preliminary numbers subject to change								

Source: Preliminary reporting from Maryland State Police, Local Police Jurisdictions, and Agency Media Advisories.

Pedestrian: A person struck and killed by a motor vehicle whose cause of death is traffic-related and indicated in ACRS as non-motorists: Pedestrian (on foot), rider of animal, in animal-drawn vehicle, machine operator/ rider, other conveyance, or other.





ENFORCEMENT TRAINING

- Conducted seven workshops so far (2019/2020/2021)
- Led by Baltimore County PD Training Academy
- Trained over 150 officers from agencies across the region/state
- Training includes a field exercise that demonstrates how to conduct successful enforcement operation
- Enforcement waves following training resulted in warnings, citations, and great media coverage





SOCIALLY DISTANT SIGNAL PEOPLE

4/29, 3-6pm: Annapolis bike passing enforcement activation with AACPD's new technology.

Signal People Outreach

5/1, 10am-2pm Aquahart Rd at Greenway Rd SE near the the Baltimore and Annapolis Trail in Glen Burnie, MD

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5/1, 4-8pm: Inner Harbor in Baltimore City

5/18, 3-7pm: Little Patuxent Parkway and Broken Land Parkway

5/25, 3-7pm: Pulaski and Rossville Baltimore County



Spring 2021 Media Coverage

<u>https://www.wmar2news.com/news/local-news/anne-arundel-county-kicks-off-bicycle-safety-education-campaign</u>

• <u>https://www.wmar2news.com/news/local-news/bike-safety-campaign-targets-busy-dangerous-baltimore-co-intersection</u>





SOCIAL MEDIA

We launched the Signal Woman social channels on Twitter and Instagram and executed a consistent, best practices cadence of content on an ongoing basis, with several popular content series.

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Performance numbers for the Signal Woman Twitter and Instagram accounts for 3/2021

Twitter

- 403 followers (+136)
- 785,714 impressions
- 2,255 total engagements
- Top new follower: Baltimore County Police Department
- Top performing content focused on pedestrian safety tips and engaged partner accounts like @MDSHA

Instagram

- 109 followers (+23)
- 236,471 impressions
- 63,176 total engagements
- Top performing content this month is video content including gifs, especially from pop culture or Baltimore sports





SPRING CAMPAIGN – TOTAL BUDGET ~\$283,000

Launched week of April 26 in advance of Bike Safety Month

PR / MEDIA OUTREACH

- Materials Development: fact sheet, media advisories for all on-the-ground efforts, news release
- Local Media Tour/Pitching: Pitch socially distant or remote interviews with campaign spokespeople via phone or virtual video chat software
- Enforcement Activations: We'll coordinate with local police departments and drive media to cover highvisibility enforcement of laws that keep people walking and biking safe.

ON-THE-GROUND OUTREACH

• Four socially distant, masked Signal People street teams with walking billboards

SOCIAL MEDIA / DIGITAL OUTREACH

- Year-round social media content (3x/day on Twitter, 1x/day on Instagram)
- Ongoing community engagement and reporting
- Partner toolkit development for summer campaign



@SignalWoman



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Baltimore Metropolitan Council

PAID MEDIA PLACEMENT (\$139,280)

Our overall media strategy integrates street-level marketing to

reach drivers and pedestrians in the most relevant places and digital media, particularly social.

• Target Audience: Adults 21–54

MTA Transit

- 4-week flight starting 5/3
- 120 bus tails and 120 bonus interior cards

<u>Digital / Streaming</u>

- Twitter, Instagram promoted posts/video

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- YouTube video
- -Pandora Audio

Gas Station TV

- 4 weeks starting 5/3
- 142 locations with 852,776 est. impressions
- Signal Woman 15-second spot





Looking Ahead - Signal Woman 2.0

- Make "Signal Woman" mature into a "driver-concernedicon" that has additional messages for those drivers not stopping for pedestrians in the crosswalks.
- Work with steering committee in developing new content
- Signal Woman is popular Tennessee, PG County





Discussion





