# Road Collision and Fatality Reduction through Driver Monitoring and Incentives

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# **Road Safety Challenges**

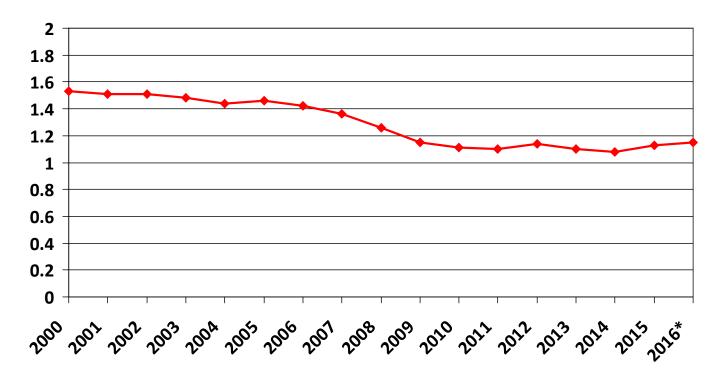


Death of American Diplomat, Sana'a, 2006

#### **US Motor Vehicle Fatalities/MVMT**

**Source: NHTSA Traffic Facts** 

Fatality rate had decreased 28% from 2000 to 2014, before increasing About 9,500 vehicle fatalities/yr since 2014 are attributed to excessive speed



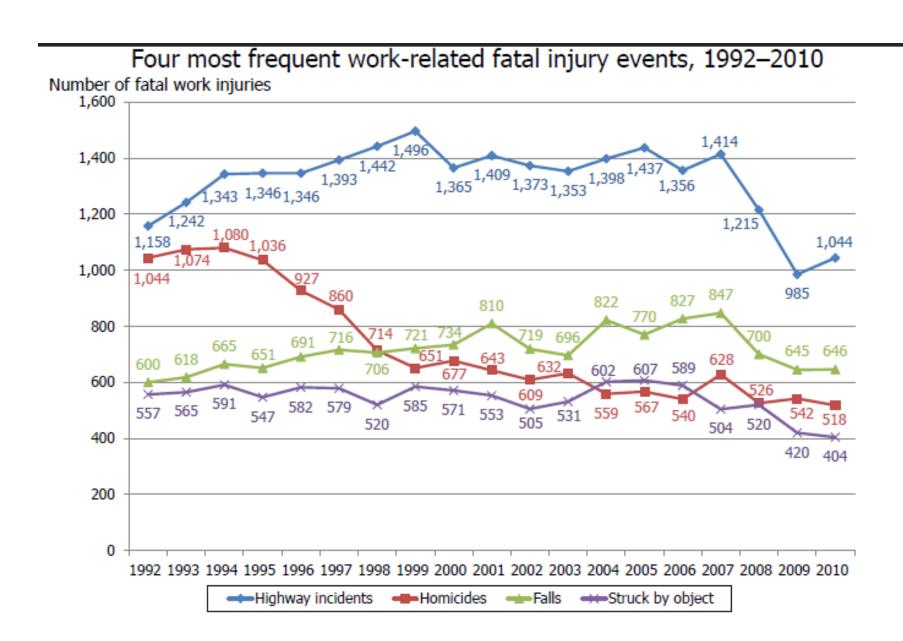
# **Speeding Culture in the US?**



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- The Fast and the Furious (2001)
- 2 Fast and 2 Furious (2003)
- The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift (2006)
- Fast and Furious (2009)
- Fast Five (2011)
- Fast and Furious 6 (2013)
- Furious 7 (2015)
- Fast and Furious 8 (2017)

#### **BLS** - Work-Related Fatalities



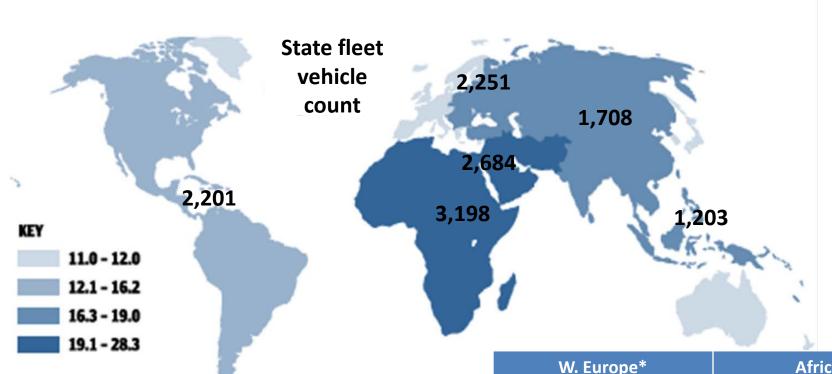
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**Network of Employers for Traffic Safety (NETS).** 

Nearly **two-thirds** of all people killed on U.S. roadways were members of the nation's workforce,

#### WHO Road Traffic Death Rates

# 1,300,000 fatalities/year



<sup>\*</sup> Global Status Report on Road Safety: 2016

W. Europe*		Africa*	
France	5.1	Nigeria	20.5
Spain	3.7	Uganda	27.4
Germany	4.3	Tanzania	32.9
Denmark	3.5	Kenya	29.1
UK	2.9	Ethiopia	25.3



## **Addis Ababa Fatality**



Corrective Action(s) Taken. Describe recommended actions that will prevent recurrence of a similar mishap in the future, whether or when these actions have been implemented.

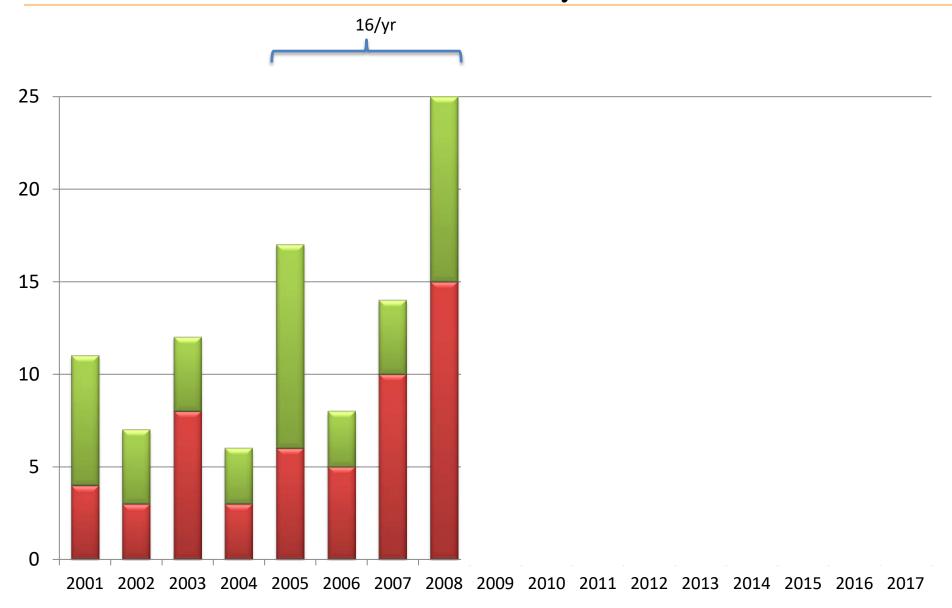
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Maybe with proper training to the local populace this type of event will be reduced.

## **Motor Vehicle Safety Management**

- Written Mission Policy
- Driver Qualification, Evaluation & Orientation
- Medical Certification
- Safe Driver Training
- Operational Safety (Local Laws, Alcohol Proscription)
- Crash Protection (Seat Belts)
- Duty Limits (Fatigue Control)
- Distraction Controls
- Vehicle Inspections
- Mishap Reporting & Investigation

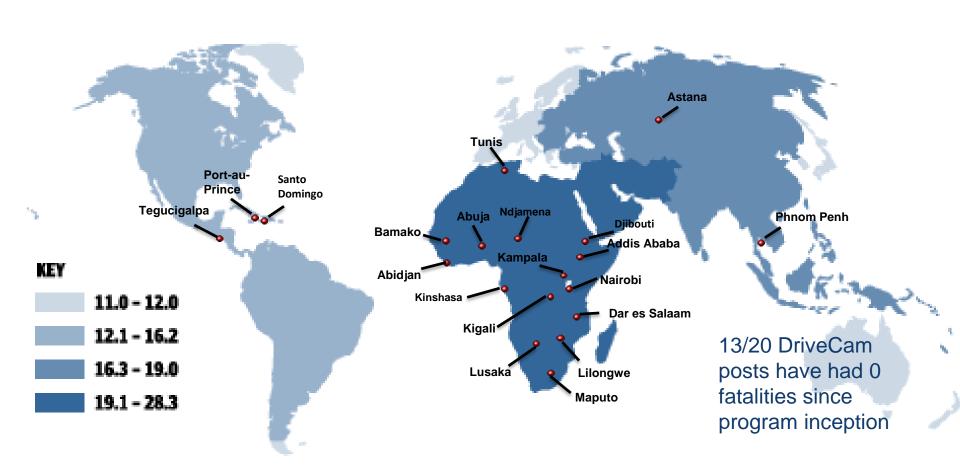
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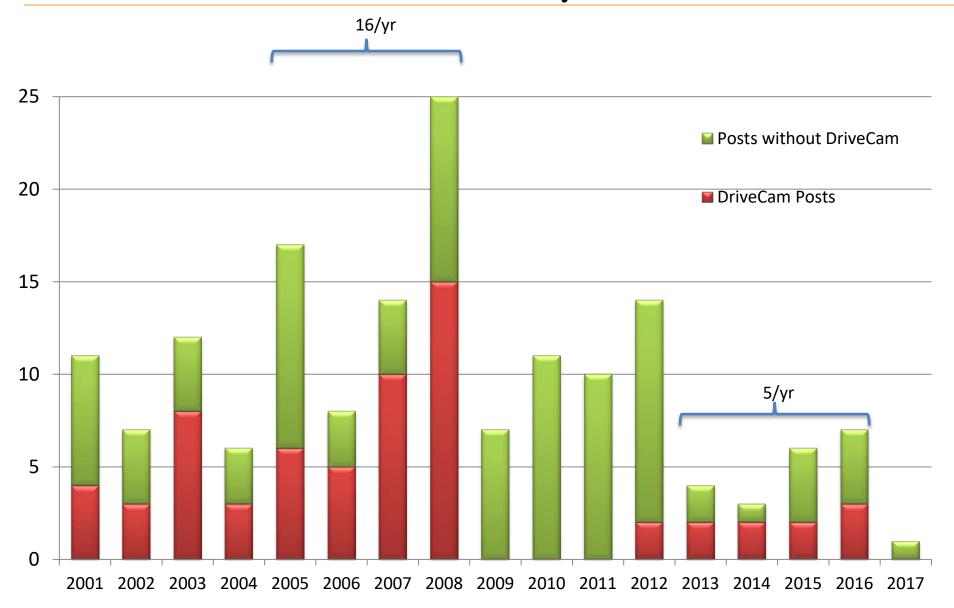
## **Elevated Risk Posts**

## Killed in Traffic

70% of Fatalities since 2000 have occurred at 25 Posts



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- ☐ The term "accident", in particular, can give the impression of inevitability and unpredictability an event that cannot be managed. This is not the case.
- **⇒** Road traffic crashes are events that can be analyzed for causes and preventive measures.

## Why Change Our Culture?

- **Emotional impact on employees**
- **Negative press in local/international media**
- **Resource destructive**



## Why Change Our Culture?

#### Newsweek



Friends of the late Romanian musician Teofil Peter protest outside the U.S. embassy in Bucharest after Peter was killed in an incident involving a Marine who had been drinking.

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## A Thorn in Bush's Side

The death of a popular Romanian musician haunts the NATO summit.

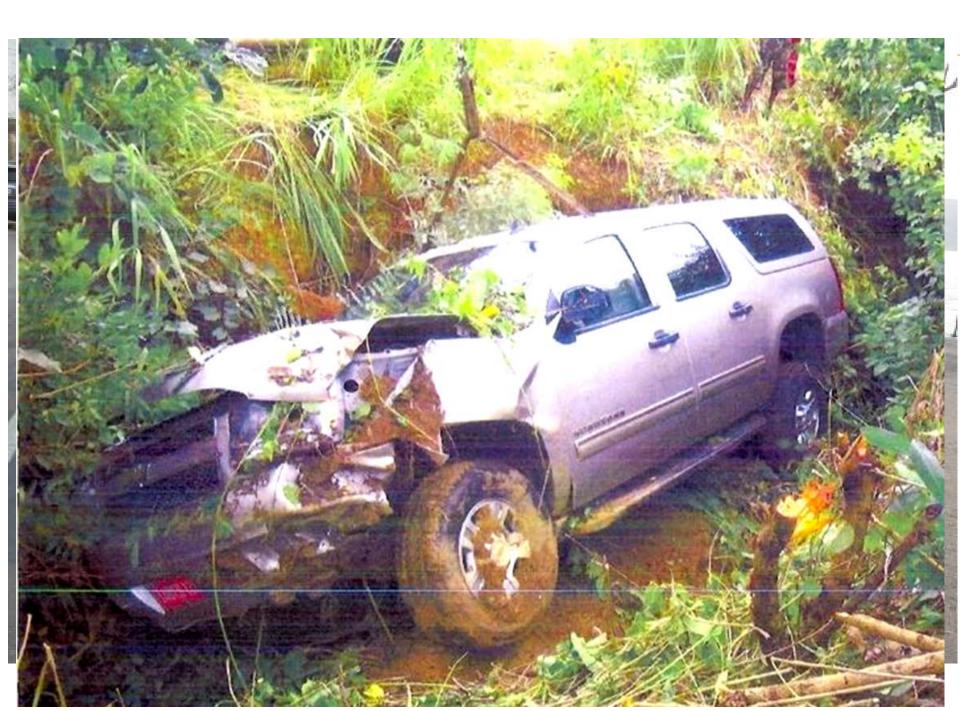
By Katie Paul | Newsweek Web Exclusive
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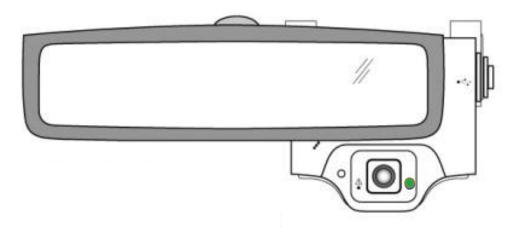
A little over four years ago, a dark blue Ford SUV careened through a stop sign at 4:30 a.m. on a December night in Bucharest, Romania, broadsiding an oncoming taxicab and inflicting fatal head injuries on the passenger riding in the cab's back seat. The accident probably would have faded into obscurity had that passenger not been 50-year-old Teofil Peter, a beloved local rock star--often likened to a Romanian Bruce Springsteen--and had the driver of the U.S. government-owned SUV not been 31-year-old S/Sgt. Christopher VanGoethem, a U.S. Marine serving as the commander of the

U.S. Embassy security detail, who had been drinking that night.

Four years later, following a series of frustrations that have roiled fans and Romanian government leaders alike, the issue is popping up again--at an especially inopportune time for U.S. officials. Newspapers throughout Romania last week were plastered with headlines announcing the



#### **Vehicle Event Recorders**



## **Event Triggers**

- Hard cornering
- Hard braking
- Rapid acceleration
- Speed>75 mph
- Collision
- Rough road

30-second video/audio loop always on

Indicator light alternates red and green while event is being saved;

## **Vehicle Event Recorders**



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Front

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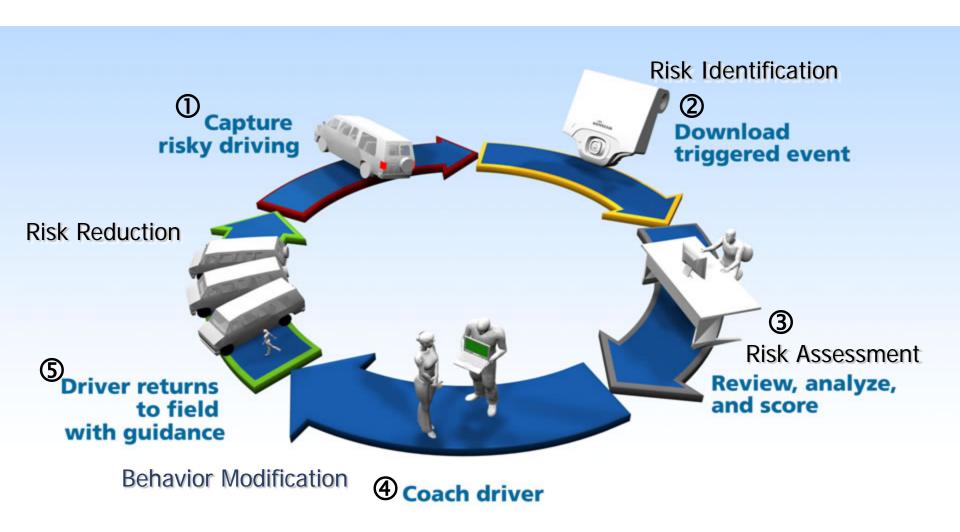
Rear

# **Risky Behaviors**



FWD +0.02 LAT -0.01 TIME -8.00

## **How Driver Risk Management Works**



## Sample Risk Scoring Scheme

## Traffic violations

Speeding 5 points

Red light 5 points

## Following too close

• ≤1 second: 5 points

• 1.00-1.75 seconds: 4 points

• 2.00-2.75 seconds: 2 points

# **Identifying Risky Drivers**





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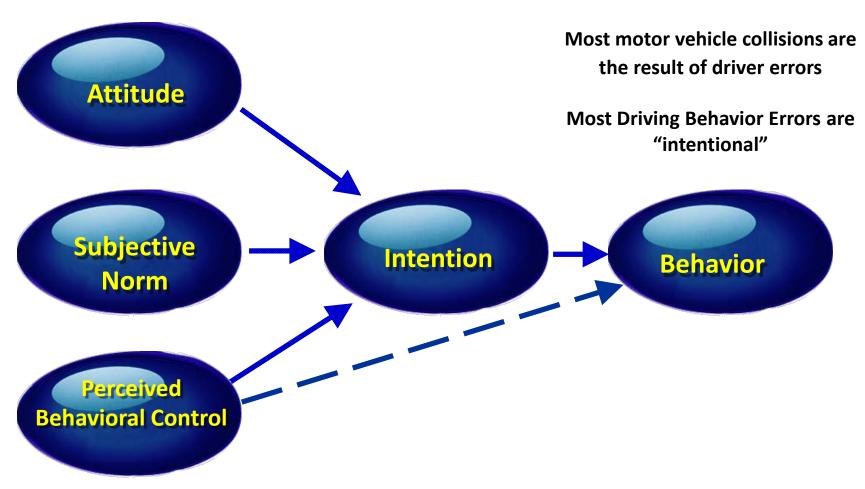




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#### **Behavior Model**

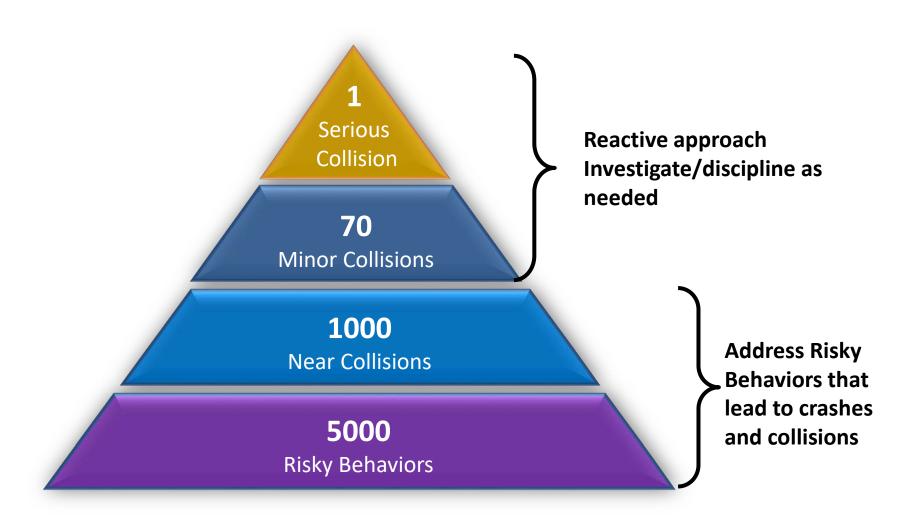


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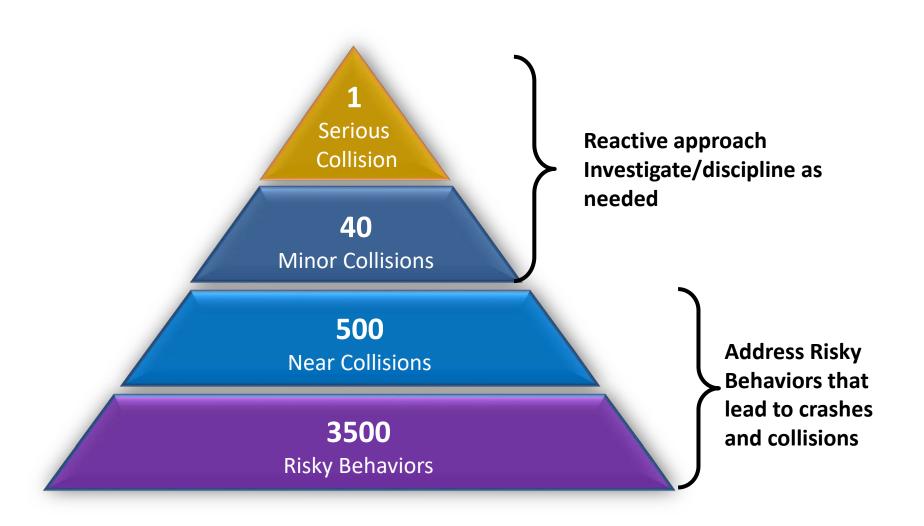
## Knowledge vs. Attitude: Is driving and texting dangerous?

- American Automobile Association reported in a 2009 survey that 95% of 2,501 drivers polled said that texting while driving was <u>unacceptable</u> <u>behavior</u>, yet:
  - 21% had recently texted or emailed while driving
  - 50% of the drivers age 16-24 had texted while driving

## Outcome Pyramid: 12 months prior to serious collision



# Outcome Pyramid: 8 months prior to serious collision



## **Cognitive Bias**

- A "shortcut" used by the brain
- Helps us choose based what's worked before
  - Confirmation Bias
  - In-group Bias
  - Recency Bias
  - Halo Effect

# What messages are we sending?



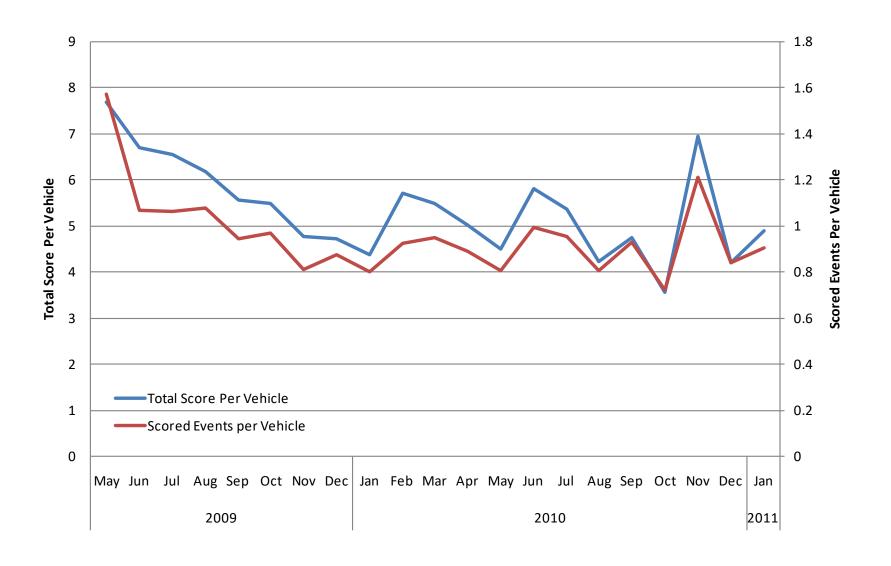
## **Attitude/Behavior Changes Impact Crash Rates**

- In 1982, alcohol impairment accounted for about 20,000 fatalities in US roads.
- By 2009, the number of alcohol-related fatalities was about 10,000
- From 1982-2009, the # of vehicle miles traveled in the US almost doubled.

Source: US NHTSA



## **Early Program Results**



## **Incentive Policy**

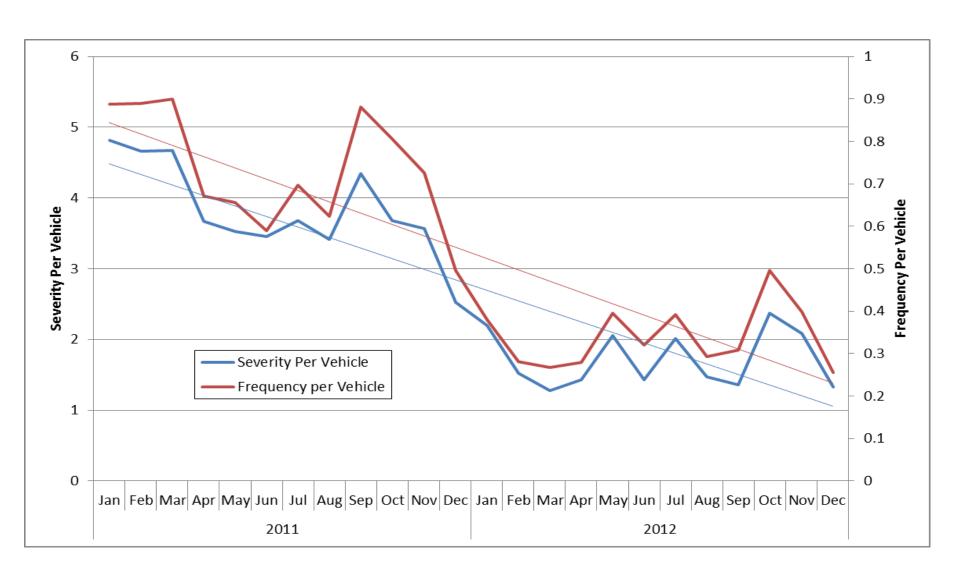
#### Awards/Recognition

- No policy violations for seat belts, cell phones, eating and traffic rules
- Lowest risk scores in the group
- 6 month intervals

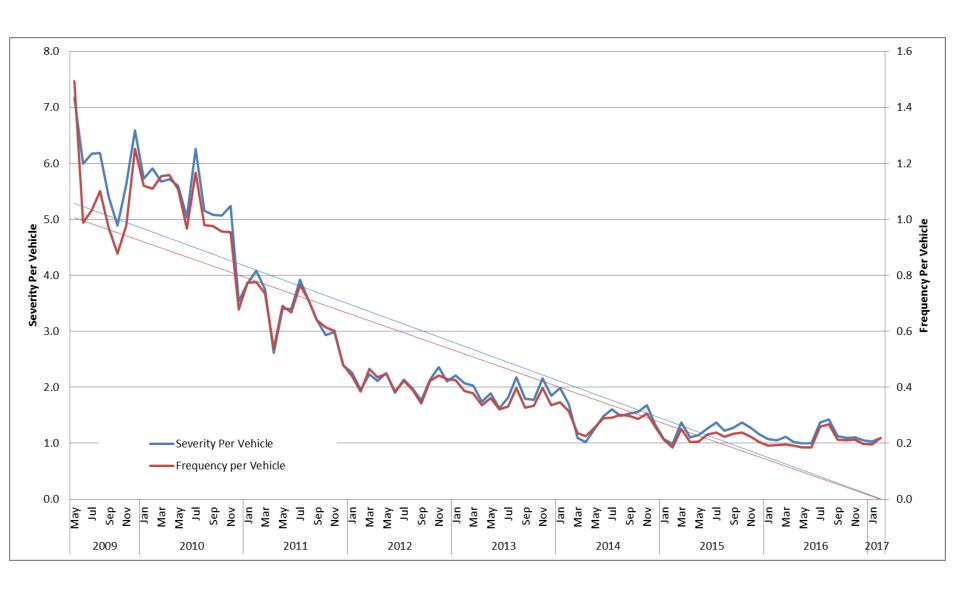
#### **Progressive Discipline**

- Policy violations: verbal warning through separation
- 20 pts/month: verbal warning
- 30 pts/2 months: written warning
- 50 pts/3 months: 5 days suspension
- 100 pts/12 months: separation

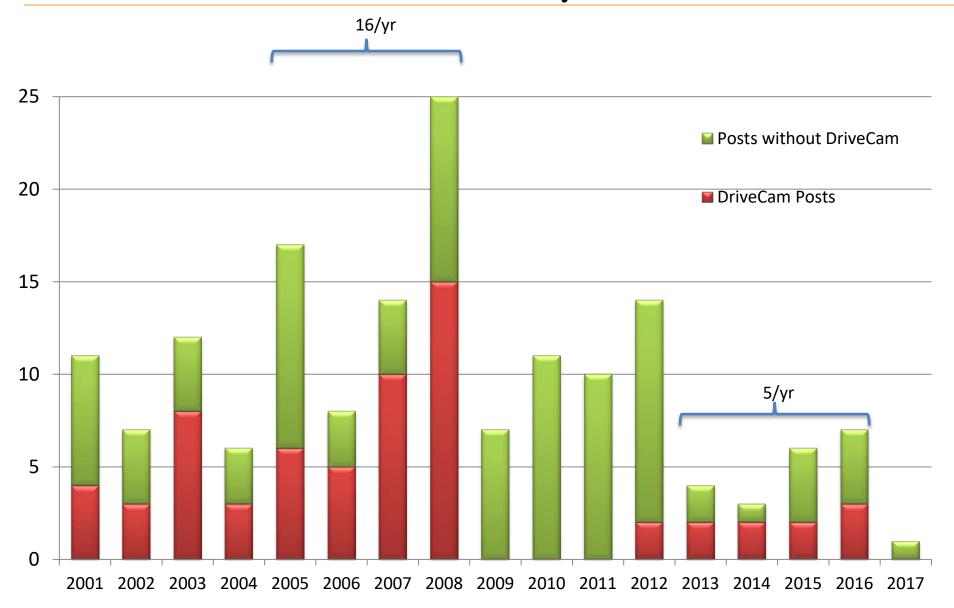
## **Later Program Results**



## **Risk Reduction For All Posts**



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# **User Acceptance?**



# **Questions?**

