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A blurred image of a car driving on a road, suggesting motion and speed. The car is dark and the background is a mix of blue and white, indicating a bright, sunny day.

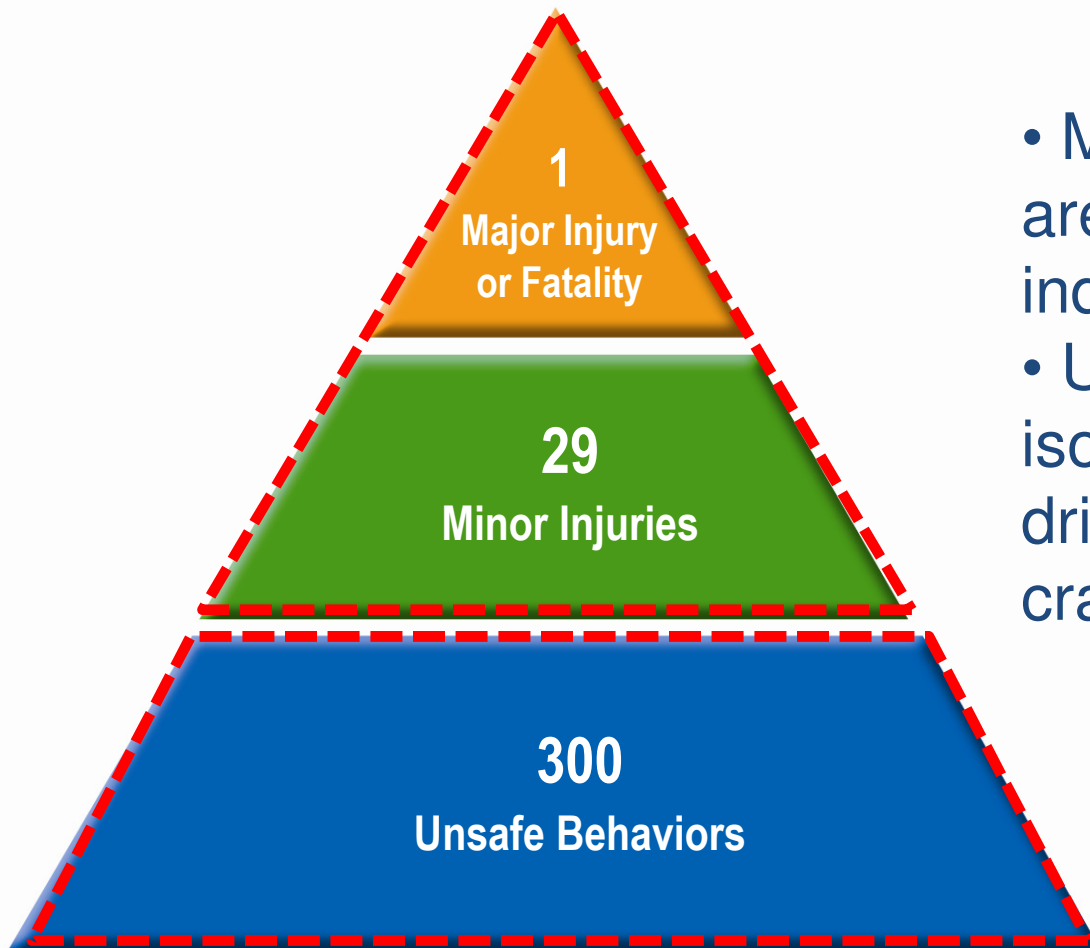
Driving the Risk Out of Public Fleet Management



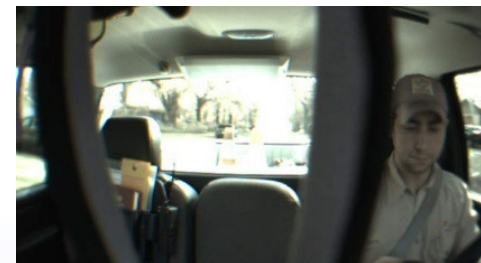
Agenda

- Background on how a video technology based driver risk management program works
- Why this approach can be a game changer
- Examples of commonly identified risky behaviors
- Case study from Orange County Florida

Improving Fleet Safety



- Most fleets safety efforts are based on lagging indicators
- Use leading indicators to isolate & correct risky driving *before* it leads to a crash



Improving Fleet Safety

Many fleets attempt to identify risk


Background Checks

- MVR records
- Accident history

On-Road

- Ride-along
- Road observations
- 800 “How am I Driving?”

Technology

- Black box devices 
- GPS
- Exception based video

Changing Driver Behavior

- Most drivers think everyone else is the problem
- They won't change if they don't feel they need to



- Drivers need to see and understand their mistakes before they will be motivated to change
- Video technology provides objective tool to enable this process

- Drivers must be monitored on an on-going basis to insure the changes are in place
- Positive and negative feedback must be provided to direct the driver to the desired outcome

Technology Enables the Program

Video Event Recorders

- Mount on windshield
- Triggered by excessive forces
 - Erratic driving
 - Collisions
- LED flashes when triggered
- Digital looping memory captures before and after event
- Stores “events” for later download
- Typically downloads via cellular or Wi-fi



How the Program Works

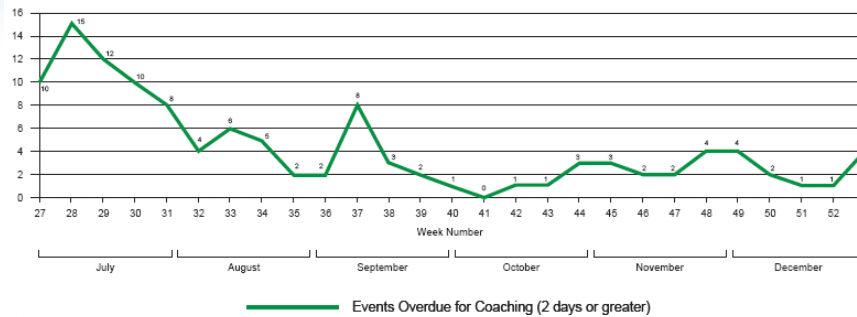


Performance Management

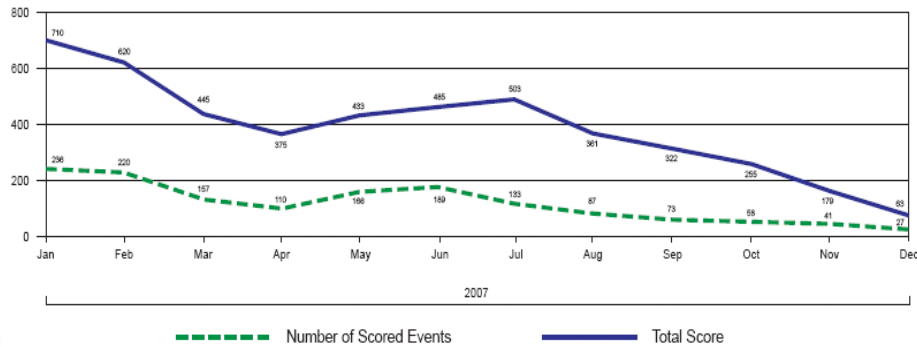
- Key program activities are monitored to insure application of process
 - Downloading of events (system health)
 - Coaching execution
 - Driver assignment to events
- Trending of aggregate risk score
- Trending of risky driving events
- Reduction in most frequent risky behaviors
- Improvement in riskiest drivers

Measuring Program Effectiveness

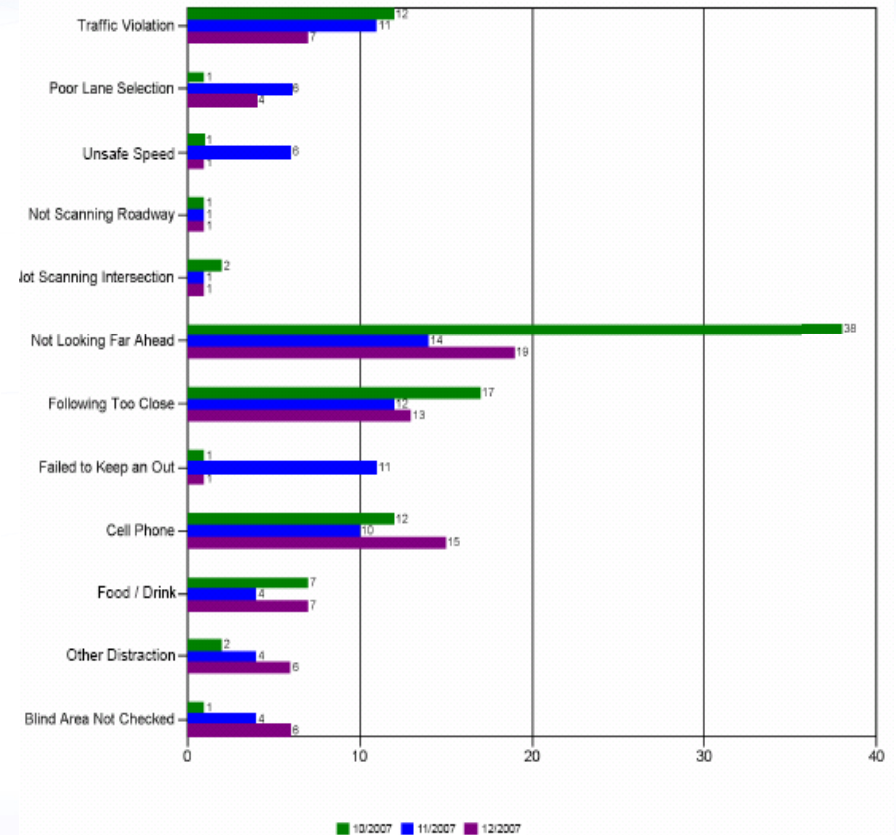
Overdue for Coaching (Rolling 26 Weeks)



Scored Events and Points Summary for All Vehicles (Last 12 Months)



Root Cause Analysis - DriveCam Behaviors



Results



Fleets commonly see cost and frequency reductions of 30% or greater

Recent study sponsored by Federal Motor Carriers Safety Administration found reductions in risky behavior of up to 52%

University research funded by CDC and NIH to be released later this year point to similar findings



Why the Program Works



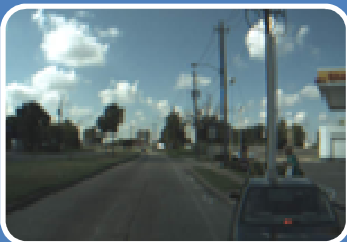
The “Hawthorne Effect”

- Workers tend to perform better when they know they are being watched



Behavior Modification

- Drivers modify behavior due to positive and negative consequences



Continuous Improvement

- Coaching Process Helps Drivers Discover Faulty Driving Habits and continually get better

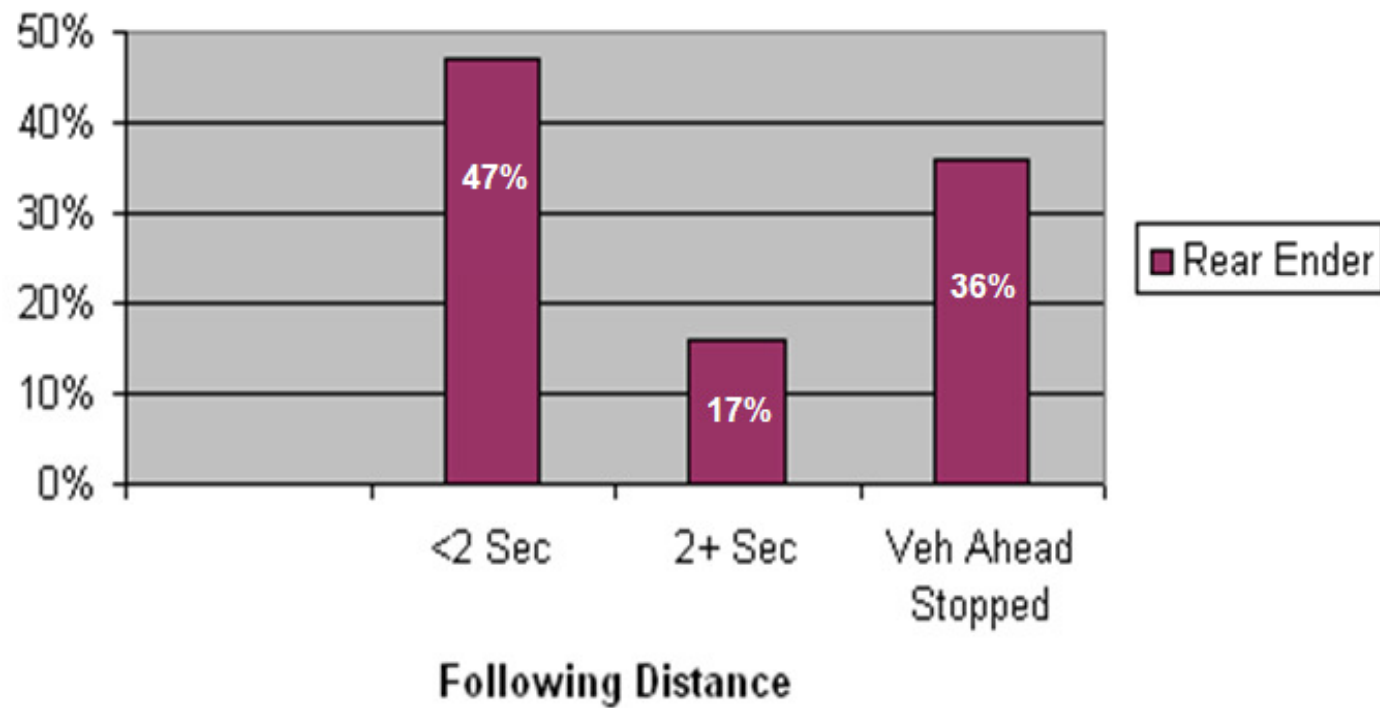
Challenges

- Funding
 - \$ are tight and cost s must be justified
- Labor concerns based on misinformation & misconception
 - “Big brother”
 - Actually only saves 2-3 minutes per driver per month
 - “Just a way to get me fired”
 - Usually no new policies
 - “Could embarrass me”
 - Secure, password protected website
 - Open communication is the key
- Organizational commitment to safety
 - You must now act on what you know !



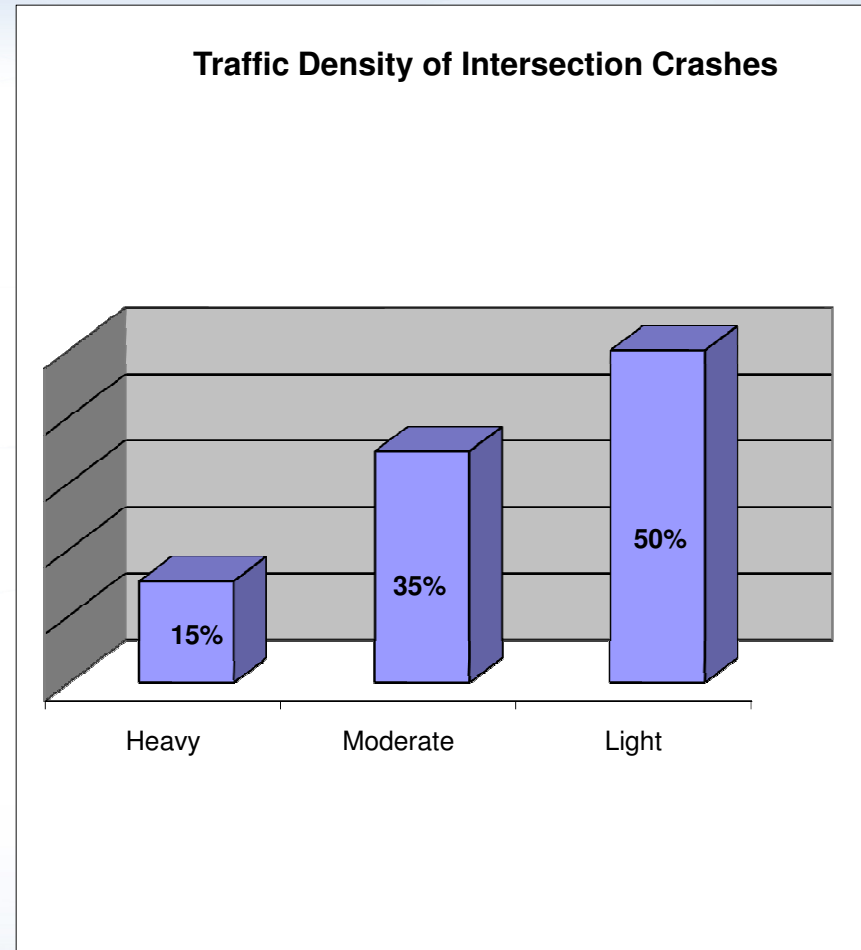
Insights: Safe Following Distance

Following Distance and Rear Ending Others




Insights – Emphasize Active Eyes

- Study of Intersection Crashes Found:
 - Only 22% involved subject driver running light
 - 73% never scanned
 - 56% of drivers had no eye activity for 10 seconds before crash
 - Traffic density, cell phones , distractions not a big factor



Some Keys to Improving Drivers

Identify and correct risky driving before it leads to a crash



Focus on correcting drivers practicing less than a 2 second following distance



Stress the dangers in and around intersections and the need to actively scan for hazards

Case Study: Orange County Florida

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About Orange County, Florida

- 1.2 million people in county
- 8,000 employees
- 2,000 vehicles ranging from solid waste to trucks to Ford Focus
- \$1,000,000 deductible (essentially self-insured)
- Implemented video-based driver risk management program in 2008



Background on OC Fleet Safety Experience

- Previously drivers attended the National Safety Council's DDC course
- But, auto liability losses were increasing annually.
- Changed to an online training course
- Losses stopped increasing but were flat lining
- John decided they needed a new approach to make progress
- Looked to behavior-based safety approach & felt video was best

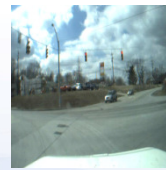


Case Study: Orange County, FL

- 1st step was to conduct a pilot
- 30 vehicle test with ½ heavy trucks and ½ small vehicles
- Departments involved:
 - Police
 - Fire
 - Public Works
 - Utilities

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- Initial pushback from unions (IAF,PBA,LIUNA)
 - Big brother concerns
 - Concerns over discipline
- Met with shop stewards to explain the program
- Common identified risky behaviors:
 - Failure to wear a seatbelt
 - Many were treating stop signs and red lights as an option



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Pilot Results

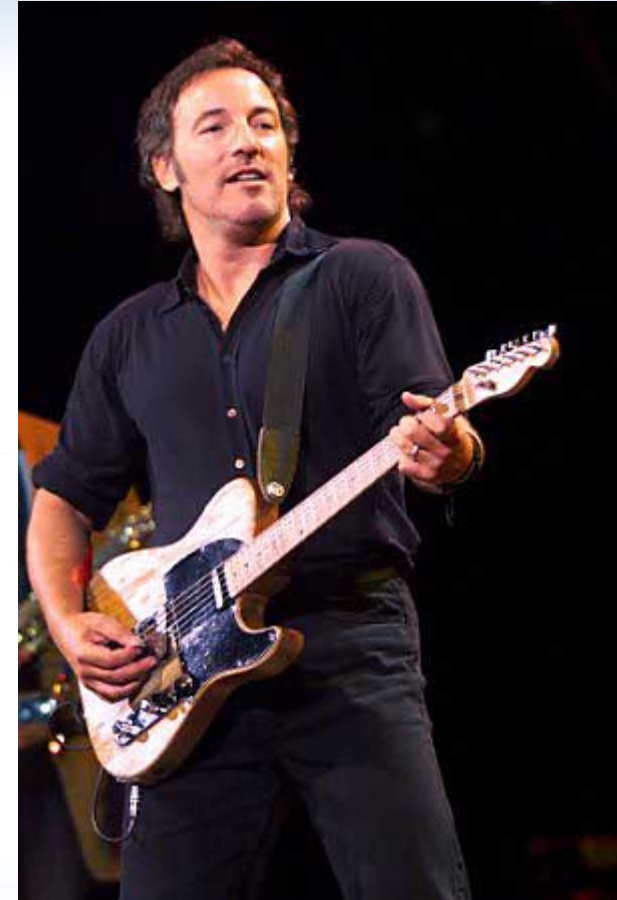
- Leading indicators showed risky driving had dropped by over 50%
- Lagging indicators (collisions & claims) showed 90% reduction in frequency & severity for the pilot group

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Selling it to “The Boss”

(Getting funding)

- Successful pilot program
- Solid financial ROI
 - Projected 50% annual reduction in losses
 - 3.5 year payback
- Protection against false claims
- Reduction in at-risk behaviors & improved public image



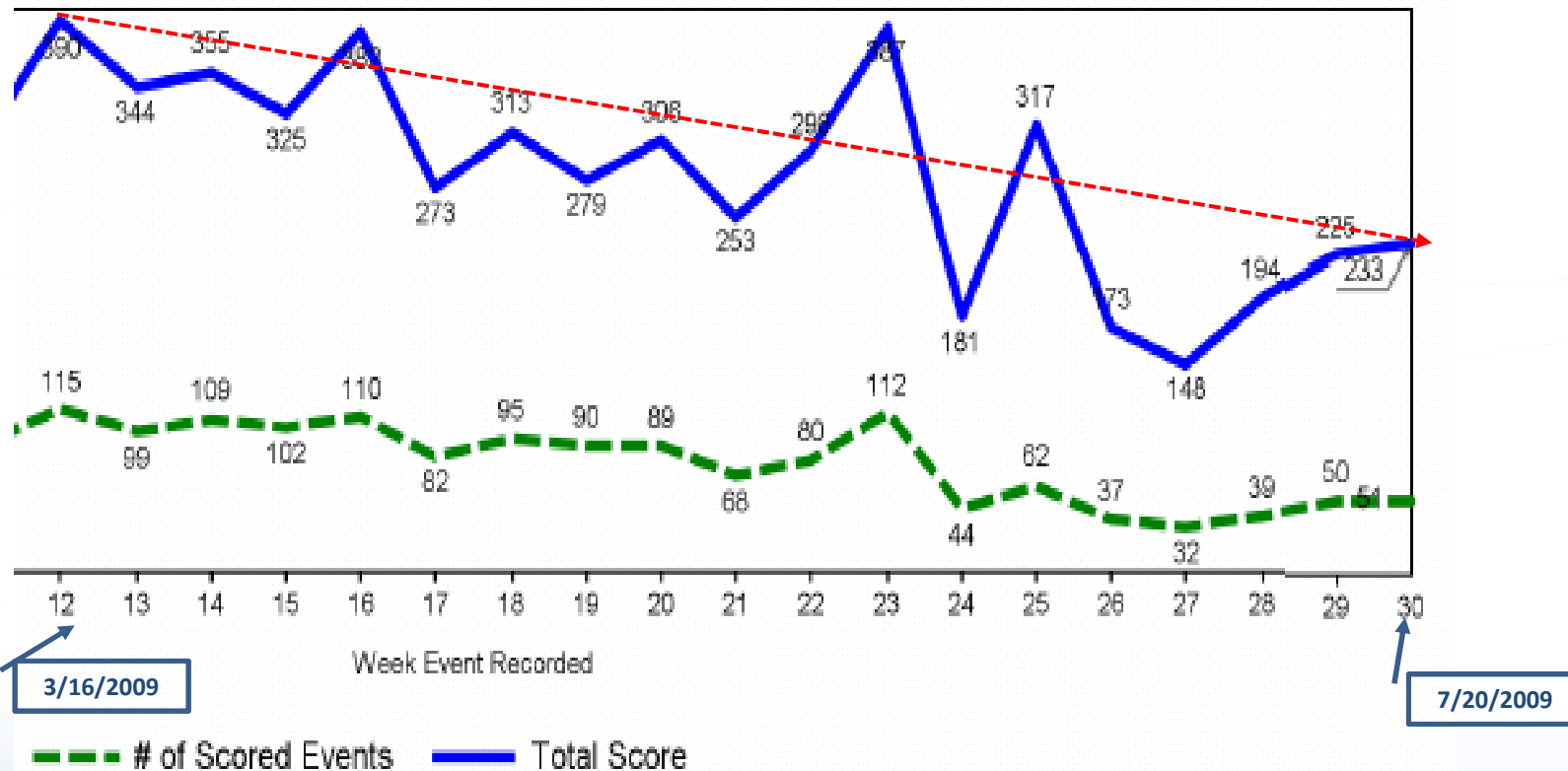
Next Steps

- Presented findings and recommendations to:
 - County Administrator
 - Mayor
 - County commissioners
- Project was approved
- Used “catastrophic losses” fund to pay for deployment of additional 500 vehicles
 - Fund is replenished annually

Current Results

Leading indicators are going down

- 42% drop in risk points
- 57% drop in risky events



Results

- One year later
 - 530 vehicles enrolled in program
 - 250 more planned for 10/1/09
 - Vehicles enrolled in program:
 - 60 % reduction in claims frequency
 - 55% reduction in severity



THANK YOU!



The best car safety device is a rear-view mirror with a cop in it.

Dudley Moore