

OHIO STATE GRANGE

PRESENT POLICY: HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

1999-2009

1999 RESOLUTIONS:

1. Supports a uniform speed limit for all vehicles on interstate highways.
2. Supports requiring all county and state road departments in Ohio to post signs indicating the approach of the side road for the sake of safety.
3. Supports lobbying the Ohio Department of Transportation to use rumble strips on all State of Ohio highways as they have been proven to save lives.
4. Supports an initiative to have all traffic controls located in a uniform manner for the health, safety and welfare of all drivers.
5. Propose the state Legislature to pass a law requiring reflectors of some type be put on all railroad cars for the safety of the railroad as well as the motorist.
6. Supports an initiative to have all addresses be installed so that they may be read going either way on the street.
7. Supports marking the sides of bridges over roadways throughout the state with the name or number of the highway the driver is passing under/over.

2000 RESOLUTIONS:

1. Request that the appropriate agency(s) investigate the problem of why trains block railroad crossings.
2. Supports legislation banning the use of cellular telephones while driving.
3. Supports recommending that township, county or state road departments remove dead animals if there is no other agency to do so.
4. Encourages the local, state and interstate officials responsible for maintaining roads to check that obstructions be removed away from road signs.
5. Urges legislation to have insurance companies notify the Bureau of Motor vehicles of cancellation of policies.
6. Supports researching the possibility of designing an Ohio State Grange State of Ohio License Plate.
7. Supports the desire of charitable organizations to supply signs to mark already designated Ohio memorial state highways at county lines and corporation limits with signs equal to those used by the Ohio Department of Transportation in rest areas.

8. Supports regulations to require the wearing of helmets for those riders using bicycles, skateboards, roller blades and all-terrain vehicles.

9. Supports legislation requiring Ohio to issue new license plates at least once every five years so that vehicles can be easily identified for all legal purposes.

2001 RESOLUTIONS:

1. Supports a law that the person apprehended and found guilty of charges resulting from a high speed chase have a one-year prison term added to the penalties of all the charges.

2. Supports legislation in Ohio that explains exactly who is responsible for the removal of road kill on all Ohio roads, including interstate highways, federal highways, and state, county, township, and city roads, and then promptly takes action.

3. Supports their stand that Ohio Department of Transportation funding should only be used for transportation and not for Rails-to-Trails recreational paths.

2002 RESOLUTIONS:

1. Encourage our State Legislators to work with automobile manufacturers, to standardize the re-fueling location of all vehicles, preferably to the driver's side.

2. Recommends that the State of Ohio better enforce the laws about littering and also have a clean-up crew work at least one day a week at cleaning up the debris on our roads and streets.

3. Supports a law that makes mandatory to keep all state highways mowed to a height that allows vehicles entering the state highways to see oncoming vehicles.

4. Supports a request to the Bureau of Motor Vehicles and our state legislators that, proof of insurance be required to purchase a license for each vehicle, and if this insurance is dropped for non-payment the insurance companies be required to notify the proper authorities and the license be taken from the vehicle.

5. Supports a law to require the Amish to register their buggies for the purpose of helping with road costs and also a way to identify the owners of buggies.

6. Supports legislation requiring that speed limits be posted on all county and township roads.

2003 RESOLUTIONS:

1. Supports legislation to require all commercial trucks and trailers to apply reflective tape and/or lights to all sides of the trailer.

2. Supports the present policy on interstate and limited access highways and enforcing the speed limit on all other highways and roads.

3. Supports Congress investigating why our gasoline prices are so unstable.

2004 RESOLUTIONS:

1. Supports any action to enforce the restrictions and penalize the abuse of use by carriers of handicapped parking placards.
2. Supports all law enforcement people to be ever vigilant to see that all terrain vehicle drivers are operating within the law.
3. Supports enacting a resolution to require the installation of flashing speed zone lights and post the hours of restricted speed.

2005 RESOLUTIONS:

1. Supports the various law enforcement agencies enforcing the existing laws regarding the seriousness of driving while under the influence.

2006 RESOLUTIONS:

1. Supports pursuing legislation to have Ohio be responsible for the cost of deer-vehicle damage as well as personal injuries.
2. Supports lobbying for a law that would require persons convicted of DUI/DWI to pay for the installation of a device that will check their breath for intoxication. This device would prevent a vehicle from starting if the person is intoxicated. And if a convicted DUI offender is found driving a vehicle not equipped with this device the penalty be a mandatory jail sentence.
3. Supports changing present policy to: "Grange at all levels lobby for legislation requiring schools to post signs listing restricted hours, or operate flashing lights."

2007 RESOLUTIONS:

1. Supports a bill which would allow townships to remove junk motor vehicles, vegetation, garbage, refuse, and other debris that constitutes a nuisance, from public and private property.
2. Supports legislation in order to reduce the restoration cost to the tax payers and property owners (the general public), and to pass such costs on to those who committed this act, and to be fined and charged through the court system on such crime.
3. Supports legislation to enact a law to fine drivers who are text messaging while operating a motor vehicle.
4. Support laws and programs where the license numbers of vehicles that do not give proper right of way to emergency vehicles approaching with lights and sirens would be recorded and turned over to the proper authorities and a ticket be issued or a training school be required for that driver to better insure the safety of emergency vehicle personnel, equipment and passengers.

5. Strongly supports laws and direction from State and National government that will put highway tax money to use where it is intended and that is on the highways and bridges that carry the traffic that paid the taxes.

6. Supports legislation to make it mandatory that all imports be tested to US standards at the importers expense; or at the manufacturer's expense. Supports law that would require distributors that import products have insurance and resources to back these products and to track them down for recall.

2008 RESOLUTIONS:

1. Urge the State of Ohio, Counties and Townships to replace the signs with new stop signs that have either LED lights which are solar controlled, or reflective material, and the post be covered with reflective tape. These signs would be more eye catching, especially at night at dangerous intersections.

2. Supports legislation to install left turn signals on existing traffic signals to enhance the flow of traffic & help reduce the number accidents at these dangerous intersections.

3. Seeks legislation to require the "for profit" ambulance companies to adhere to the same rules that govern the driving and on duty hours; that apply to bus and truck drivers.

2009 RESOLUTIONS:

1. Supports legislation that makes texting and typing on a mobile communication device while driving a primary offense.