

Gettysburg Hospital WellSpan

Young Driver Safety Committee:

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Mission

To reduce the number of teen traffic crashes, injuries, disabilities, and fatalities within Adams County through awareness, prevention, and education.

Objective

Create a list of ideas of how to accomplish our mission by meeting with other National, State, and Adams County organizations.

National Statistics

- ◆ Vehicle crashes are the leading killer of 15-20 year olds. (drug addiction ranks 28th)
- ◆ One out of seven 16 year old drivers have had a serious crash before reaching their 17th birthday.
- ◆ In Pennsylvania 16-17 year old drivers have been involved in 84,000 crashes since 1999.
- ◆ 2 out of 3 teen passenger deaths occur when another teen is driving. The more passengers, the higher the risk.

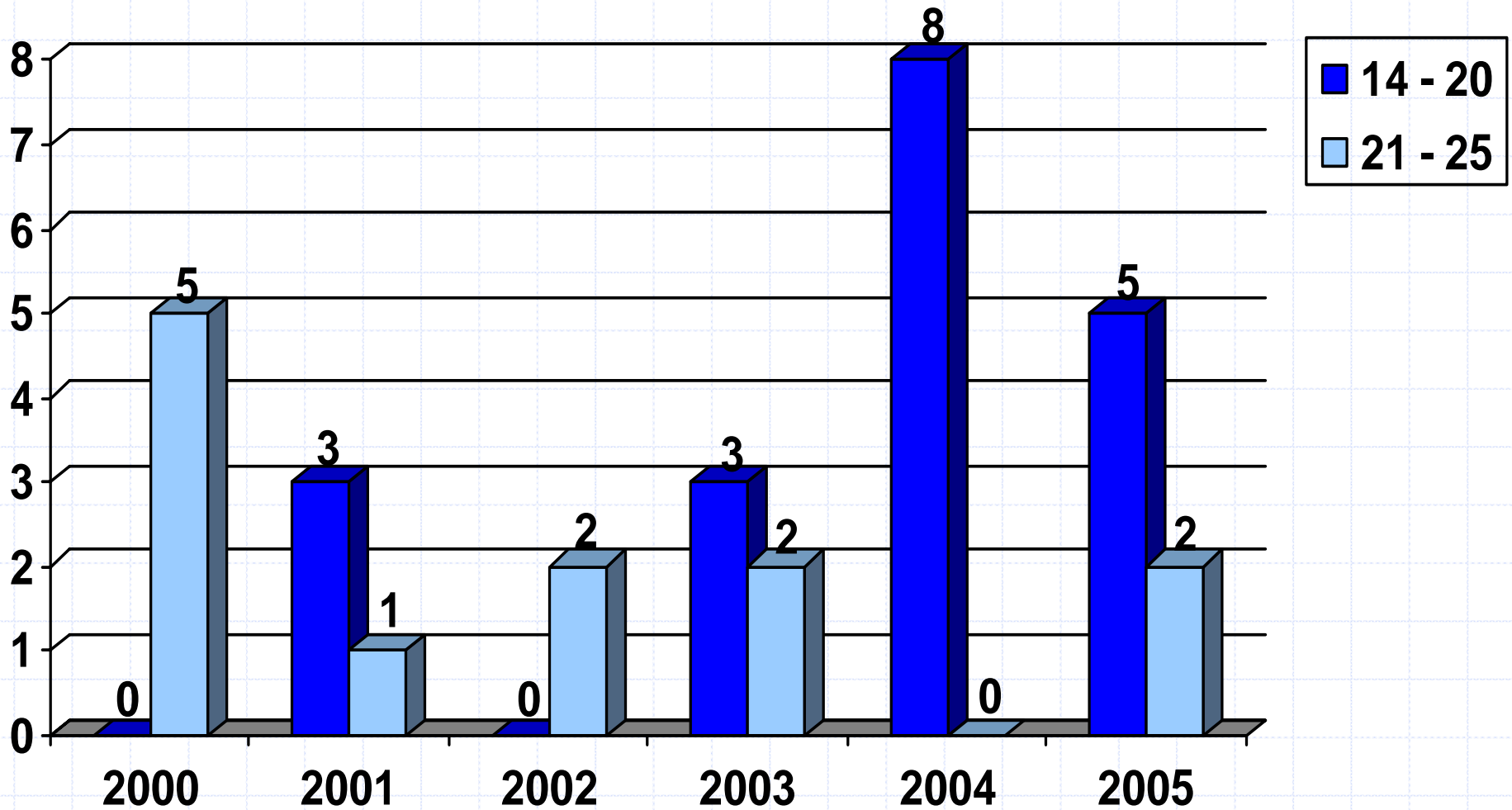
National Statistics (continued)

- ◆ 15-20 year olds are least likely group to buckle up, especially when there are friends in the car.
- ◆ One third of teen driving crashes occur after 9:00pm.
- ◆ 75% of fatal crashes involve driver error such as inexperience, poor driving skill, risk taking, poor decision making.

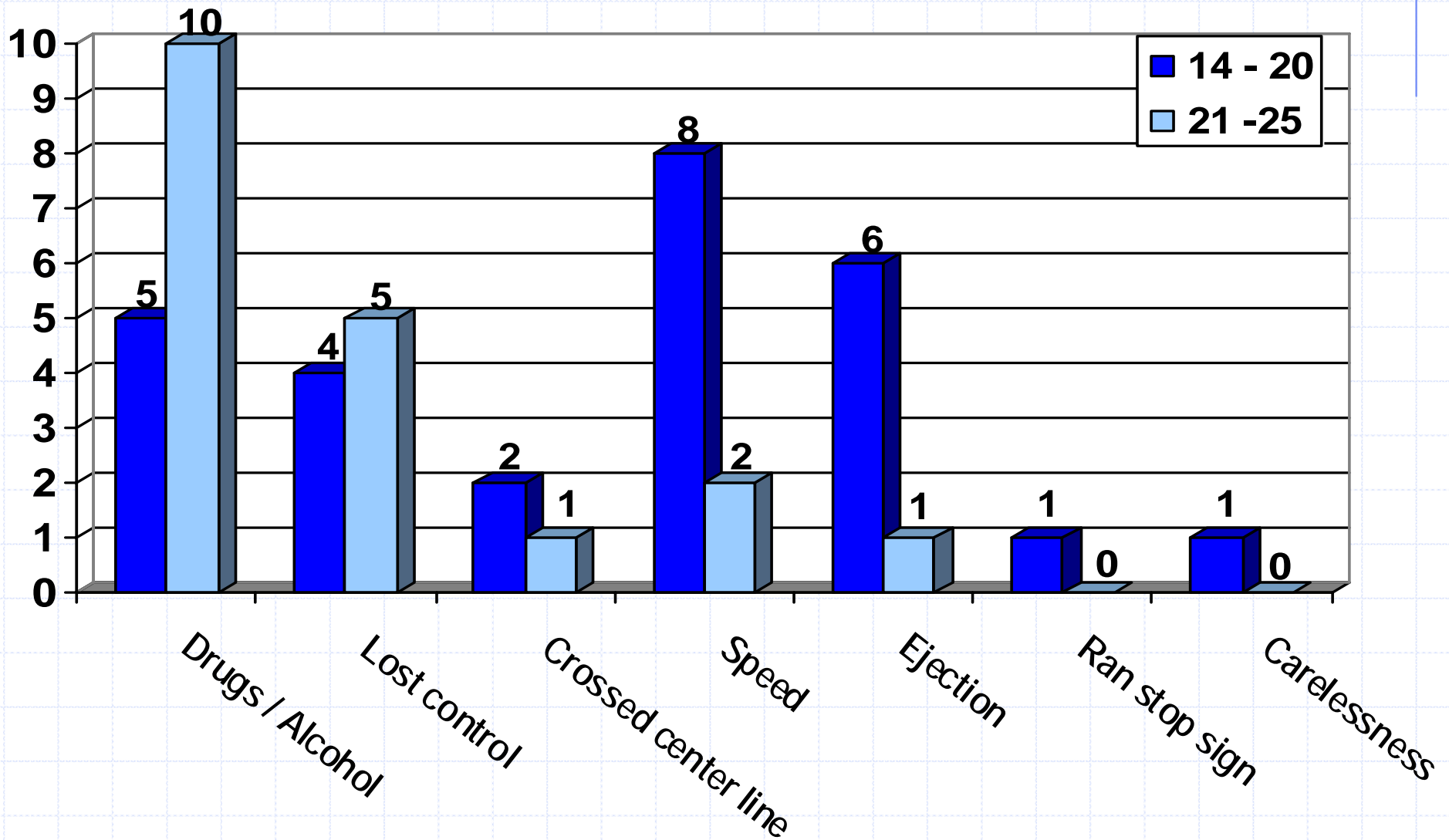
Adams County Statistics

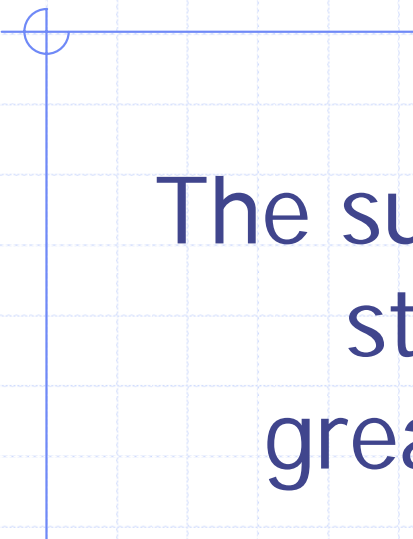
- ◆ 19 young adults, aged 14-20, were killed in 2000 thru 2005 by Motor Vehicle Crashes.
- ◆ 8 of the fatal crashes were attributed to speeding, 6 not wearing a seat belt, and 5 involving drugs/alcohol.
- ◆ In 2004 there were a total of 13 fatalities, 64% of those were young adults aged 14-20.
- ◆ In 2005 there were a total of 21 fatalities, 24% of those were young adults aged 14-20.

Fatalities Per Year by Age Group



Contributing Factors of Fatalities by Age Group





The support from your organizations will strengthen our goals and have a greater outcome for our community.

Some of our Ideas

1. **Support local organizations:**

- * Healthy Adams County
- * Collaborating for Youth

2. **Search for existing programs that work:**

- * Safe and Sane program

3. **Create our own program for schools:**

- * Driver Ed program
- * School presentations
- * Senior Projects
- * Moch disaster

4. **Analyze local statistics:**

- * It's not just drinking and driving

5. **Raise awareness through local media**

6. **Legislative agenda:**

- * Seat Belts
- * BAC levels
- * Cell Phone usage
- * Occupants per vehicle



Open Floor Discussion