



**Northwest Minnesota Toward Zero Deaths
10th Annual Regional Workshop Agenda
Ralph Engelstad Arena
525 Brooks Ave., Thief River Falls, MN**

May 29, 2019

8:30 a.m. **Registration & Continental Breakfast**

9 a.m. **Welcome, Northwest Minnesota TZD – A Decade of Success**
Holly Kostrzewski, Northwest Minnesota TZD Regional Coordinator

9:30 a.m. **Setting the Direction for the Strategic Highway Safety Plan:
Minnesota Needs YOU**
Brad Estochen, State Traffic Safety Engineer and Eric DeVoe, Senior Research Analyst, MnDOT Office of Traffic Engineering; Chelsea Palmateer, Research Analysis Specialist, DPS Office of Traffic Safety; Richard Strom, HDR; Athey Creek Consultants
Every five years, the Minnesota Strategic Highway Safety Plan is updated. The plan provides insight and direction to reduce deaths and serious injuries on Minnesota roadways. It's time to update the plan and your ideas are needed! Through interactive activities and discussion, help prioritize emphasis areas, identify and rank strategies and suggest local champions. Your input is important to developing a plan that works for Minnesota.

11:45 a.m. **We Can Stop the Fire!**
How to Stop Adding Fuel to the Fire: Verbal De-escalation Skills
Donelle Hintermeister, Training and Development Specialist, Training and Development Section, Minnesota State Patrol
Are you unknowingly carrying your own accelerant into conversations? One of the keys to de-escalating a situation is how to respond to the other person's behaviors. In this session, we will identify behaviors that turn conversations into confrontations and explore verbal and non-verbal de-escalation techniques to improve outcomes.

12:30 p.m. **Lunch Provided and Visit Exhibits**

1 p.m.

“Lasting Impact: Life Without Logan”

Capt. Mike Wedin, Minnesota State Patrol and northwest Minnesota TZD regional co-chair

The Minnesota State Patrol has produced their fourth video presentation focused on reducing teen death and injury in motor vehicle crashes. Logan was an 18-year-old passenger in a vehicle that left the roadway and rolled into the ditch on December 18, 2015. Logan, who was unbelted, was ejected from the vehicle. He died from his injuries.

1:30 p.m.

Creating A Teens Toward Zero Deaths Conference

Thief River Falls High School students

The first ever “Toward Zero Deaths for Teens” conference was in Thief River Falls last March. Learn from the students about the successes and challenges from this foundational Minnesota “traffic safety for teens” event!

2:30 p.m.

TZD and Commercial Motor Vehicles: Bridging the Gap

Julie Whitcher, State Rail Safety Engineer, MnDOT Office of Freight and Commercial Vehicles; and Capt. Jon Olsen, Minnesota State Patrol

National projections indicate commercial vehicle traffic will be increasing at a steady rate as the demands for goods continue to rise. Unfortunately, merely because of their size, these 80,000-pound vehicles can create tragedy on Minnesota’s roadways. What opportunities and challenges are there as we strive toward zero deaths? From a traffic management and engineering perspective, are there ways to harness existing technologies to better prepare drivers for what lies ahead? This presentation will provide valuable information on engineering, enforcement and education strategies.

3:15 p.m.

Wrap up and Adjourn

Lt. Brad Norland, Minnesota State Patrol, District 3200 and Lou Tasa, Assistant District Engineer, State Aid, MnDOT

Please take time throughout the day to visit the traffic-safety exhibit tables for reference materials and ideas to implement in your communities.