



**East Central Minnesota Toward Zero Deaths
7th Annual Regional Workshop
Camp Ripley, Old Hanger
15000 Hwy. 115, Little Falls 56345**

April 4, 2019

- 8 a.m. **Registration & Continental Breakfast**
- 8:30 a.m. **Welcome**
*Capt. Joe Dwyer, Minnesota State Patrol District 2800 and TZD regional co-chair;
Capt. Brad Quart, Minnesota State Patrol District 2600 and TZD regional co-chair*
- 9 a.m. **TZD & Commercial Vehicles: Bridging the Gap and Case Study**
Lt. Tom Schmitz, Minnesota State Patrol District 4700
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 create tragedy on Minnesota's roadways. The priorities for education, enforcement and emergency response will be illustrated through a case study.
- 9:30 a.m. **Networking & Visit Exhibits**
- 9:45 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.
- 11:30 a.m. **My Family Survived a Fatal Crash**
Lt. Adam Fulton, Minnesota State Patrol District 2800
Adam shares his experience of being in a crash. Were you doing what you were supposed to be, is everyone ok? Hear what those involved experience in a crash, and what went right in a bad situation.
- 12 p.m. **Lunch & Exhibits**

- 12:45 p.m. **Addressing Cultural Barriers: Understanding Amish Transportation Needs and Challenges**
Tom Nixon, East Central TZD Regional Coordinator
Following an Amish horse and buggy fatal crash in the region, concerns arose and general Amish information was gathered from the Amish community, state statute and operational information. The result? Opportunities to improve safety for drivers and buggy operators alike.
- 1:15 p.m. **Exploring Traffic Safety Corridor Projects – A Panel Discussion**
Several successful corridor projects have been completed. A panel discussion focuses on initial planning, with bringing stakeholders to the table, media efforts, buy-in from participants along with information provided throughout the year to sustain efforts.
- 1:45 p.m. **Choose your Session:**
ATV Crash Data and Enforcement with recent DWI law changes
Jim Guida, Conservation Officer, Minnesota Dept. of Natural Resources
Many recreational vehicle crashes have occurred within the right of way, but until recently, DWIs on these vehicles have not been approached the same way. After a review of the data, it cements the need to partner with DNR and allied agencies on these classes of vehicles to drive our trends toward zero.
- CarFit: Right Seat, Right Vehicle.**
Bill Vasicek, Community Safety Coordinator, Altru Health System
Our aging driving population is growing. What resources do you have to address this growing population’s fitness for driving? CarFit is designed to improve driver abilities by “fitting” their car to them and offering education to be aware of limitations that come with age.
- 2:15 p.m. **Break**
- 2:30 p.m. **A Look at the National Weather Service Pathfinder Project**
Shawn DeVinney, Meteorologist, National Weather Service-Twin Cities
The National Weather Service is arguably one of the most accessed cross-demographic service at the table for traffic safety. The NWS recently concluded a study on weather patterns and crash incidence. See the results, along with opportunities on to use this information for future endeavors.
- 3:30 p.m. **Wrap up & Adjourn**
Dan Anderson, MnDOT District Engineer and TZD regional co-chair

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