

<u>Metro Minnesota Toward Zero Deaths Regional Strategic Plan – 2018</u>

Mission

To move metro Minnesota toward zero deaths on our roads, using education, enforcement, engineering and emergency services.

Goal 1 – Reduce TZD Fatality and Serious Injuries

To continuously decrease traffic related fatalities and serious injuries in metro Minnesota from the past **5-year average** (2013-2017*) of 118 fatalities and 671 serious injuries. Note: New injury definitions were introduced in 2016 and may have contributed to a higher reported number of serious injuries.

Objectives

Average Annual

- A. <u>To continuously increase regional seat belt use rates.</u> The statewide average **was 92% in 2017.**
- B. <u>To examine the characteristics of the unbelted fatalities and serious injuries.</u>

 Calculation of seat belt use in fatal and serious crashes is possible with existing data.
- C. <u>To continuously decrease the following:</u>

5-year average 2013-2017* in Metro Region - Baseline Data

Contributing Factors:

	Alcohol	Speed	Distraction	Total
Fatalities	39	28	17	118
Fatal Crashes	32	26	15	110
Severe Injuries	122	120	94	671
Severe Injury Crashes	103	97	81	586

Note: a crash may have more than one of the above listed or additional contributing factors

Total Metro Region-Baseline

	Fatalities	Fatal Crashes	Severe Injuries	Severe Injury Crashes
2017* Total	131	125	897	776
2013-2017* Total	591	550	3,357	2,929

^{*2017} data are preliminary.



Region Goal 2 – TZD Partnership Goals

To continuously increase TZD awareness and partnerships across the metro area of Minnesota for both the general public and traffic safety professionals.

- 1. <u>Establish the vision of TZD as a priority for all region, county, city (government agencies)</u>
 - A. Engage local government involvement in TZD steering committee and workshops
 - B. Educate/promote traffic safety awareness of city/county officials
 - C. Promote city/county employee education/policies that facilitate the TZD vision

(Activities: Recruitment of city and county to attend TZD events, giving TZD presentations to boards/councils, mailings/connections to Network of Employers for Traffic Safety (NETS))

- 2. Create and strengthen partnerships in the region
 - A. Engage stakeholders
 - B. Develop networking relationships
 - C. Recruit membership of the TZD partnership

(Activities: EMS Conference booth/presentation, regional workshop, web, calendar, statistics, workshop, orientation)

- 3. Promote and implement effective traffic safety initiatives in the region
 - A. Develop and distribute resource materials
 - B. Provide enforcement wave support in community
 - C. Promote evidence based countermeasures
 - D. Collect data and statistics within region
 - E. Implement best practices within region

(Activities: web, brochure, one-pagers, presentations, news advisories, workshop, seatbelt observational survey and omnibus survey, media messaging and media events, news releases re: activities woven into existing messages, worksite education and policy development, parent component to driver's education, sober cab development, youth enforcement and education activities)