



**Northeast Minnesota Toward Zero Deaths  
Regional Workshop  
May 31, 2022  
8:30 a.m.- 3:30 p.m.**

**Agenda**

- 8:30 a.m.           **Registration and Continental Breakfast**
- 9 a.m.               **Welcome to 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of TZD!**  
*Duane Hill, district engineer, MnDOT District 1, and northeast Minnesota TZD regional co-chair*
- 9:15 a.m.           **Traffic Safety Culture: Minnesota updates & What are other states doing?**  
*Kristine Hernandez, statewide Minnesota TZD program coordinator, MnDOT Office of Traffic Engineering*
- 9:30 a.m.           **Crash Data Presentation: What’s the data telling us?**  
*Ken E. Johnson, PE, Assistant State Traffic Engineer, MnDOT Office of Traffic Engineering*  
Recent trends in traffic fatalities and serious injuries statewide are concerning. Are there certain crash types that have contributed to this rise? Were the past years a brief spike or are we seeing a new trajectory? Review regional crash trends with an eye towards the Strategic Highway Safety Plan and potential opportunities for future strategies.
- 9:45 a.m.           **Cannabis DWIs....they’re not so simple**  
*Sgt. Tyler Milless, DRE coordinator, Minnesota State Patrol*  
With the constant rise in cannabis in Minnesota, and the potential of legalization, it is important to know how to detect cannabis-induced impairment. This session will take you through the cannabis plant and take a dive into what it does to the human body. You will learn specific things to look for when detecting someone who is impaired by Cannabis.
- 10:45 a.m.           **Break – Exhibits & Refreshments**
- 11 a.m.               **Intersection Safety Solutions: Roundabouts & RCIs**  
*Jim Miles, District traffic engineer, MnDOT District 1*  
As we continue our efforts into the Safe System approach, hear about the construction projects in northeast Minnesota that are saving lives.
- 11:30 a.m.           **Room to Live**  
*Capt. Jason Engeldinger, Minnesota State Patrol, District 3100, and northeast Minnesota TZD regional co-chair*  
This video is an investigation into fatal car crashes. The Fox 9 investigators spent three months crisscrossing the state of Minnesota to take you inside the mangled frames of wrecked cars and trucks involved in rollovers. What they found was nearly every death in the rollover crashes they investigated could likely have been prevented.
- “We mourn the loss of her, but we also mourn the loss of our dreams for her.”**  
*Pamela Remer, personal impact speaker*  
Pamela, mother of 19-year-old Breanna Remer, shares her family’s experience when Breanna lost her life violently due to a traffic crash. The Remers were featured in the Fox 9 Investigative report “Room to Live,” featured by Trish Van Pilsum.

- 12 p.m.                   **Lunch, Exhibits & Networking**
- 12:45 p.m.               **Focusing on What Matters**  
*Amber Peterson, managing partner, Peterson & Perme Associates*  
Quite often, people feel overly impacted by their environment and helpless to change what's going on in their own mind. Yet, our mindset (attitude and beliefs) is greatly impacted by what we choose to focus on. Who do we surround ourselves with? What is important that we should focus our energy? What boundaries should we hold around our values? This session will guide participants to examine what they are focusing on in their lives, decide if it's what they truly want, and empower them to make the changes they see they need to live a more fulfilled and satisfied life.
- 1:45 p.m.               **Regional TZD Safe Roads Coalition Updates**  
Kaitlin Schaumburg, Essentia Health Patient Education, TZD Safe Roads coalition co-coordinator; Amanda Schafter, St. Lukes Hospital Patient Education, TZD Safe Roads co-coordinator; Allison Nicolson, Essentia Health, Injury Prevention Coordinator - Trauma
- 2:15 p.m.               **Break – Exhibits & Refreshments**
- 2:30 p.m.               **Revitalizing Your Community Action Plan: Listening Session: How can we help?**  
*Lt. Abbi Burch, District 3100, and Lt. Joe Norstrom, District 2700, Minnesota State Patrol*  
Tell us how things are going in your communities. What do you need from your regional TZD Steering Committee and leadership? How can we reinvigorate the Toward Zero Deaths program? Let's brainstorm ideas and develop your county's TZD action plan. What are your most important next steps?
- Questions to consider:
1. Do you currently have a TZD Coalition, funded or unfunded, in your county?
  2. If you don't have one in your county, what can we do to start a coalition?
  3. Ideas on what your community can do?
  4. How does everyone feel about the 225 goals for 2025?
  5. How can we reinvigorate the Toward Zero Deaths program?
  6. What do we need to do to impact the data and drive down traffic deaths and serious injuries?
- 3:15 p.m.               **Wrap up**  
*Capt. Chip Lemon, Minnesota State Patrol, District 2700, and northeast Minnesota TZD regional co-chair*
- 3:30 p.m.               **Adjourn**

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

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