



**East Central Minnesota Toward Zero Deaths
Regional Workshop
The Park Event Center, Waite Park
May 2, 2024
8:30 a.m.- 3:30 p.m.**

Agenda

- 8:30 a.m. **Registration and Continental Breakfast**
- 9 a.m. **Welcome to the East Central TZD Regional Workshop!**
Mike Ginnaty, District engineer, MnDOT District 3, and east central Minnesota TZD regional co-chair
- 9:15 a.m. **Highway Patrol Chaplain**
Jim Goodew, pastor, Grace Baptist Fellowship, Sartell
In life, individuals encounter distinct challenges, often unsure how to seek appropriate assistance to navigate these issues, whether from relationships with family members, colleagues, friends or even strangers. It is imperative for one's well-being that one prioritize self-care and reach out for support, when necessary, rather than bottling up one's concerns internally. Jim will delve into strategies for accessing help and maintaining personal wellness, shedding light on seeking assistance and addressing individual needs.
- 9:45 a.m. **The Role of Crash Reconstructionist**
Sgt. Kyle Backer, Minnesota State Patrol District 2600
A crash reconstruction aims to document how a crash occurred and determine which factors caused the crash. While most crashes are caused by driver (or pedestrian or bicyclist) errors, a crash reconstruction can also assess the role that vehicle defects or roadway design may have played. Suppose a vehicle defect or roadway design is determined to be a contributing factor. In that case, that information is forwarded to the appropriate local, state or federal authority, so that vehicle design or roadway design changes can be addressed.
- 10:30 a.m. **Break – Exhibits & Refreshments**
- 10:45 a.m. **How Complete Streets Create a Safe System**
Sonja Piper, Active Transportation Safety engineer, MnDOT Office of Traffic Engineering
Learn how to apply a Complete Streets approach to design roadways that serve all users safely. This session will provide foundational information about what it means to apply a Complete Streets approach and how it connects to the Safe System Approach. Attendees will also learn about MnDOT's updated Complete Streets Policy and what they can expect, along with best practices and lessons learned from project case studies in Minnesota.
- 11 a.m. **Strategic Highway Safety Plan: Minnesota Needs YOU!**

MnDOT Staff and Alliant Engineering

Every five years, the Minnesota Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP) is updated. It is time to update the plan – and we want your ideas! Through interactive activities and discussion, help prioritize emphasis areas, identify and rank strategies, and suggest local champions to assist with developing a plan that works for Minnesota.

12 p.m.

Lunch, Exhibits & Networking

12:45 p.m.

SHSP Activity #2: Focus Area Strategies

MnDOT Staff and Alliant Engineering

1:15 p.m.

Action Planning & Regional Coalition Updates

Vicki Johnson, Benton/Stearns TZD Coalition coordinator

Hear about current happenings throughout the East Central TZD Region. Counties with an active coalition are Benton, Crow Wing, Cass, Isanti, Kanabec, Mille Lacs, Morrison, Sherburne, Stearns, Todd, Wadena and Wright Counties.

1:45 p.m.

TZD Facebook

Deb Prazak, Crow Wing County

Hear how Facebook has helped build the Crow Wing County TZD program.

2 p.m.

Focus on Commercial Vehicle Safety

Sgt. Tony Mazzone, Minnesota State Patrol (Districts 2600 and 2800)

The State Patrol Commercial Vehicle Section comprises civilian commercial vehicle inspectors and state troopers working in cooperation to conduct commercial vehicle safety inspections, as well as weighing at highway weigh stations and roadside locations throughout the state.

2:45 p.m.

SHSP Report Out and follow-up Mentimeter/Survey

3 p.m.

Listening Session

Mike Ginnaty, District engineer, MnDOT District 3; Capt. Adam Fulton, Minnesota State Patrol, District 2800; Capt. Brad Quart, Minnesota State Patrol, District 2600. All serve as east central TZD regional co-chairs.

3:25 p.m.

Wrap up

Bill Van Koevering, East Central Toward Zero Deaths regional coordinator

3:30 p.m.

Adjourn

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