



**South Central Minnesota Toward Zero Deaths
Regional Workshop - The Venue
1850 Madison Ave., Mankato
Monday, May 6, 2024
8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.**

Agenda

- 8:30 a.m. **Registration and Continental Breakfast**
- 9 a.m. **Welcome & Regional Roundup**
Greg Ous, District engineer, MnDOT District 7, and south central Minnesota TZD regional co-chair
- 9:15 a.m. **Crash Energy & Chicken Fingers: A different look at crashes, vehicle safety systems & car seats**
Dex Tuttle, Injury Prevention Program manager, Children's Minnesota
When I was a kid and needed answers on science topics, I went to Mr. Wizard. Then it was Bill Nye. The MythBusters showed us when physics went right and also when it went terribly, terribly wrong. Now it's probably some YouTuber or TikToker, I have no idea. This presentation will try to step into those legendary science-y shoes to explain how energy is managed in a crash from vehicle systems to car seats. Participants will leave with a new perspective on explaining crash energy to families, neighbors and community members.
- 9:45 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.
- 10:30 a.m. **Break**
- 10:45a.m. **SHSP Activity #2: Focus Area Strategies**
MnDOT Staff and Alliant Engineering
- 11:15a.m. **Staying Motivated During Tough Times**
Mark Griffith, South Central EMS director, South Central Minnesota Critical Incident Stress Management Team (CISM) & Blue Earth/Nicollet County Safe Roads Coalition coordinator, Chaplain John Morris, Minnesota State Patrol
In remembering our fallen, we also honor the service and sacrifice made by the men and women currently serving our communities. How can we all stay motivated and deal with the grief and stress that comes with the profession, including personal loss? Hear how stress and incidents affect the body and learn about programs to help law enforcement officers and first responders deal with critical incidents.

12:15 p.m. **Lunch & Exhibits**

1 p.m. **How Complete Streets Create a Safe System**

Sonja Piper, Active Transportation Safety engineer, MnDOT Office of Traffic Engineering

Our transportation system doesn't serve just cars. They also serve our most vulnerable road users, people walking and biking. This presentation is about rethinking our roads to better accommodate vulnerable road users. Focusing on how Complete Streets and Safe System Approach can help us design roadways that will help reduce speeds and crashes through design.

1:30 p.m. **Innovative Strategies that can be used to Address Traffic Safety Issues in Your Community**
Hear what is being done across the region and how to get involved

- **Recreational Vehicles on the Roadways**

Officer Corey Wiebusch, Department of Natural Resources

What are we doing when it comes to ATV safety and fatal crashes? The Minnesota Legislature provided funding to support Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Safety Enforcement Grants. The funding includes training staff, holding ATV safety classes and enforcement. Hear about the laws and how to become a volunteer community trainer.

- **Impact Teen Driver**

Annette Larson, State TZD Program and Operations coordinator

This NEW statewide program, geared toward 10th grade students is high-energy and interactive! The 60-minute presentation includes real stories and statistics that connect with teens – empowering them to make good choices not only when they are behind the wheel, but also as a passenger. Learn how you can help teen drivers and their passengers stay safe.

- **What's New with Responsible Beverage Server Training?**

Cleven Duncan, Responsible Beverage Service liaison, Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Alcohol & Gambling Enforcement Division

Most people are aware that it's against the law to serve alcohol to an obviously intoxicated customer, but spotting someone impaired by cannabis might not be so easy. RBST Trainers teach servers to recognize impairment, spot invalid IDs and to make servers aware of the civil and criminal penalties. The train-the-trainer is available to law enforcement, public health organizations as well as Alcohol & Drug community coalitions.

2:15 p.m. **SHSP Report Out**

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2:45 p.m. **Wrap up & Evaluation**

Capt. Jean Cemensky, Minnesota State Patrol, District 2200 and south central TZD regional co-chair

3 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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