Metro Minnesota Toward Zero Deaths
Regional Workshop—3M Innovation Center
2350 Minnehaha Ave E., St. Paul
Tuesday, May 19, 2026

Agenda

8:30 a.m. **Registration and Continental Breakfast**

9:00 a.m. **Welcome!**
Khani Sahebjam, District engineer, MnDOT Metro District and Metro TZD regional co-chair
Scot Edgeworth, east Metro TZD coordinator Today's Goal: Meet someone you may not know!

9:15–9:30 a.m. **Personal Impact Speaker:** *Officer Allan Olson, Woodbury Police Department*
Allan Olson has many years of responding to collisions involving impaired driving and the aftermath that impacts friends and families. A family trip last summer turned into months of painful recovery after an impaired driving crash. Allan and his son, Jacob, were riding their ATV in northern Minnesota when an impaired driver struck them, leaving them seriously injured on the side of the road. Allan will provide an insight into how each day is a reminder of that event and how his family is coping through the difficult times ahead.

9:30–10:00 a.m. **Human-Centered Systems: How Words Support Mental Health and Wellbeing**
Deb Lindh, Ed.D.: Organizational Health consultant, MnDOT Human Resources
Explore how human-centered systems and everyday language choices support mental health and wellbeing. Look at why our words matter and how the brain naturally processes instructions, cues and tone. Connect practical communication strategies to simple, relatable examples that show how small adjustments can influence what someone remembers or how they respond. Leave with practical communication tools they can immediately apply in their work and daily interactions.

10:00–10:10 a.m. **Break**

10:15–11:00 a.m. **Chat and Yak: Following the Data**
Derek Leuer, State Traffic Safety engineer, MnDOT Office of Traffic Engineering:
Eric Devoe, Research analyst, MnDOT Office of Traffic Engineering
Let's take a deeper dive into the data and see what it's revealing. Take a quick moment to brainstorm in groups and discuss strategies that can be implemented from the SHSP to develop a strategy board.

11:00–11:35 a.m. **Minnesota's Approach to Automated Vehicle Policy**
Thomas Johnson-Kaiser, Policy and Planning manager,
MnDOT Connected Automated Vehicles Office
This session invites safety professionals from across Minnesota to share their insights on how automated vehicle (AV) technology can be harnessed to advance the state's goal of zero traffic deaths. As Minnesota continues developing its AV policies and testing innovative technology, it's essential that these efforts are informed by those on the front lines of transportation safety.

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Minnesota's Approach to Automated Vehicle Policy *continued*
Explore how future policies can best support safe, equitable implementation of AVs—ensuring that emerging technologies serve all communities and contribute meaningfully to reducing deaths on our roads.

11:35 a.m.–12:15 p.m. **Lunch and Exhibits**

12:15–12:45 p.m. **Oral Fluid and Cannabis**
Sgt. Tyler Milless, DECP State Coordinator, Minnesota State Patrol
Updates on where Minnesota is at with Oral Fluid Roadside Testing and cannabis information.

12:45–1:15 p.m. **How Cannabis is Impacting the Health Community**
Members of the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH)'s Injury Prevention and Mental Health Division (IPMH)
Information on the impacts of cannabis legalization, including current data trends, common misconceptions, priority areas for prevention and education, lessons learned from other states, and where we are heading next is shared. The primary goal is to help participants understand the ripple effects of a newly regulated substance and how collaboration is necessary to maintain and improve the health of Minnesota communities. Information will address **both** individuals who are of legal age to use and those who are not.

1:15–1:45 p.m**.** **Update on the MnDOT Speed Safety Camera Work Zone Pilot**
Mark Wagner, Assistant State Traffic Safety engineer, MnDOT Office of Traffic Engineering
In summer 2026, MnDOT will install speed safety cameras in two work zones on state highways. Come for an update on the progress we've made so far, including what projects were selected, when and where the cameras will be installed, plans for engaging the public, and next steps.

1:45–2:15 p.m. **Red Light Running project**
Ethan Fawley, Transportation program manager, Minneapolis Public Works
Automated enforcement for speeding and red-light running are most common forms that assist and promote safe speeds throughout our communities. Ethan Fawley, Vision Zero Program Coordinators from Minneapolis provides updates on the program and how it has brought change to their roadways.

2:15–2:30 p.m. **Acusensus Heads-Up Camera**
Sgt. Adam Moore Southlake Police Department
South Lake Minnetonka Police Department is taking an innovative approach deploying an AI-powered camera enforcement system to curb distracted driving. This system, known as the Acusensus Heads-Up Camera Enforcement System, features bright orange bars with multiple cameras angled to capture images of the interior of passing vehicles. An overview of the program and how AI acts as another "set of eyes" in the efforts to reduce distracted driving is provided.

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2:30–2:50 p.m. **3M Innovated Update**

3:00 p.m. **Wrap-up and Adjourn**
Capt. Patrick Miles, Minnesota State Patrol, District 2500, and metro 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.

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