



**Northeast Minnesota Toward Zero Deaths
9th Annual Regional Workshop Agenda
Timberlake Lodge
144 SE 17th St., Grand Rapids, MN**

May 22, 2019

- 8:30 a.m. **Registration & Continental Breakfast**
- 9 a.m. **Welcome, Northeast Minnesota TZD Regional & State Highlights**
Capt. Jason Engeldinger, Minnesota State Patrol, District 3100 and Northeast TZD regional co-chair; Holly Kostrzewski, Northeast Minnesota TZD Regional Coordinator
- 9:30 a.m. **Setting the Direction for the Strategic Highway Safety Plan:
Minnesota Needs YOU**
Brad Estochen, State Traffic Safety Engineer and Eric DeVoe, Senior Research Analyst, MnDOT Office of Traffic Engineering; Alison Hawley, Research Analysis Specialist, DPS Office of Traffic Safety; Tina Roelofs, Athey Creek Consultants; and Richard Storm, HDR
Every five years, the Minnesota Strategic Highway Safety Plan is updated. The plan provides insight and direction to reduce deaths and serious injuries on Minnesota roadways. It's time to update the plan and your ideas are needed! Through interactive activities and discussion, help prioritize emphasis areas, identify and rank strategies and suggest local champions. Your input is important to developing a plan that works for Minnesota.
- 11:45 a.m. **We Can Stop the Fire! How to Stop Adding Fuel to the Fire: Verbal De-escalation Skills**
Donelle Hintermeister, Training and Development Specialist, Minnesota State Patrol Training and Development Section
Are you unknowingly carrying your own accelerant into conversations? One of the keys to de-escalating a situation is how we respond to the other person's behaviors. In this session, we will identify behaviors that turn conversations into confrontations and explore verbal and non-verbal de-escalation techniques to improve outcomes.
- 12:30 p.m. **Lunch Provided and Visit Exhibits**

- 1 p.m. **“Lasting Impact: Life Without Logan”**
Capt. Chip Lemon, Minnesota State Patrol and Northeast TZD regional co-chair
The Minnesota State Patrol has produced their fourth video presentation focused on reducing teen death and injury in motor vehicle crashes. Logan was an 18-year-old passenger in a vehicle that left the roadway and rolled into the ditch on December 18, 2015. Logan, who was unbelted, was ejected from the vehicle. He died from his injuries.
- 1:30 p.m. **Teens Toward Zero Deaths Conference**
Lincoln High School Key Club students
Lincoln High School Key Club members attended the NW TZD regional workshop for five years and decided, “Why can’t we have our own?” The first ever “Toward Zero Deaths for Teens” last March. Learn from the students about the successes and challenges from this foundational Minnesota “traffic safety for teens” event!
- 1:45 p.m. **Right Seat. Right Place.**
Allison Nicolson, Essentia Health Injury Prevention Coordinator;
Lt. Jason Hanson, Minnesota State Patrol; Dr. Browning, Pediatric Trauma Surgeon;
and John Parenteau, Child Passenger Safety Liaison
Serious injury crash review from Enforcement, Education and EMS/Trauma perspective on child sitting in the wrong child restraint and wrong seat position.
- 2:30 p.m. **TZD and Commercial Motor Vehicles: Bridging the Gap**
Capt. Jon Olsen, Minnesota State Patrol; Julie Witcher, State Rail Safety Engineer,
MnDOT Office of Freight and Commercial Vehicles
National projections indicate commercial vehicle traffic will be increasing at a steady rate as the demands for goods continue to rise. Unfortunately, merely because of their size, these 80,000-pound vehicles can create tragedy on Minnesota’s roadways. What opportunities and challenges are there as we strive toward zero deaths? From a traffic management and engineering perspective, are there ways to harness existing technologies to better prepare drivers for what lies ahead? This presentation will provide valuable information on engineering, enforcement and education strategies.
- 3:15 p.m. **Wrap up and Adjourn**
Capt. Chip Lemon, Minnesota State Patrol, District 2700 and Northeast 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.