

Other Highway Safety Priorities Track Workshops (as of January 22, 2015)

1. Who Is the NTSB and Why Are They at the Scene of My Crash?

While many expect to see NTSB investigators at the scene of an airplane crash or train derailment, most don't realize that investigating highway crashes is part of the agency's mission, too. Learn about the new NTSB investigative process, what investigators are looking for, and how an NTSB investigation might be conducted parallel with yours. Learn how to prepare for your role in dealing with the media, family members, prosecutors, local officials, and the NTSB. Learn strategies for coordinating press conferences, releasing crash information and communicating with the victims' relatives.

2. Seat Belts and Impaired Driving - Costly Public Health Threats

Traffic safety issues pose a serious and well documented threat to the nation's public health. Governmental and private agencies have been working non-stop to face this threat from a public health perspective. This workshop will provide an update on some of the most recent, high profile developments of policy approaches and research on traffic safety from the public health perspective: Increasing Collaboration among Transportation and Public Health partners; Effects of Safety Belt and Alcohol Impairment on Head Injury and Hospitalization Costs among Crash Victims in Illinois; and Statewide Data Needs of the Future: How will you report serious injuries.

3. How Safe is YOUR Roadside?

Crashes and deaths alongside the roadway and in work zones are a major threat claiming the lives of police officials, emergency responders, DOT and private sector employees, and motorists on a daily basis. Learn about new and proven initiatives to prevent these deaths and serious injuries including "MOVE OVER" give 'em room laws; Ohio's approach to establishing, controlling and monitoring work zone speeds; and implementation of the second phase of a highway incident management operational and training guide.

4. LARGE Vehicles = LARGE Crashes = LARGE Problems

Trucks, buses and other large vehicles pose a unique set of challenges for all roadway users. When these big vehicles crash it causes LARGE problems for everyone. What tools are available to help first responders efficiently and effectively mitigate these crashes and get traffic moving? Learn about a recently released curriculum from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration that sheds new light on these crashes, new interventions for law enforcement officials tasked with preventing these LARGE problems, and state programs that really DO work.

5. Safety Data Uses and Issues for the Native American Nations

Hear what the Native American Nations are doing with data to address their unique traffic safety needs and challenges, and make Indian Country safer.

6. State Highway Safety Assessments - How to Use Them as a Blueprint for Success and Changing CULTURE!

How do you change the traffic safety culture in your state or community? Have you conducted a statewide assessment of a particular behavioral safety issue and then not known how to move forward with the recommendations? Hear from states that have successfully enacted recommendations from a state highway safety assessment prompting truly beneficial results. Also included will be a discussion of traffic safety culture, and how this key issue represents a challenge and an opportunity to highway safety partners. This workshop is a must for state DOTs, highway safety offices and other public and private sector agencies seeking ways to improve their safety cultures as well as collaborate with partners.

7. Poster Dash! 60 Minutes That Will Change Your Life

For nearly a decade, the Lifesavers Conference has included stimulating posters highlighting new research, innovative practices and emerging topics. The poster presentation has been expanded to include the Lifesavers "Poster Dash!" in which poster presenters will talk briefly about their poster and why the audience should visit with them to learn more during the Opening Reception in the exhibit hall.