



**Minnesota TZD Program
Leadership Team Meeting Notes
Friday, Nov 18, 2022
9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
Virtual Zoom Meeting**

Participants: Paul Aasen, Chris Ballard, Dave Boxum, Linda Dolan, Joe Dwyer, Dylan Ferguson, Craig Flynn, Kristine Hernandez, Kammy Huneke, Ken Johnson, Mark Kinde, Derek Leuer, Stephanie Malinoff, Scott McConkey, Kerry Meyer, Kyle Shelton, Kristi Sebastian, Brian Sorenson, and Jeff Tate

Guest: Kat Vue

Action items are denoted in bold.

Welcome, introductions, and review agenda

Stephanie welcomed everyone and introductions were made. We reviewed the agenda and added “Agency Update after Election” to the agenda.

Agency update after Elections

- MDH’s commissioner is retiring Jan 3, 2023. They do not know who the next commissioner will be.
- MnDOT Commissioner is being reappointed January 2, 2023
- DPS current commissioner is not seeking reappointment. They do not know who the next commissioner will be.

Coalition Development and Improvement (Safe Roads and Unfunded)

Kat Vue asked for suggestions from regional coordinators and safe road coalitions and implemented several changes. There are new 2023 coalition workbooks to help streamline the safe road processes including the reporting timesheet, travel log, and financial records.

The coalitions will continue to help build the program and relationships by bringing new ideas to OTS leadership. Several coalitions are revamping their JoyRide and SoberCab programs, utilizing speed trailers, boosting CarFit opportunities. There continue to be issues with Covid restrictions, membership reductions, reduction of participation in JoyRide and SoberCab and time that it takes to train new members.

HEAT/Project 20(22)/Speed Racing

Major Joe Dwyer gave an update on Project 20(22) and HEAT (Highway Enforcement for Aggressive Traffic). Project 20 was very successful when the national speed limit was set to 55 mph so they decided to activate it again. Project 20(22) utilizes off-duty troopers on five

identified weekends during our state's peak travel season to address the factors of speed, no seat belt use, distracted and impaired driving contributing to tragic events on our roadways. Aligned with Project 20(22), HEAT involves highly-intensive patrols that increase visibility and create a culture of compliance. Helicopters are used to assist in these projects.

Results: If you're stopped for speed, 40% chance of getting a citation during HEAT, 73% chance of getting a citation during Project 20(22), 46% chance during street racing (low due to number of careless and reckless driving arrests).

Project 20(22): 138 seat belt citations, 190 license violations

HEAT: 547 seat belt citations, 859 license violations

Street Racing: 46 occupant protection citations, 125 license violations (12%)

Arrests: 374 (211 DWI offenses). Citations and warnings increased between 2021 and 2022.

TZD Conference Update

The 2023 TZD Statewide conference was held on October 12 and 13, 2022. There were 728 people who attended in-person and 78 virtually for a total of 806 attendees. There were 40 concurrent sessions, opening and closing plenary and an award ceremony with all three agencies with leadership attendance. There were 35 exhibitors. An executive summary with details is available.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.