



## Law Enforcement and Transportation: Working Together on the Road to Zero

Transportation agencies are struggling to prevent *road fatalities and injuries, which are on the increase in the United States.*

Two national programs are bringing stakeholders together to decrease these fatalities: Road to Zero and Toward Zero Deaths. To reach zero, *all safety stakeholders must work together*, pool their resources, and make safety the guiding principle in every transportation decision.



*Law enforcement – our first witness at the scene of fatal crashes. Your eyes and expertise collect vital information that can make roads safer for everyone.*

*Every day, law enforcement officers save lives* through their highly visible and highly effective enforcement efforts to ensure driver compliance with safe driving laws.

Moreover, *officers collect critical physical evidence* that can guide future safety efforts – everything from where to put a stop sign to how many

drivers are looking at their cell phones instead of the road.

*Transportation agencies need and use all the information law enforcement collect.* Here are some of the ways that law enforcement can assist with efforts to reach zero fatalities:

- Become a **safety champion**/advocate in your community.
- Attend or create a **multi-disciplinary safety coalition** or task force.
- **Educate the public** on critical road safety issues, with campaigns and social media.
- **Host debriefings** after a fatal crash or major weather event.
- Develop consistent practices in your agency to **collect timely, accurate, and complete crash data.**
- **Participate in committees creating safety plans** (e.g., Local Road Safety Plans, State Highway Safety Plans, Road Safety Audits, etc.). Contribute your “boots on the ground” knowledge to improve future plans.

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## Resources

For more information or to find out how to contact your local safety professionals, contact the National Center for Rural Road Safety at (844) 330-2200 or [info@ruralsafetycenter.org](mailto:info@ruralsafetycenter.org).

- National Center for Rural Road Safety  
[www.ruralsafetycenter.org](http://www.ruralsafetycenter.org)
- Toward Zero Deaths  
[www.towardzerodeaths.org](http://www.towardzerodeaths.org)
- Road to Zero  
<http://www.nsc.org/learn/NSC-Initiatives/Pages/The-Road-to-Zero.aspx>
- IACP's "Traffic Safety Strategies for Law Enforcement"  
<http://www.theiacp.org/portals/0/pdfs/TrafficSafetyStrategiesCompleteReport.pdf>
- Integrating Public Safety and Highway Operations: A Policy Framework and Analysis  
[https://ops.fhwa.dot.gov/Speech%20Files/public\\_safety.htm](https://ops.fhwa.dot.gov/Speech%20Files/public_safety.htm)
- IACP Traffic Safety Initiatives  
<http://www.theiacp.org/trafficsafety>
- Traffic incident management on rural roads training by responder safety network  
[https://learning.respondersafety.com/Training\\_Programs/Traffic\\_Incident\\_Management\\_on\\_Rural\\_Roads.aspx](https://learning.respondersafety.com/Training_Programs/Traffic_Incident_Management_on_Rural_Roads.aspx)
- FHWA's Traffic Incident Management Webpage with multiple resources  
[https://ops.fhwa.dot.gov/eto\\_tim\\_pse/about/tim.htm](https://ops.fhwa.dot.gov/eto_tim_pse/about/tim.htm)
- Building Links to Improve Safety: How Safety and Transportation Planning Practitioners Work Together  
<https://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/tsp/fhwasa16116/>
- Traffic Safety Legislative Fact Sheets  
<https://www.nhtsa.gov/laws-regulations/traffic-safety-legislative-fact-sheets>
- NHTSA's Campaign Materials for Risky Driving Types  
<https://www.nhtsa.gov/risky-driving>
- National Safety Council's "Safety on the Road" Webpage with Campaign Materials  
<http://www.nsc.org/learn/pages/nsc-on-the-road.aspx>

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