New RTZ Webinars

We have a great lineup of Road to Zero webinars coming soon. Get the details on our next webinar below and be sure to grab your call-in information ahead of time.

1 p.m. (EST) Wednesday, Feb. 19
A Systems Approach to Reduce Drowsy Driving Among Night-Shift Nurses, A Road to Zero Coalition Webinar

2018 Safe System Innovation Grant recipient Dr. Tony McDonald of the Department of Industrial and Systems Engineering at Texas A&M University will discuss findings and lessons learned from a study of drowsy driving education and technology interventions for night-shift nurses. The multi-phase project consisted of interviews and a large naturalistic driving study. The findings of these phases highlight the urgent need for drowsy driving interventions among nurses and provide a potential pathway to effective solutions.

If you couldn’t attend our Coalition meeting, keep your eyes on our Road to Zero events page for wrap-up details, a link to the webcast and our RTZ webinar archive.

2020 State Highway Safety Laws

The 17th annual Roadmap of State Highway Safety Laws is here. The new Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety report spotlights successful policies that reduce roadway deaths, injuries and associated costs. This year’s Roadmap includes the 2020 Vision for Highway Safety, identifies the best and worst states for traffic safety laws and provides an overview of 16 essential traffic safety laws.

To get the full report, learn more about how these laws can help us reach zero traffic deaths and see how your state fared, visit saferoads.org.

News from the Hill

The Federal Communications Commission recently adopted a notice of proposed rulemaking which suggests rule changes to the 5.9GHz band, commonly known as the “safety band.” The NPRM advises to designate the lower 45 megahertz of the band for unlicensed uses like Wi-Fi, while dedicating the remaining 30 megahertz of the band for use by transportation and vehicle safety-related communications services. This proposal changes the current allocation which is all for transportation safety. The FCC has not yet opened this proposal for comments.

In addition, the White House National Science and Technology Council and the U.S. Department of Transportation recently released its latest automated vehicle guidance document titled, “Ensuring American Leadership in Automated Vehicle Technologies: Automated Vehicles 4.0.” The report establishes U.S.
Government principles and is meant to provide high-level guidance on the U.S. Government’s posture towards AVs.

New IACP Safety Resources

The IACP recently launched new traffic safety resources for the field. IACP has created a Distracted Driving Toolkit that provides law enforcement, chief executives, command staff, first-line supervisors, and patrol officers with effective strategies to improve distracted driving education and enforcement in their communities, along with tactics to help them reduce officer distraction in patrol vehicles.

The toolkit includes a number of resources, including distracted driving infographics; a report on promising practices for public education, enforcement and officer safety; templates for a press release and much more.

The IACP has also launched a Traffic Safety Resource Guide to help law enforcement officers address traffic safety education and enforcement, as well as share research and best practices. The Guide provides promising practices to support leaders in responding to traffic safety issues they are encountering in their communities.

To learn more or request a copy of these resources, contact the IACP’s Traffic Safety Initiatives Team at trafficsafety@theiacp.org or check them out online.

Submit a Proposal

The Governors Highway Safety Association and the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety invite state agencies to submit proposals for grant funding to develop, implement and evaluate a speed management pilot program in a community within their state. Up to $200,000 in funding will be awarded in support of the proposed pilot program. Applications are due by March 1, 2020. Learn more and submit a proposal.

Youth Partners in Road Safety

Because transportation is a major part of life for youth as their independence grows, they have a stake in the safety of the streets where they live. Though often left out of the decision-making process, children still feel the impact of crashes. Comprehensive safety programs, like Vision Zero, need the input of all road users. Read more from Vision Zero for Youth about what youth say works, and what to avoid, in including them as partners in road safety.