

# VISION ZERO

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## Traffic Safety Advocates Recognized at Partner Conference

*Bismarck, ND* – Representatives of law enforcement, transportation, engineering, public health, and other partners from across the state gathered virtually today to discuss traffic safety during the North Dakota Department of Transportation's Vision Zero Partner Conference.

Topics today included presentations on seat belt use, infrastructure updates, Vision Zero partners, road safety and emergency medical response. Tomorrow's agenda will focus on law enforcement and the dangers of distracted driving, as well as a networking session to further advance North Dakota's Vision Zero initiative.

The Vision Zero Partner Conference holds an awards ceremony for those who showed outstanding service and dedication to accomplish the overall goal of Vision Zero, to eliminate motor vehicle crash fatalities and serious injuries on North Dakota roads.

The Williston region winners are in the following categories:

- **2021 Beyond the Traffic Stop Award** – This award honors officers who used outstanding investigative skills that led to multiple arrests for narcotics, stolen property, and outstanding warrants from a single routine traffic stop.
  - Trooper Preston Langer – North Dakota Highway Patrol
    - Due to Trooper Langer's ability to look beyond an initial stop for excessive speed, he made two arrests in relation to drug and criminal activity and issued seven total drug citations. The stop resulted in three convictions of possession of a controlled substance with the intent to deliver.
- **2021 Traffic Safety Media Award** – This award is for the reporter/news organization that has been fair, balanced, and informative in reporting transportation/traffic-related issues on radio, television, newspaper, or internet/social media.
  - Mountrail County Promoter
    - Since 2017, the Mountrail County Promoter has led coverage among all other news sources throughout the state. In 2020-2021, they printed 38 traffic safety-related stories, 32 of those stories were news releases directly issued by Vision Zero.

The Vision Zero Partner Conference is made possible thanks to Hess Corporation, AAA – The Auto Club Group, and Puklich Chevrolet.

Join the mission of Vision Zero to eliminate fatalities and serious injuries caused by motor vehicle crashes in North Dakota by becoming part of the [Vision Zero Partner Network](#).

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