

VHSA Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, December 14, 2022
9:00 – 10:30 a.m.



Present: Alison Laflamme, Joe Arduca, Tom Baran, Abby Beerman, Bill Jenkins, Sidney Bradley, Stephanie Busch, Carol Plante, Chris Norton, Anthony Facos, Al Fortin, Ann Gammell, Kevin Geno, Norm Griffiths, Mary Catherine Graziano, Evelyn McFarlane, Patrick McManamon, Mike Allen, Rachel Noyes, Steve Piwowarski, Paul Ravlin, Richard Wobbly, Roger Thompson, Sarah Webster, Paul White, Dan Goodman

9:00 Welcome/Chair Updates

Kevin Geno

- Call meeting to order
- VHSA Board meeting minutes from October 2022 were not approved and will be approved at a later date.
- Board Positions – The board will be reviewing Board terms and positions for the spring meeting. In the meantime, the VHSA is open to nominations for new board members. Send nomination ideas to Kevin.

9:05 SHSO Grant Update

Kevin/Evelyn

- Update on the SHSO NHTSA grant - Still waiting for the grant to be executed, and hoping by the new year to be able to post a director/consultant position.

9:10 PSA contest planning –Committee participants

- Kevin, Evelyn, Dan Goodman, Al, and Barb are the committee to-date. Hope that everyone can help with spreading the word to high school students once the contest opens. It will open at the end of January and usually runs for 2 ½ to 3 months until the end of April.
- Committee will meet the first week of January

9:15 Treasurer Report: (update for meeting) Lt. Al Fortin provided an update.

9:20 Crash Statistics & Trends: Data as of December 5th, 2022 was shared.

9:25 Partner Updates: Partners were invited to share news and information on events.

- Driver Education Assessment - Pat McManamon provided an update.
- Red Ribbon Ceremony – Carol provided an update
- Thanksgiving Press Conference - Lt. Fortin provided an update.
- Teen-Led Drive Safe Curriculum – Abby Beerman provided an update
- AAA Foundation - 2021 TRAFFIC SAFETY CULTURE INDEX – Dan Goodman provided an update.

9:45 Presentation on TrypScore

Bill Bland, CEO and Managing Partner, Medidas Group joined us to talk about a product they have developed, for the phone, to help reduce the number of vehicle-related collisions and fatalities that occur each year in a creative way. Bill can take the floor, and share his screen to the group

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**10:30 Adjournment – Next meeting schedule for April 12th, 2023
(No February meeting)**

- April 12, June 14, August 9, October 11, December 13

As of December 5 in each calendar year shown:		
Year	Fatalities (People)	Fatal Crashes
2022	71	68
2021	68	63
2020	61	57
2019	40	37
2018	60	53

Fatal Crash Data	2022*	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
Total Fatal Crashes	68	69	58	44	61	64
Total Fatalities (People)	71	74	62	47	69	70
Double Fatality Crashes	3	5	4	3	8	3
Triple Fatality Crashes	0	0	0	0	0	0
Quadruple Fatality Crashes	0	0	0	0	0	1
Operators Suspected as Driving under the Influence of Alcohol Only	11	10	11	5	5	6
Operators Suspected as Driving under the Influence of Drugs Only	18	18	14	15	13	18
Operators Suspected as Driving under the Influence of both Alcohol & Drugs	10	12	6	2	10	11
Active Cannabis - Delta 9 THC Confirmed**	11	20	12	13	14	16
Operators Suspected of Speeding	14	33	15	14	22	27
Operators with Suspended License/ No License	2	7	13	5	7	11
Junior License Operators involved in fatal crashes	1	5	2	1	4	2
"Older Drivers" involved in fatal Crashes (Older Driver is defined as any person age 65 or older. & "involved" does not imply "fault")	22	19	15	16	14	15
Crashes involving a Large Truck/Bus ("involving" does not imply "fault")	10	4	3	10	7	5
Motorcyclist Fatalities	14	16	10	8	7	13

2022 data is as of the date of this report. These numbers are subject to change.

**Active Cannabis - Delta-9 THC Confirmed is counted in the number of operators that had drugs only or alcohol & drugs.

Fatalities by Vehicle Type and Restraint/Safety Equipment Used							
Road User Type	Restraint/Safety Equipment	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
Motor Vehicle Occupant	Unbelted	30	28	24	17	34	24
	- Driver	24	25	19	15	25	17
	- Passenger	6	3	5	2	9	6
	- UTV Driver					0	1
	Belted	13	18	17	18	21	22
	- Driver	11	13	12	14	15	15
	- Passenger	2	5	5	4	6	7
	Improper Belt Use/Child Restraint	1		0	0	0	1
Motorcyclist/ATV	Wearing Helmet	12	13	10	5	5	11
	Non-DOT Compliant Helmet/Improper		2	0	1	1	1
	No Helmet	1	2	2	2	1	2
Vulnerable Users	Pedestrians	5	8	8	3	6	9
	Bicyclists	1		1	0	0	0
Unknown	Unknown Belt/Helmet Use	8	3	0	1	1	1
% Unbelted*		70%	61%	58%	49%	62%	52%
Total Fatalities		71	74	62	47	69	70

Of all fatalities: only occupants in vehicles equipped with seatbelts are used in the calculation for unbelted percentage. Excludes: motorcycles, ATVs, pedestrians, bicyclists and unknowns. (Sum of Belted & "Unbelted", divided into sum of "Unbelted" & "Improper Belt/Restraint")

