



Lifesavers 2017

Working toward the goal of “Zero Deaths” by promoting highway safety awareness through education and enforcement, thereby reducing crashes, saving lives, and improving the overall quality of life for those using Vermont’s roadways.

Lifesaver of the Year James Lockridge

Jim has been an active member of the VHSA for several years. He heads up the Youth Safety Council of Vermont's "Turn Off Texting" distracted Driving Programs. Jim is an intricate partner in creating opportunities for young drivers to learn more about the art of safe driving. His commitment to creating the very successful school safety fair at Mt. Abraham Union High School in Bristol earlier this year is a case in point. He brought school leadership together, received their commitment for the event, and developed a wide-ranging, day-long program. Jim is encouraging all Vermont high schools to host a safety fair. This award is presented to Jim Lockridge in recognition of his outstanding ability to motivate others and build, nurture and support programs and partnerships within the highway safety community.





The Fletcher Brush Award Lieutenant John Flannigan

Lieutenant Flannigan currently serves as the Commander of Safety Programs for the Vermont State Police. Lieutenant Flannigan is a 26 veteran and has been involved with traffic safety on many levels during his career. His dedication and progressive efforts to keep the highway safety message in public view through his media interviews and his constant availability to provide information and answers to questions about driver safety are unparalleled. This award is presented to Lt John Flannigan in recognition of his outstanding and continuous dedication to the promotion of highway safety priorities for Vermont citizens.



The Sgt. Michael Johnson Award Lieutenant Kevin Geno

Lt Geno of the Rutland County Sheriff's Office, currently serves as the Rutland County Highway Safety Coordinator. Lt Geno has been involved in Law Enforcement and Highway Safety for many years. Kevin has become a major voice for driver safety in Vermont and always makes himself available for presentations at local schools and civic organizations to speak about driver safety. His influence is well known and far-reaching. This award is presented to Lt Kevin Geno in recognition of his outstanding, dedicated commitment to traffic safety, child passenger safety, occupant protection, and DUI enforcement.



Engineering Award

Josiah Raiche

Matt Lofgren

Rick Scott

In May 2016, Office of Highway Safety staff and IT Staff (Josiah, Matt, and Rick) met to discuss suggested enhancements to the online Public Crash Query Tool with the goal of prioritizing items for future implementation. However, instead of just creating a priority list of improvements and leaving it at that, they took the ball and ran with it. The work they did was amazing and beyond expectations.

To implement the many requests, IT had to redesign the tool and gave it a complete overhaul. This redesigned version of the Public Crash Query Tool has a new feel to it. It is extremely user-friendly and very responsive. The tool and its additional features are a great resource for engineers and planners when performing safety analyses. This award is presented to Josiah Raiche, Matt Lofgren, and Rick Scott in recognition for their dedication and untiring advocacy to bring engineering and behavioral disciplines together to promote Vermont's highway safety priorities.



Drug Recognition Expert Sergeant James Roy

Sergeant James Roy, of the Colchester Police Department, became one of Vermont's first Drug Recognition Experts (DRE) in 2005. He was active in developing Vermont's program and became Vermont's first DRE Instructor in 2010. Sergeant Roy has been critical in developing new DRE's as a lead instructor and course manager in Vermont's four schools since 2011. He has also taught several schools outside of Vermont and continues to provide training in other impaired driving programs. Sergeant Roy has also been a member of the national impaired driving curriculum development team.

Sergeant Roy has been an enormous asset to Vermont's DRE and impaired driving programs and the state is better prepared for the challenges we face in this area thanks to his selfless contributions. This award is presented to Sergeant James Roy in recognition for his outstanding efforts to decrease Drug Impaired Driving on Vermont's roadways.



The Impaired Driving Award Vergennes Police Department

In the past year, the Vergennes Police Department has conducted multiple DUI details resulting in the highest number of DUI apprehensions on GHSP grant time of any granted agency; in addition, this resulted in numerous other violations as well. This award is presented to the Vergennes Police Department in recognition of outstanding enforcement activities to help decrease Impaired Driving on Vermont's roadways.

Police Chief George Merkel accepting the award on behalf of the Vergennes PD.





The Occupant Protection Award Sergeant Timothy Gould

Sergeant Timothy Gould, of the Vermont state police, was integral in the development and implementation of the new Child Passenger Safety Awareness course at the Police Academy this past year. Sergeant Gould has been an active Child Passenger Safety technician for fourteen years and has acted as a mentor for his colleagues in this area. We have no doubt that Vermont's children ride safer on our roadways today because of him. This award is presented to Sergeant Timothy Gould in recognition of his outstanding education activities to help increase use of Occupant Protection on Vermont's roadways.





Special Award recognizing GHSP Leadership Scott Davidson

Scott Davidson took over the reigns of the Governor's Highway Safety Program (GHSP) during its transition from the Department of Public Safety to the Agency of Transportation. During his time with GHSP, Scott brought new staff on board, ensured they received the necessary training to improve the overall GHSP systems. Scott played a key role in securing the funds to initiate the Electronic Grants Management System "G.E.A.R.S." This award is presented to Captain Scott Davidson, now with the Department of Motor Vehicles, in recognition of his outstanding leadership of the Governor's Highway Safety Program.

