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Agency of Transportation Hosts 2024 Highway Safety Awards Ceremony

Barre, Vt. – The Vermont Agency of Transportation (AOT) State Highway Safety Office (SHSO) held the annual Highway Safety Awards ceremony at the Vermont State House today. These awards are presented to highway safety professionals around the state for their exceptional work and commitment to keeping Vermont’s roadways safe for all users.

“Safety is always our top priority in all that we do, and today we recognize the outstanding contributions that these Vermonters have made toward reducing fatalities and crashes on our roads,” said Transportation Secretary Joe Flynn. “We wish to thank these award winners who we are celebrating today – and also every Vermont highway safety professional who works in enforcement, education, engineering, and emergency medical services for their life-saving work.”

2024 HIGHWAY SAFETY AWARD RECIPIENTS:

Safe Systems Emergency Medical Services Award

Michael Chiarella and Richmond Rescue

Safe Systems Engineering Award

Ian Degutis, Vermont Agency of Transportation

Fletcher Brush Educational Outreach Award

Richard Kearney, Vermont Driver and Traffic Safety Education Association

Rising Star Enforcement Award

Trooper Taylor Demick, Vermont State Police

Drug Recognition Expert Award

Officer Robert Gerrish, Lyndonville Police Department

Ruby Rainault Occupant Protection Award

Lindsay Johnson, Chittenden County Sheriff’s Office

Sergeant Michael Johnson Lifesaver Award

Captain Paul H. White, Vermont State Police, Retired

The SHSO awards federal highway safety grant funds to local, state, and non-profit agencies for projects to improve highway safety and reduce deaths and serious injuries due to crashes.

More information about the SHSO and the awards can be found at <https://shso.vermont.gov/>.

Thank you to all of our highway safety partners who work to make our roads safer for all users.

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