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Agency of Transportation Hosts 2022 Highway Safety Awards Ceremony

Barre, Vt. – The Vermont Agency of Transportation (AOT) State Highway Safety Office (SHSO) and the Vermont Highway Safety Alliance (VHSA) today held the annual Highway Safety Awards ceremony at the Vermont State House. 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.

“Today we recognized the outstanding contributions that Vermont’s extensive network of highway safety professionals has made toward reducing fatalities and crashes in our state,” said Transportation Secretary Joe Flynn. “We wish to thank the award winners and every Vermonter whose work in enforcement, education, engineering, and emergency medical services helps to make our highways safer and save lives.”

The SHSO presented seven Highway Safety Awards and the VHSA presented two awards. The awards were presented by Secretary Flynn and AOT SHSO Administrator Allison Laflamme.

2022 VTRANS HIGHWAY SAFETY AWARD WINNERS

Fletcher Brush Educational Outreach Award

Barbara Brody, Vermont Driver and Traffic Safety Education Association

Ruby Rainault Occupant Protection Award

Sidney Bradley, Vermont Department of Health

Drug Recognition Expert Award

Trooper David Garces, Vermont State Police

Highway Safety Directors’ Award

Evelyn McFarlane, State Highway Safety Office, VTrans

Impaired Driving Prevention and Enforcement Award

Chief Derrick Tienken, Winhall Police Department

Sergeant Michael Johnson Lifesaver Award

Captain Bret Meyer, Washington County Sheriff's Department

Highway Safety Achievement Award

Lieutenant Allen Fortin, Chittenden County SHARP Program

2022 VERMONT HIGHWAY SAFETY ALLIANCE AWARD WINNERS

Crossing Guard Award

Sandra Theetge, Windsor Public Schools

Highway Safety Engineering Award

The Traffic Signals & ITS Team, the Traffic Operations & Mobility Team, and the Transportation Management Center Team, Vermont Agency of Transportation

In Federal Fiscal Year 2023, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration awarded the State of Vermont \$6.5 million for highway safety behavior change programs.

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/>.

The Agency wishes to thank all of its highway safety partners who continue to work to make Vermont's roads safer for all road users.

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