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# **How did the T2 Center at UCONN support Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety in Connecticut in 2024?**

## **A Report to the Connecticut Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board**

**December 2024**

The T2 Center, at the University of Connecticut, through our ten (10) Professional Development Certificate Programs, our technical assistance programs, and our many technical resources, is focused on improving safety for all users on local roadways.

For over 40 years, the T2 Center has been funded by the Federal Highway Administration and the CT Department of Transportation to do this important work.

In 2024, here are highlights of some of our efforts:

### **Safety Circuit Rider Program (SCR):**


The SCR program provides a dedicated team that develops and delivers training and technical assistance to all of our 169 Cities and Towns. During 2024, we added a staff member to the SCR Team, to further support our road safety efforts:

#### **Shawn Barry – Safety Technical Associate**

Shawn has been in law enforcement for the past 25 years. As a retired police sergeant from the Town of Windsor Locks and the commander of the North Central Regional Crash Reconstruction Team, he has extensive experience in crash reconstruction and investigations. Shawn hopes to bring his experience and the network he has built to help in his new position helping CT cities and towns reduce fatalities and injuries on local roads.



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### Safety Circuit Rider Team

**Jason Hughes** – Safety Technical Associate

**Lisa Knight** – Educational Program Coordinator

**Shawn Barry** – Safety Technical Associate



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## **Technical Assistance (including Road Safety Assessments) for Local Agencies**

The SCR program has provided technical assistance to many CT local agencies on a variety of safety-related topics and in multiple formats, including crash data profiles, road safety assessments, troubleshooting speed feedback signs, development of low-cost safety improvement plans, and the use of the free equipment loan program.

## **Technical Resources**

A repository of roadway safety resources and information housed on the SCR page of the T2 Center's website. Additional resources were added in 2024.

[https://www.cti.uconn.edu/cti/Safety\\_Circuit\\_Rider1.asp](https://www.cti.uconn.edu/cti/Safety_Circuit_Rider1.asp).

## **Sharing CT Best Practices**

The SCR program team maintains a repository of CT Safety Examples, located on the website at

[https://www.cti.uconn.edu/cti/CT\\_Examples\\_of\\_Safety\\_Countermeasures.asp](https://www.cti.uconn.edu/cti/CT_Examples_of_Safety_Countermeasures.asp).

These examples highlight the good safety work being done around the State and when appropriate, identify if the project is an EDC initiative and/or a Proven Safety Countermeasure.

The SCR team also contributes a "Safety Matters" article to the T2 Center's monthly *Connecticut Crossroads* newsletter. 2024 Topics covered a variety of roadway safety issues, including the below:

- Putting Safety in Your Holiday Planning
- Pedestrian Safety Zones
- Ghost Shoes – A Sobering Reminder of Pedestrian Safety
- Partnering with New Britain on Vision Zero Education
- Celebrating Bicycle Safety Month

## **Complete Streets**

The T2 Center team continues to maintain a series of helpful resources, best practices and project spotlights that are available on the T2 Center website under our new Complete Streets Information Exchange:

[Complete Streets Information Exchange | T2 Center \(uconn.edu\)](#)

## Partnership with CTDOT and CT Municipalities on ADA Transition Planning

A strong partnership has been developed between the T2 Center team, the ADA Coordinator at CTDOT and our CT municipalities. We are collaborating on training activities to support local agency implementation of an ADA transition plan. In 2024, this included:

- ADA Transition Plan Training
- ADA presentation and use of ADA field kit with CTDOT and Local Agency staff
- Participation in the 2024 ADA Anniversary Event



## Support for the Connecticut Strategic Highway Safety Plan

Representatives from the T2 Center participate on both the SHSP Steering Committee and several of the Emphasis Areas Committees, including the Pedestrian EA. The T2 Center also volunteered to host the SHSP website. Here is the link to the SHSP: [CT Strategic Highway Safety Plan | T2 Center \(uconn.edu\)](#)

## Vision Zero Council Support

The T2 Center's Executive Director serves on the Vision Zero Education committee.

## Local Traffic Authority (LTA) 101 Education Program

The T2 Center has received very positive feedback on our new state statute required LTA101 training program. This year, our instructor team grew with the addition of representatives from Watch for Me CT, CT Safety Research Center at UCONN and WestCOG. This class is also a great opportunity for CTDOT and our UCONN SCR team to share information on all the resources they have available to support LTA's.



## SCR Team Strengthens Partnership with CPCA

Jason and Shawn met with the Western CT Area Police Chiefs at their meeting in Wolcott and were able to tell everyone there how the SCR Team can help them with promoting traffic safety in their communities. All the Chiefs were given resources put together by the SCR Team which showcased all the great ways the SCR Team can help. The SCR Team also participated in the CPCA Annual Winter Meeting.

## Safety Academy Trainings

A partnership with the FHWA Resource Center, CTDOT and other safety partners resulted in many high-quality training programs being offered in Connecticut to both municipal, regional planning agency and CTDOT employees.



### 2024 Safety Academy Classes

Virtual Workshops	Date	Instructors
Road Safety Champion Module #1- Introduction to Road Safety	9/24/24	Jason/Natasha Fatu
Road Safety Champion Module #2 - Understanding Human Factors	10/24/24	Jason/Eric Lemke
Road Safety Champion Module #3 - Introduction to Traffic Safety Culture	11/14/24	Jason/Amy Watkins

In-Person Workshops/Special Events	Date	Location	Instructors
SS4A Data Roundtable – Special Program	4/9/24	West Hartford	Eric Jackson & SCR Team
ADA Self Assessments & Transition Plans	4/25/24	Bristol	Melissa Evans
Innovative Intersections	5/29/24	Cheshire	Elliott Moore & Mark Doctor - FHWA
Road Safety Assessments for Local Roads*	6/6/24	Fairfield	Melissa Evans
CT Road Safety Summit – Speed	5/30/24	New Britain	Various Speakers
Sign Installation & Maintenance	6/13/24	Milford	Melissa Evans
Taking the Next STEP in Pedestrian Safety***	8/28/24	Cheshire	Peter Eun – FHWA

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UAS Drones for Safety – Roundtable Discussion	9/17/24	Storrs	Don Janelle James Michel Stephen Michna Amy Stula Jason Hughes
Sign Installation & Maintenance	10/2/24	Simsbury	Jason Hughes
Planning Complete Streets*	10/30/24	South Windsor	Brooke Struve - FHWA
FHWA's Proven Safety Countermeasures*	11/7/24	Rocky Hill	Tori Brinkly

\*LTA credit also provided

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### **2024 Safety Matters: Coffee & Conversation**

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Guest- Moderator</b>
Vision Zero Legislation: A Conversation with CTDOT	1/25/24	Aaron Swanson- CTDOT/Melissa Evans
A Discussion with CTDOT’s Safe Routes to School Coordinator	3/28/24	Kristen Levesque – CTDOT/Melissa Evans
Nighttime Visibility for Safety: A Conversation with the FHWA	11/12/24	George Merritt- FHWA/Donna Shea

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**[www.t2center.uconn.edu](http://www.t2center.uconn.edu)**

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