Project at a Glance

- Provide training in safe motor vehicle operation to law enforcement and public safety personnel and other public and private organizations
- Identify and develop educational training that will meet emerging needs of law enforcement and public safety personnel and other public and private organizations
- Expand research and training on advanced collision avoidance driving techniques
- Resurface and update current facility

Project Description

The Minnesota Highway Safety and Research Center each year provides training in collision avoidance and safe driving techniques to thousands of law enforcement officers, first responders, equipment operators, firefighters, snow plow operators, bus drivers, semitrailer and construction truck operators and others.

The center conducts numerous applied research projects directly dealing with public safety. These include alcohol involvement in motor vehicle operations, rollover effects on passenger vans, hydroplaning, anti-lock braking systems, different types of brakes, distracted driving, cell phone usage and other projects.

To ensure student safety and expand training, which was started with federal money in 1974, the center needs funding to resurface and update the facility.

The state of Minnesota mandates this type of training every three years for all law enforcement officers who may become involved in pursuit situations. People throughout the United States also benefit from training at the center.

The nationally recognized Minnesota Highway Safety and Research Center at St. Cloud State University will continue to develop an educational training system that will meet the emerging training needs. The center has pioneered advanced and collision avoidance driving techniques that have expanded to a national level. The partnering organizations will help extend these safe driving techniques.
Partners:

- Minneapolis Fire Department
- Other fire agencies
- First responder organizations throughout the state
- Metro and school bus operations
- Tow truck organizations
- Minneapolis Community and Technical College
- Alexandria Technical College
- Minnesota Department of Transportation
- Connexus Energy
- Southwest Technical College (South Dakota)
- Minnesota State Patrol
- Most Minnesota county sheriffs departments
- Most local police departments
- WCCO television
- KSTP television
- KMSP television
- KARE television