

MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY—“WHEN IT’S MORE THAN YOUR OFFICE!”

Motor Vehicle Safety from a Law Enforcement Perspective – “When It’s More Than Your Office!” Looking at the workplace hazards for LE related to motor vehicles goes beyond wear your seat belt and don’t text while driving.

Your vehicle could be a shield or another’s vehicle could be a weapon. The vehicle itself sends a signal to the surrounding community and draws attention, sometimes unwanted in the form of a crash. Preventing injuries is more than a part of the term “Public Safety”.

So how do we think outside the box to address these everyday workplace hazards? That’s the million-dollar question.

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Scott Shahan started his safety career 30 years ago after serving in the U. S. Army. His safety experience began as an accident investigator following up on work-related injuries for a private foundation in Virginia. After completing a Bachelor’s Degree in Safety and Risk Administration at Virginia Commonwealth University, he moved on as a Safety Specialist for the Virginia Department of Corrections. Scott then spent six years as a Compliance Safety Officer for VDOT, supporting the workplace safety of the highway and construction workers who maintain the roads in Virginia.

The private sector beckoned, and he added manufacturing, mining and automotive shop safety responsibilities with national companies to his career track. These experiences allowed Scott to lead development and implementation of safety & environmental policies/procedures for certifications of the manufacturing & mining sites to ISO 14001 and OHSAS 18001 standards.

He returned to state government in 2013 at the College of William and Mary with their EH&S team, then accepted his current position with the Virginia State Police in 2014. As the Workforce Safety Coordinator for VSP, Scott is responsible for the occupational safety and health program for an agency of 2800 employees located at more than 65 locations within Virginia....and “No” he cannot get you out of a traffic ticket!