



WCHA joins WTBA in presentation of June Work Zone Safe Scholarship

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Madison...As part of their ongoing commitment to work zone safety, the Wisconsin County Highway Association (WCHA) joined partners in Madison this week to present the latest Work Zone Safe "Move Over Safe" scholarship. Earlier this year, WCHA joined a coalition of the Wisconsin Transportation Builders Association (WTBA), the Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA), LIUNA Wisconsin LECET, and the Operating Engineers Local 139, to bring the Work Zone Safe Curriculum to Wisconsin, designed to teach new drivers about safe driving in work zones. The newest \$500 scholarship winner, Dakota Funk, from Milton, was presented with his scholarship this week in Madison. Dakota accepted the scholarship on July 15, at a meeting of the CESA-2 driver's education annual staff meeting.

"WCHA congratulates Dakota (Funk) as a monthly winner of the Work Zone Safe Move Over Safe Scholarship," said Patrick Vander Sanden, Executive Director of the Wisconsin County Highway Association (WCHA). "We are honored to be the lead sponsor of the scholarship program and are proud to stand alongside WTBA and our local transportation partners who have brought Work Zone Safe to our young motorists. The more people aware of how to safely navigate the orange and yellow colors of the cones, safety vest and critical signage, the better chance to maintain a safe environment for our road crews, who need to stay focused. Hopefully other students will be wise and follow Dakota's lead and take the course."

The \$500 scholarship is managed through the course vendor, Work Zone Safe, which provides the online course to students in Wisconsin. Every teen driver who successfully completes the Wisconsin Work Zone Safe online course can choose to be entered into a drawing for the scholarship, awarded monthly. WCHA is a partner in the effort to bring the course curriculum and is the lead sponsor of the scholarship program in Wisconsin.

WTBA Executive Director Steve Baas added to the presentation, "I want congratulate Dakota and thank him and the hundreds of other students taking this course and equipping themselves to be smarter, safer drivers. Their investment of time and study will pay dividends in lives saved in our work zones."

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