

ROAD BUSINESS

On the Road in New Hampshire *Roads Safety Audits*



New Hampshire held the first Roads Safety Audits in August. These were the first audits performed on NH roads outside of training. Two audits were done in Boscawen and another two in Moultonborough. These sites were volunteered by the municipality.

A roads safety audit differs from the NHDOT safety surveillance team as it includes a group of people with a wide range of backgrounds and experience.

In Boscawen, the intersection of Rt. 3 and Rt. 4 was reviewed. The Boscawen audit team consisted of 3 Boscawen selectmen and the town administrator; Dean Hollins, Boscawen road agent; Mike Doody, NYDOT; Marty Calawa, FHWA; Bill Lambert and Stuart Thompson, NHDOT; Dave Danielson, SEA; and the UNH T² Center. The team designed a low-cost solution for the intersection.

At the second location, the town recommended moving the road, the team agreed. The team sug-

gested low-cost safety improvements to implement before the long-term capital improvement project to move the intersection could be achieved.

In Moultonborough, the intersection of Fox Hollow Road and Rt. 25 was audited. It had a high crash history and 3 fatalities. The audit team was Scott Kinmond, Moultonborough; Dave Haskell, Tamworth; and others from the first day. Low-cost safety improvements were suggested for immediate implementation as well as a longer, more expensive permanent solution.

The second location in Moultonborough was recently improved by the state. The team recommended reviewing site, again, after new crash data is collected.

The auditors used a software program developed by the Utah LTAP Center to assist with the data collection and report writing.

FHWA and NHDOT fully supports this process. Contact the UNH T² Center to schedule a roads safety audit.

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