

# MILLE LACS TRIBE SAFETY MANAGEMENT PLAN August 2010

The Mille Lacs Tribe is committed to reducing the number of deaths and serious injuries and improving the overall safety of the transportation system. As part of an ongoing effort to make safety improvements, this Safety Management Plan has been developed with input from a variety of agencies and individuals within the Tribe in cooperation with the Federal and Minnesota State Governments. The plan is intended to outline existing programs and policies, as well as identify issues and procedures or projects that can be implemented to further improve transportation safety for the Mille Lacs Tribe, its people and visitors to the Reservation.

The Tribe has implemented or is currently working on a number of programs and has developed relationships with other government entities to help assist in safety improvements. A complete list of these, as well as, other safety issues that have been identified, is included in Attachment A, but below are some of the highlights:

- The Tribe is upgrading Stop Signs on the reservation to 36" and using flashing stop signs at all intersections with 169.
- The Tribe and MNDOT have developed a project to improve intersections on 169 to include turn bays and lighting.
- The Tribal Police have a mutual aid agreement with the county
- The Tribe has implemented a Tribal Traffic Code.

In an effort to further enhance safety efforts and save lives, the following items have been identified as a priority for expansion or initiation within the Mille Lac's Reservation over the next 3 to 5 years:

- Establish a Safety Committee
  - There are several safety committees and groups within the tribe that meet on a routine basis, including at the Casino, School and Government. These discuss many safety issues, but need there is a need to ensure the transportation issues get adequate discussion. To that end the Government Committee should be expanded to include more transportation and enforcement agencies to ensure these safety issues are addressed.

**Issue Champion:** Tribal Transportation Planning Office

**Implementation:** Planning to develop a resolution for the Tribal Council in support of establishing a committee to gain better participation among various agencies. Once this is completed meetings will begin to be scheduled and identified issues will begin to be addressed.

look at other tribal education programs and develop a public service outreach plan.

**Issue Champion:** Expanded Safety Committee

**Implementation:** A plan will be developed that will identify training and education opportunities, subjects and outreach techniques.

- Tribal Traffic Code

- The Tribe currently has a traffic code, but it needs to be reviewed to determine if there are areas that need to be updated. One specific area identified was ATV's and golf carts. There are currently no discussion or limitations of them in the current code.

**Issue Champion:** Solicitor

**Implementation:** The code will be reviewed and any changes recommended to the tribal council for implementation.

## **Attachment B**

### **Mille Lacs Tribal Safety Plan**

#### **Agenda**

August 27, 2010

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| 9:00 a.m.  | Introductions   |
| 9:15 a.m.  | Defining a Safety Management System<br>SMS Background and Overview<br>FHWA SMS Implementation Plan<br>Discussion of Tribal Safety Plans<br>Q&A  |
| 10:00 a.m. | Existing safety approaches (this is any practice the Tribe is utilizing to address transportation safety i.e. education to public, crash reporting/processes, EMS or engineering projects)<br>Documentation of existing programs and approaches |
| 10:30 a.m. | Break   |
| 10:45 a.m. | Development of a Tribal Safety Plan<br>Identification/Discussion of Safety issues and concerns<br>Safety approaches to include<br>Safety approaches to develop<br>Integration with other safety plans   |
| 12:00      | Lunch   |
| 1:00 p.m.  | Identification of implementation steps<br>Identification of responsible parties/champions for specific elements   |
| 2:15 p.m.  | Questions/Discussion of process and continued efforts   |
| 2:30 p.m.  | Site visit to traffic safety concern or transportation safety issues  |
| 4:00       | Wrap Up   |