

2007 AASHTO Safety Leadership Forum III

Conversation Circle Guidance

- The Conversation Circle will consist of two topic areas: Data Sharing and Local Road Issues, and Driver Behavior Countermeasures (enforcement, education, legislation). These topics were selected by the Planning Committee because they are essential components of the implementation of the State Strategic Highway Safety Plans (SHSP) currently being undertaken by all of the States.
- Each topic area is allotted one hour with a 15 minute break in between the topics.
- The Conversation Circle will be professionally facilitated by Kathleen Stein who has considerable experience in this technique.
- The questions submitted by the States for the SHSP Peer Exchange will be shared with the facilitator as a reference.
- There will be a circle of 6 – 8 seats for the attendees currently engaged in the conversation. The remaining attendees will be seated at the sides. As new attendees become interested in speaking, they line up at the side to take the next empty seat.
- Due to the shortness of time and to allow as many active speakers as possible, each speaker will be asked to be concise and brief.
- In order to ensure that the Circles are quickly started and to provide specific expertise among the participants, a selected group of State CEOs are being invited to be conversation starters.
- A conversation starter should identify: the barriers and issues which their State encountered when addressing the topic; their approach to resolution of any challenges; and the best practices which may have been developed by their State.
- The meeting room will be specially set for this format and portable microphones will be available.
- There will be no “report out” during the Forum. A conference report will be prepared and highlight the major items discussed during the conversation circles.