

From: Delude, Tracy Tracy.Delude@vermont.gov 
Subject: RE: Form submission from: Invite the Governor
Date: April 19, 2017 at 6:24 PM
To: Sharon Koller skoller@anesu.org
Cc: James Lockridge jim@bigheavyworld.com



Good afternoon,
Thank you for your kind invitation for Governor Scott to join you at the Mt. Abraham UHS Safety Fair. Unfortunately, the Governor has a conflict and will not be able to attend this event. I appreciate your understanding.
Thank you very much for the invitation and we wish you the very best on a successful event. Please let me know as future events develop and I'd be happy to work with you to get them into the scheduling que for review.
Best,
Tracy

-----Original Message-----

From: Sharon Koller [mailto:skoller@anesu.org]
Sent: Monday, February 20, 2017 2:21 PM
To: Delude, Tracy <Tracy.Delude@vermont.gov>
Subject: Form submission from: Invite the Governor

--Event Information--

Event Title: Mt. Abraham UHS Safety Fair
Event Date: May 5, 2017
Event Time: 2:20 pm
Event Description:
Jason -

I'm reaching out on behalf of a group of people who came together to create a large safety fair at Mt. Abraham Union High School in Bristol on May 5. It has a dominantly transportation safety-related theme, including a mock crash, motorcycle simulator, and big truck demo among many other presentations and workshops. I'm very hopeful that Governor Scott would make an appearance at the concluding assembly in the school auditorium (2:20-2:45), where a microphone would be available. Governor Scott could play an important role in cementing the message that the community cares about the students, and that safe decision-making matters not just to our families and friends but to everybody. My cell is (802) 373-2890 if you prefer to connect by phone, and the press release is below. The Governor's time is valuable to us and we recognize that decisions about his schedule are very thoughtful. I hope this collaborative effort reflects the Governor's own values and will be a welcomed platform for brief comments that help foster a safer future for many Addison County Vermonters. Thank you for considering it!

Mt. Abe to Host Personal Safety Fair for Students May 5
Collaborative Community Project Brings VT Organizations to High School Campus

BRISTOL: On Friday, May 5 Mt. Abraham Union High School will host workshops and presentations by numerous organizations, creating a day-long, campus-wide event with a 'personal safety' theme for students. The fair, developed by faculty and students in partnership with the Youth Safety Council of Vermont, will showcase safety knowledge from across Vermont.

The risk of motor vehicle crashes is higher among 16-19-year-olds than among any other age group. Per mile driven, teen drivers ages 16 to 19 are nearly three times more likely than drivers aged 20 and older to be in a fatal crash.¹ The safety fair is meant to have a positive impact on Mt. Abraham's student drivers, so they might choose to drive thoughtfully for their own benefit and the safety of others. A mock crash will be the central educational experience of the fair, presented by the Mt. Abraham students in conjunction with Bristol Fire, Police and Rescue Departments. A scripted, simulated crash will reveal the potentially tragic outcomes of distracted driving, wearing no seat belt, and bad decision-making. Mock crashes are a dramatic educational tool that complement consistent messaging and

educational tool that complement consistent messaging and prevention programs.

Participants in the fair include a 'big truck demo' by Barrett's Trucking, helping young drivers experience the blind spots that the drivers of large trucks face. The Vermont State Police will present forensic crash reconstruction techniques. A motorcycle simulator will be shared by Ride Safe VT, and Sharon Huntley will speak about the tragic loss of her teen son, Spencer, in a distraction-related crash. The Youth Safety Council will present 'Turn Off Texting,' with students driving a golf cart while texting to learn first-hand how dangerous distracted driving can be. Many organizations including the Vermont Department of Health, UVM Medical Center, Alive At 25, Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department, AAA Northern New England, AT&T, WomenSafe, Fire Pro Tec, Bristol Rescue, Bristol Police, and others will be on campus to present information and interact with students.

Mt. Abraham principal Jessica Barewicz said, "An amazing team of teachers, students, and community members are thoughtfully planning a meaningful experience for all at the Safety Fair. They understand that as school community we need to understand that the concept of safety needs to be taken in many directions. Without a safe educational and living environment humans can't learn and thrive. I'm so grateful for the work they are doing to engage the whole community in a conversation about safety."

With the assistance of Heritage Ford, faculty, students and volunteers will help document the event to create an online reference guide, building on the work of the Youth Safety Council to publish a directory of free safety programming available to Vermont schools, yscvt.wordpress.com. The new guide will help other Vermont high schools produce similar safety fairs with confidence and easy access to many freely available programs.

Sharon Koller, Student Assistance Program Counselor at Mt. Abraham and advisor to the student "VTLSP" club (Vermont Teen Leadership Safety Program), facilitated the event planning. She said, "Our school has long been committed to preparing students to make decisions that have positive consequences for themselves and others. This Safety Fair expands on the work of the VTLSP club, Drivers Education, health and other classes to give students even more insight and information to help them independently be safer on the roads as they make life choices."

James Lockridge, Executive Director of the Youth Safety Council of Vermont, said, "Vermont can look to the people of Bristol and our safety community across the state for a model of collaboration. This project exemplifies the vision of the Vermont Highway Safety Alliance which inspired this safety fair effort." The VHSA is a non-profit organization that brings together highway safety stakeholders from all over Vermont, including state agencies and law enforcement as well as federal partners, insurance companies, and nonprofit organizations, vermonthighwaysafety.org

Contact: Sharon Koller, <mailto:skoller@anesu.org>, (802) 453-2333.

About Mt. Abraham Union High School: Mt. Abraham is a Grades 7-12 public middle/high school in the village of Bristol, serving the Five Town district of Bristol, Lincoln, Monkton, New Haven, and Starksboro. Mt. Abraham is part of the Addison Northeast Supervisory Union (ANESU) and works to create and maintain a stimulating and respectful environment in which all are engaged, all pursue and promote learning, and all participate as active, responsible citizens. <http://www.mtabevt.org/>

About the Youth Safety Council of VT: The YSCVT uses golf carts and an advanced driving simulator to demonstrate the dangers of

and an advanced driving simulator to demonstrate the dangers of distraction to Vermont's student drivers. With support from the Governor's Highway Safety Program and sponsors, the 'Turn Off Texting' program is free to high schools and community groups statewide. yscvt.org

1. Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS). Fatality facts: teenagers 2014. Arlington (VA): The Institute; 2014 [cited 2016 Sept 20].
<http://www.iihs.org/iihs/topics/t/teenagers/fatalityfacts/teenagers>
Event Hosts: Mt. Abraham Union High School & The Youth Safety Council of Vermont. I'll be able to provide a directory of participating organizations soon, too — it's sizable.
Event Location: Mt. Abraham Union High School, 220 Airport Drive, Bristol, VT 05443, in the auditorium.
Location Information: The safety fair event will be hosted across the campus and conclude with an assembly in the auditorium at 2:20pm. Governor Scott would be welcome to arrive early to explore the programming if he had the interest.
Would you like the Governor to speak at the event? Yes

--Contact Information--

Name: Sharon Koller
Title: Student Assistance Program Counselor at Mt. Abraham
Email: skoller@anesu.org
Phone: (802) 453-2333
What is the best way to contact you, if needed, within 15 minutes of event start time? (Sharon might have a cell phone). This form is being completed by James Lockridge of the Youth Safety Council of VT. James will be on site and his cell is (802) 373-2890.
Would you like this event on the Governor's Public Schedule? Yes

--About the Remarks--

Will there be an emcee introducing each speaker? Yes
Will a podium be provided? Yes
Is this event open to the press? Yes
How much time is allowed for remarks? Ten minutes (or less, if preferred)
What topic(s) would you like the Governor to cover? : Safe decision-making matters not just to our families and friends but to everybody.
Will there be questions from the audience? No
Please list any people who should be recognized in the remarks:
Sharon Koller
Youth Safety Council of Vermont
Vermont Highway Safety Alliance
Please describe what they should be recognized for : Sharon Koller coordinated many participating partners and programmers from the autumn of 2016 through the spring of 2017 — her dedication and energy made the event possible. The Youth Safety Council catalyzed the event and will be documenting it to publish a how-to guide meant to empower other VT schools to produce safety fairs for their students. The Vermont Highway Safety Alliance inspires collaboration among safety organizations across Vermont.

Supporting Materials:

The results of this submission may be viewed at:
<http://governor.vermont.gov/node/1926/submission/3056>

