



Providing innovative transportation research, education and outreach that promote the safe and efficient movement of people and goods.

The Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute at North Dakota State University

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Southern Commercial Vehicle Safety
Research Summit

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Creation of UGPTI

- The UGPTI was created in 1967 by the North Dakota legislature
 - To conduct and supervise **research** in the field of transportation
 - To facilitate wider **knowledge** and understanding of factors associated with the **geographical location** of the state of North Dakota and the upper great plains
- Started with three (3) staff, including two researchers and one administrative



Growth of UGPTI

- Brought in graduate students to assist with research
 - Primarily from the fields of economics and engineering
- Encouraged graduate students to complete internships with various state and federal agencies
 - Learned the activities and goals of the agencies
- Some graduate students become full-time researchers
 - Writing proposals and receiving funds from agencies
- Now at 40+ full-time faculty and staff, and 100+ students
 - Offer degree programs in Transportation and Logistics

Organized into Centers

- Advanced Traffic Analysis and DOT Support Centers
- Small Urban and Rural Center on Mobility
- ND Local Technical Assistance Program
- Transportation Learning Network
- Mountain-Plains Consortium
 - University Transportation Center with eight (8) universities
- Commercial Vehicle Safety Center



Western CMV Safety Summit

- **November 29-30, 2022** – Downtown Denver, Colorado
- Supported by FMCSA cooperative agreement and co-hosted with the Colorado State Patrol
- Will include state law enforcement, driver licensing agencies, FMCSA, industry, and universities
- **Theme** – Efforts to reduce **distracted driving** by CMV drivers and others operating around CMVs, and CMV safety in **work zones**
 - State best practices, resources, partnerships, FMCSA updates, and more!
- www.ugpti.org/outreach/cvsc/
- There is no cost to attend, and funding is also available to cover travel costs (if needed)



Questions / Discussion

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