

Road Safety Professional (RSP) Certification

In the late 1990s, the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) took a leadership position in creating the Transportation Professional Certification Board (TPCB), Inc. In doing so, ITE provided the vehicle for developing and issuing certifications for the transportation profession and, importantly, enhanced the standing of those practicing in the traffic operations field through the establishment of the Professional Transportation Operations Engineer (PTOE®) certification.

Over the last 20 years, the PTOE has grown to be widely recognized with more than 3,200 certificants and an increasing number of jurisdictions giving preference to PTOE holders.

ITE and TPCB are now taking a similar leadership position in developing a new Road Safety Professional (RSP) certification for North America. Road safety is practiced by many but often without a full understanding of the multidisciplinary nature of the field or the depth of knowledge needed to ensure a high level of proficiency in decisions that impact the traveling public's safety. With the United Nations' Decade of Action on Road Safety and the emergence of Toward Zero Deaths, Vision Zero, and Road to Zero efforts, now is the time for action.

This certification's goal is to ensure that those charged with protecting the lives of the traveling public can demonstrate the requisite knowledge of road safety and to serve as a catalyst for greater attention to road safety in university curriculum and through continuing education.

The RSP certification will have two levels: Level 1 is aimed at a broad audience of transportation professionals from the engineering, motor vehicle, behavioral, law enforcement, and emergency response communities. The goal is to ensure these individuals have foundational knowledge of all of road safety's multidisciplinary dimensions. Level 2 certification is directed at transportation professionals whose primary focus is in the practice of road safety. In addition to completing Level 1 requirements, Level 2 certificants will pass a second exam that demonstrates a deeper level of understanding and proficiency in the application of road safety science. This exam will be targeted at transportation professionals responsible for developing and implementing engineering or behavioral programs aimed at reducing the number of fatalities and injuries due to road crashes.

The initial RSP Level 1 exam is anticipated to be given in October 2018, with the Level 2 exam available in 2019.



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Road Safety Professional Sponsorship Opportunities

The establishment of a full two-level Road Safety Professional (RSP) certification program is estimated to cost \$300,000. To date, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) have generously pledged approximately \$200,000. TPCB is seeking sponsors who are willing to help close the gap and make the RSP certification a reality.

Sponsorship Levels:

RSP Founders Circle – \$5,000+

- Primary recognition with the organization's name and logo on the TPCB website and advertisements for RSP exam applications for the first two years.
- Interview article prepared by TPCB staff and published in the TPCB newsletter sent to all certificate holders (nearly 4,000 professionals).
- Four complimentary seats at the first RSP Level 1 exam.
- Two complimentary seats at the first RSP Level 2 exam.

RSP Advocate for Safety – \$1,000

- Organization's name and logo on the TPCB website and initial advertisements for the RSP exam applications.
- Acknowledgement in the TPCB newsletter.
- One complimentary seat for the first RSP Level 1 exam.

RSP Leader in Safety – \$2,500

- Organization's name and logo on the TPCB website and advertisements for RSP exam applications for the first year.
- Acknowledgement in the TPCB newsletter.
- Two complimentary seats at the first RSP Level 1 exam.
- One complimentary seat at the first RSP Level 2 exam.

RSP Safety Investor – \$500

- Organization's name and logo on the TPCB website.
- Acknowledgement in the TPCB newsletter.

**For more information about sponsorship of the RSP exam,
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