

Ffx FSS Kick-Off Meeting
 Venue: Zoom conference call

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Attendees:

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Discussion points:

- ❖ Pedestrian Safety in Fairfax County: an unrecognized health crisis

Fairfax County Vehicle – Bike / Ped Crash Data				
Year	Bicycle crashes	Bike-Fatal	Pedestrian crashes	Ped/Fatal
2017	1	0	188	10
2018	46	0	160	16
2019	49	0	148	17
2020 (Jan - Oct)	18	0	49	12

- ❖ Virginia Families for Safe Streets (NoVa FSS) Vision
 - NoVa FSS will be the umbrella 501.c3
 - Three Chapters
 - Fairfax FSS (Ffx FSS)
 - Arlington FSS (Arl FSS) – started in Nov 2019
 - Alexandria FSS (AFSS) – started in July 2017
 - Nonprofit 501.c3 status is currently at AFSS
 - Plan is to move 501.c3 up to NoVa FSS
 - Unless Ffx FSS wants to have its own 501.c3

❖ Example Mission Statement for Ffx FSS

Ffx FSS's mission is to bring the communities of Fairfax County together to create safe streets where everyone can travel without risk by:

- Telling impact stories
- Education via street safety programs in schools and raise public awareness of street safety risks
- Helping foster policy changes regarding infrastructure plus advocate for changes in certain traffic laws / penalties
- Enhance "Near Miss" survey data analytics to help avoid crashes in hot spot locations

❖ Sample Street Safety Projects for a Ffx FSS chapter

- Advocated for Road Diet (e.g. Seminary Road) as a safety issue
- Conduct walk audits and/or uncontrolled crosswalk audits
- Street safety advocacy with State Legislators
- Advocate for implementing a Vision Zero program in Fairfax County

❖ VT Grad School of Urban Planning studio class is providing assistance to all three NoVA FSS chapters regarding:

- Crash & Near Miss Survey data analytics plus,
- Marketing support to help Ffx FSS's messaging throughout the County

❖ Discussion pursued among meeting's participants on developing a vibrant Ffx FSS chapter to promote pedestrian safety on Fairfax's streets

- Fairfax County does not control the vast majority of the roads in the county, rather VDOT owns and controls these roads.
 - Difficulty at times in getting VDOT to make changes in a timely manner. If necessary, Ffx FSS could talk to:
 - Board of Supervisors
 - a. New members: Lusk, Alcorn, Walkinshaw & Palchik plus McKay is the new Board Chairman
 - State Legislators and/or the Governor
- Identify locations that are at risks to Pedestrians and other vulnerable road users. Build coalitions for advocacy around such locations.

- ❖ FCPD has a fatal crash review team
 - Also, FCPD has identified 10 corridors of risk
 - Can Ffx FSS help FCPD raise public awareness about these corridors?
 - FCPD conducts street safety classes in FCPS
 - But not as much as it used to b/c of budget constraints
 - Ffx FSS can do some street safety educational programs in FCPS schools (volunteers needed with such a program)

- ❖ FCPS has a Safe Routes to School (SRTS) curriculum; mostly for K-5 classes
 - Sally Smallwood runs the SRTC program

- ❖ Recommendation to broaden Ffx FSS's audience is to use the "Land Use Committees" in each of the County's nine Districts
 - Some committee members might find Ffx FSS pedestrian safety focus to be of interest

- ❖ Potential future projects / activities
 - Develop a 2021 Events Calendar & Volunteer Coordination
 - Coordinate among all NoVA FSS chapters to advocate State policymakers for specific traffic law changes regarding the 2021 State Legislation
 - Public educational campaign of Hands-Free Law – 1 Jan '21
 - Plan for World Day of Remembrance event, Sun, Nov 15th
 - We are looking for crash survivors and/or family members who lost a loved one to traffic violence and might be willing to provide a picture / video & a brief story about the consequences of such a crash

- ❖ Upcoming Events:
 - World Day of Remembrance – Sunday, Nov 15th
 - Next Ffx FSS Meeting – 3rd Thursday of the Month, Nov 19th
 - Sister AFSS Meeting – the 3rd Tuesday of the Month, Nov 17th
 - Sister Arl FSS Meeting – the 4th Tuesday of the Month, Nov 24th