

Michael Hanson Biography

Michael Hanson was elected Chair of the Governors Highway Safety Association (GHSA) in 2024. He previously served as Vice Chair in 2023–2024 and as Treasurer in 2020–2022. He currently serves as the Director of the Minnesota Department of Public Safety Office of Traffic Safety. Hanson is also the designated Governor’s Representative for Highway Safety. Prior to his appointment as the Director of the Office of Traffic Safety in 2017, he served with the Minnesota State Patrol for 32 years, retiring at the rank of Captain. Mike and his wife of 33 years Traci live in the Minneapolis suburban area and have two grown sons and 2 grandsons.