14,850 individuals lost their lives in traffic crashes on Tennessee roadways from 2000 through 2013. The encouraging news is that both the number of annual fatalities and the fatality rate have declined substantially in the state since 2004. Unfortunately, almost 1,000 Tennesseans were killed in traffic crashes in 2013, thus the highway safety issues facing Tennessee are far from resolved. In 2011 the Tennessee Traffic Safety Culture Survey was initiated through a partnership between the UT Center for Transportation Research (CTR) and the Tennessee Governor’s Highway Safety Office (GHSO). It measures attitudes and opinions about traffic safety issues and driving habits of Tennesseans. Since 2011, thousands of Tennesseans have participated in this annual survey. This seminar will present research findings from the survey program.

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