

Darrin Grondel, Governors Highway Safety Association, Chair

Dr. Darrin Grondel was elected to serve a second one-year term as the Governors Highway Safety Association (GHSA) Chair in August 2019. He served as GHSA Secretary from August 2015-2018.

Grondel was appointed Director of the Washington Traffic Safety Commission (WTSC) by Governor Christine Gregoire in 2012 and reappointed by Governor Jay Inslee in 2013. In this role, he provides statewide leadership in all aspects of traffic safety, with a heavy emphasis on human behavioral issues that affect traffic safety. He was elected as Chair of the Washington State Autonomous Vehicle Work Group.

In addition to chairing GHSA, Grondel also represents GHSA on the DRE Technical Advisory Panel and the Highway Safety Committee for the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) and serves on the National Sheriffs' Association's Traffic Safety Committee. He has contributed to several national projects related to drug-impaired driving, autonomous vehicles, and national strategic efforts to reduce traffic fatalities to zero.

Prior to his role as the WTSC Director, Grondel served 25 years with the Washington State Patrol, retiring at the rank of Captain in May 2017.

Grondel has a Doctorate of Organizational Leadership from Brandman University (2016), a Master of Public Administration from The Evergreen State College (2004), and a Bachelor of Political Science from Brigham Young University (1995).