Kratos Participates in North Dakota’s Innovation Day, Showcases Autonomous Truck-Mounted Attenuator

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At the event at Grand Farm in Horace, ND, Kratos showcased its Autonomous Truck-Mounted Attenuator (ATMA), a driverless version of the mobile crash barriers utilized for road construction and highway maintenance vehicles, shielding workers and equipment ahead from errant drivers entering the work zone. In January 2020, North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) was one of ten states to receive a Federal Highway Administration Accelerated Innovation Deployment (AID) grant for the acceleration, implementation, and adoption of innovation in highway transportation systems. North Dakota used this funding to support the deployment of an ATMA pilot program—becoming the sixth state to adopt the life-saving technology.

In the United States, there are more than 12 crash-related fatalities every week in the road work zone. By removing the human from the most dangerous assignment in mobile highway operations, Kratos’ AMTA has the potential to save nearly 700 lives annually.

Steve Fendley, President of Kratos Unmanned Systems Division, said, “Kratos is committed to advancing affordable unmanned technologies that keep Americans safe—from unmanned jet drones that increase America’s readiness for the future of aircraft-based warfare to unmanned Autonomous Truck-Mounted Attenuators that save lives on America’s roadways. We are proud to be partnering with North Dakota on its ATMA pilot program, and we look forward to expanding use of this life-saving technology across the country.”

NDDOT Director Bill Panos said, “First and foremost, this technology is one more tool that we have available to enhance the safety of work zones in our state and potentially save lives. The NDDOT is committed to its Vision Zero initiative, and our goal is to eliminate fatalities and serious injuries caused by motor vehicle crashes.”

Kratos Unmanned Systems’ ATMA have driven more than 2,000 miles since launch in 2017 and, in addition to North Dakota, are currently deployed in California, Colorado, Florida, Minnesota, Missouri, and Tennessee, as well as the United Kingdom.

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