

Phil Scott / Vermont's Lieutenant Governor

Lt. Governor Phil Scott, a Republican, first entered public service in 2000, when he was elected to the Vermont Legislature as a Senator from Washington County (home to Montpelier, the state capital). Scott served in the Vermont Senate for five 2-year terms, sitting on the Natural Resources Committee and serving as Vice Chair of the Transportation Committee and as Chair of the Institutions Committee. He was elected Vermont's Lieutenant Governor in 2010.

Outside of the State House, Phil is also a small business owner and community leader. He is co-owner of DuBois Construction in Middlesex, having worked his way up from summer laborer to company co-owner.

In 2004, Phil founded the Wheels for Warmth program, in which Vermonters donate tires they no longer need. The tires that meet state inspection standards are offered for resale at affordable prices the last weekend in October, with all proceeds (just over \$100,000 to date) benefiting heating fuel assistance programs. The tires that are not inspectable are recycled. To date, Wheels for Warmth has recycled more than 10,000 tires, and put more than 10,000 tires back into use.

Phil Scott is also a champion stock car driver, and he is the first known Lieutenant Governor to win a stock car race. On August 26, 2011, Phil won the Aubuchon Hardware Event at Thunder Road Speedbowl in Barre, Vt. During his qualifying heat, Phil was actually the acting Governor of Vermont; according to state law, the Lieutenant Governor presides over state government anytime the Governor is out of state. The Governor returned to Vermont later that evening, before the start of the main event.