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RE: Freedom of Information Act (“FOIA”) Appeal, #ES17-001782

This responds to your letter received by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) for action on June 8, 2017, in which you appeal the agency’s May 10, 2017 response to your April 12, 2017 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request.

Your April 12, 2017 FOIA Request

In your April 12, 2017 FOIA request, you requested “a copy of the OST Weekly Reports prepared by NHTSA and which provide a summary of all of NHTSA’s weekly activities for the DOT Office of the Secretary.” You limited your request to reports “posted on the NHTSA employees-only intranet site and dating between January 1, 2015 and the present.”

Agency’s May 10, 2017 Response

By letter dated May 10, 2017, Senior Attorney Andrew DiMarsico responded to your FOIA request. In that letter, the Agency stated that it had completed the search and “did not locate any records responsive to your request.”

Your June 8, 2017 Appeal

By letter received by the Agency on June 8, 2017, you appeal the agency’s response. You provided a “copy of an excerpt from the DOT records schedule, which shows a pattern and practice of such weekly reporting and later bi-weekly reporting.” You also enclosed a document showing the design of NHTSA’s internal website which shows a link to the Weekly Reports on the home page. You further argue that “if the no records finding is based on an overly literal interpretation of the wording of the request, that would be erroneous and misleading.”

Agency Response

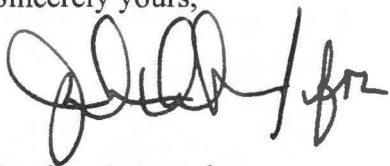
I have reviewed the agency's initial response to your FOIA request in light of the requirement of the FOIA and relevant case law.

The FOIA specifies that a request must "reasonably describe" the records sought. 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(3)(A). In this regard, Congress has stated that a description of a requested record that enables a professional agency employee who is familiar with the subject area to locate the record with a "reasonable amount of effort" is sufficient. H.R. Rep. No. 93-876, at 6 (1974); see also Truitt v. Dep't of State, 897 F.2d 540, 544-45 (D.C. Cir. 1990). In interpreting FOIA requests, "an agency processing a FOIA request is not required to divine a requester's intent." Landmark Legal Foundation v. EPA, 272 F. Supp. 2d 59, 64 (D.D.C. 2003). The terms of your request are very clear: you sought "a copy of the OST Weekly Reports prepared by NHTSA and which provide a summary of all of NHTSA's weekly activities for the DOT Office of the Secretary" (emph. added).

However, "the agency must be careful not to read the request so strictly that the requester is denied information the agency well knows exists in its files, albeit in a different form from that anticipated by the requester." Hemenway v. Hughes, 601 F.Supp. 1002, 1005 (D.D.C. 1985) (finding that agency interpreted ambiguous request too narrowly); see also Conservation Force v. Ashe, 979 F.Supp.2d 90, 102 (D.D.C. 2013) (finding that agency violated the intent of the FOIA when it interpreted a broad request as limited only to the documents identified in a parenthetical within the request). In contrast to the two cases cited here, in which an agency failed to search for records that were arguable encompassed in the original request, your request for weekly reports is not ambiguous. As Mr. DiMarsico informed you, the employee intranet does not contain any weekly reports to OST. However, in an effort to interpret your request broadly, a further search by my staff revealed that the employee intranet site does contain monthly status reports to OST covering a portion of the period in your request (from August 2016 through April 2017). On the basis of this broader search, I am enclosing nine records responsive to your request.

Based on the foregoing, I grant your appeal and enclose the responsive documents. As our response is based on our best guess as to the intent of your request, I have opted to treat your appeal as an initial request and grant you additional appeal rights consistent with those generally afforded to original FOIA requesters, should you disagree with any aspect of this decision.

Sincerely yours,

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Stephen P. Wood
Acting Chief Counsel

NHTSA Monthly Report August 2016

Agency Highlights

- The Safe Cars Save Lives bus tour: The Administrator and NHTSA staff traveled from Miami, FL to Fort Worth, TX from August 9-13 to spread the word on the Takata air bag recall, tire safety, heatstroke and child safety seats reaching nine cities in five days. More than 30 percent of the 422 vehicles checked had open recalls and many of the drivers were unaware of the recall. The tour also generated significant media attention to reach millions of other vehicle owners. It reached more than 9 million consumers through paid and earned media coverage.
- NHTSA sponsored a \$12M paid media National Impaired Driving campaign, *Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over* from August 17 – September 5. The high visibility enforcement campaign, combined paid media (television, radio and digital) aimed primarily at men ages 21 to 34, with nationwide enforcement.

Significant Meetings / Public Outreach / Training

- Communications:
 - Heatstroke Awareness, Safe Cars Save Lives Bus Tour, and Back to School safety were the primary message points in August on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube.
- Enforcement:
 - Import/certification requirements presentation (9 ports – 73 US Customs/Border Protection staff; 100 industry reps.)
 - Odometer Fraud presentation at an Auto Theft Investigators conference in Norfolk, VA.
 - ODI continues to participate in various monitor and manufacturer meetings related to existing consent orders and activities required of the manufacturers as a result of these consent orders.
- NCSA:
 - Many presentations by NCSA staff at the Traffic Records Forum in Baltimore, MD on Aug. 7-10.
 - Conducted two training classes in August at the TSI in Oklahoma City on the Crash Investigation Sampling System (CISS). Also held a successful CISS law enforcement cooperation meeting with Montgomery and Preble County on Aug. 31.
- Regional Operations & Program Delivery:
 - From July 25 to Aug. 15, Colorado, Nevada, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah and Wyoming participated in a “Safe2Sturgis” motorcycle safety campaign led by Region 8 to encourage motorists to share the road safely and for riders to ride safe during the summer travel season.
 - On August 2, the Region 9 Administrator participated in a DUID roundtable at the CA Office of Highway Safety (OHS) in Sacramento, CA.
 - On August 3, the Region 1 Administrator participated in the Vermont Highway Safety Alliance Meeting in Montpelier, VT.
 - On August 4-5, three Regional Administrators, Geraci, DeCourcy and Kinsman, held a Law Enforcement Engagement Strategy Forum in Providence, RI and Hartford, CT. NHTSA will conduct these forums in every region by December 2016, implementing real world solutions to engaging law enforcement in traffic safety during challenging times.
 - On August 9, ROPD hosted a national webinar to continue the conversation about innovations in behavioral safety measures and programs. Over 200 participants representing State highway safety and department of transportation offices, public health, law enforcement and the corporate community across the United States took part.

- On August 13-14, the Region 7 Administrator participated in the Arkansas DOT (Intermodal) Transportation Safety Summit in Little Rock, AR.
- On August 19, the Region 3 Administrator participated in the North Carolina Safety Action Meeting in Raleigh, NC.
- Research & Program Development:
 - Convened an expert panel meeting on Aug. 10 with Toyota's CSRC and Harvard's School of Public Health to explore the feasibility of research or demonstration projects focusing on Situational Awareness.
 - The National EMS Advisory Council (NEMSAC) met in August, and recommended that States modify their EMS scope of practice to include naloxone (which can dramatically save people suffering from a drug overdose) at all provider levels. This was coordinated with ONDCP.
- Vehicle Safety Research:
 - The THOR public meeting was held at VRTC in East Liberty, OH on Aug. 31.
 - Presented at several national meetings in August: the National Conference of State Legislatures legislative summit, the Texas Safety Summit, the Women in Transportation conference, and the V2V Cyber Security meeting. A technical paper on "Long-Term Driver Adaptation to a Forward Collision Warning System with Automatic Braking" was presented at an International Symposium on Naturalistic Driving Research.
 - Multiple meetings were held with stakeholders on issues such as cyber security, emerging technology and automated vehicles.

Federal / State Agency Meetings

- Enforcement: With EPA on CAFE Phase 2 standards and harmonization of program credits.
- State Traffic Records Assessments: WV, NY, ID, and Guam.
- On August 24, the Region 3 Office hosted the One DOT Federal Partners Meeting in Baltimore, MD.
- The National 911 Program conducted multiple briefings for Hill staff on the status of the 911 Grant Program and the NG911 cost study.
- On August 28-31, more than 500 State highway safety officials and advocates gathered for the 2016 Governors Highway Safety Association (GHSA) annual meeting in Seattle, WA. Administrator Rosekind was the keynote speaker at the opening session.
- NHTSA, FAA and OST provided final comments on the National Association of State EMS Officials "State Model Rules for the Regulation of Air Medical Services" report.
- Negotiations regarding the DADSS program continued. Both Virginia and Indiana agreed to fund projects that will bring the technology to these States.

Benchmarks

Communications:

- Recall Campaign: The ongoing national online recalls paid media campaign continues to perform well above industry standard. It received over 2.4 million clicks and almost 700,000 people searched the VIN Look-Up tool and Search by Make/Model option on Safercar.gov.

Enforcement:

- Compliance Testing:
 - 43 equipment standards tests completed; 95% completed for FY16 (544 of 573).
 - 11 vehicle crash avoidance tests completed; 75% completed for FY16 (49 of 65).
 - 4 vehicle crashworthiness standards test completed; 71% completed for FY16 (55 of 77).

- **Import Certifications:**
 - >500,000 NHTSA-related entries over past year entered into new ACE electronic data system. NHTSA was the first of the 47 government agencies participating in the system to receive entry data, well ahead of the required deadline of 12/31/16. With the new system, the error rate for entries dropped from 25% to 8% today. Outreach to stakeholders, webinars and technical support contributed to the smooth transition.

NCSA:

- 2015 FARS and GES assessment was released on August 29, three months earlier than last year.

Regional Operations & Program Delivery:

- On Sept. 1, 2016, NHTSA launched the first ever NHTSA State Metrics website. This innovative website, limited to Federal and State users, features State safety performance data, administrative and financial data, as well as program resources and tools.

Ongoing Activity

- **Chief Information Office (CIO):**
 - For the new NHTSA website, developed and deployed Application Programming Interfaces (APIs) to support nhtsa.gov redesign by end of September.
 - Providing ongoing IT support and program development for the new Grants Management System and Services, the New Car Assessment Program, CAFE, and the ODI solution 2.0. Also integrated/deployed ArcGIS to replace Google Maps in the FARS Web site and continued work toward migrating the NEMSIS data set into the DOT enclave.
- **Enforcement:**
 - Research on the patching and sale of scrapped tires.
 - Establishing new electronic data collection and public reporting system.
 - Joint meeting with research at VRTC on enhancing crash testing of child safety seats.
 - ODI will conduct staff training as recommended in the IG audit in September.
 - Upcoming Federal trial scheduled for October for two defendants charged in a 25-count indictment with securities fraud, making false odometer statements and conspiracy.
- **NCSA:**
 - Providing data analysis and support as needed for a wide variety of agency projects, such as a collision avoidance study (AEB), the Tesla crash investigation, vehicle recall data for an ODI report to Congress, a technical report analyzing fatal crashes involving law enforcement personnel, and FMVSS motorcycle helmet compliance tests.
- **Vehicle Safety Research:**
 - **Auto Braking Systems:** Currently testing rear automatic braking systems for passenger vehicles and trying out pedestrian rigs for moving obstacles.
 - **Advanced Child Dummies:** A technical paper on biofidelity comparison with hybrid 3 10-year-old will be circulated for agency comment next week.
 - **Seat Backs:** Testing seat backs for the lower interior occupant protection project and preparing for the series 6 additional side impact crash tests to support NCAP Tomorrow, which begin 9/26.
 - **Seat Belt Interlock:** Progress continues on the development of a prototype system designed to prevent seat belt misuse. On track for delivery of a prototype vehicle to VRTC in February.
 - **Driver-Vehicle Interface:** Design Guidance for Driver-Vehicle Interfaces (DVI) has been reviewed and edited for final publication.

Publications / Reports / Federal Register Notices

- **NCSA:**
 - Non-Traffic Surveillance: Fatality and Injury (DOT HS 812311)
 - 2015 Motor Vehicle Crashes Overview (DOT HS 812318)
 - Lives Saved in 2015 by Restraint Use and Minimum Drinking Age Laws (DOT HS 812319)
 - 2015 FARS/NASS GES Coding & Validation Manual (DOT HS 812 296)
 - 1975-2014 FARS Analytical Users Manual (DOT HS 812316)
 - 1975-2015 FARS Analytical Users Manual (DOT HS 812315)
 - 2014 Pedestrian bicyclist coding manual (DOT HS 812323)
 - 2015 Pedestrian bicyclist coding manual (DOT HS 812322)
 - Preliminary Regulatory Impact Analysis (PRIA) and Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis, FMVSS No. 140 Speed Limiting Devices
 - Published PRIA for Speed Limiting Devices
 - Technical Report “Cost and Weight Added by the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards for Model Years 1968 to 2012 in Passenger Cars and LTVs”
- **Rulemaking:**
 - The Medium and Heavy Duty Fuel Efficiency Final Rule was issued on Aug. 16.
 - The CAFE Technical Assessment Report (TAR) on Light Duty vehicles was published on July 27.

Contracts

- CIO Cloud migration activities: Held meetings with Amazon Web Services re: pricing and other aspects of moving applications to the Cloud.
- NCSA: Request for Application (RFA) for the 2017-2021 FARS cooperative agreements has been posted on grants.gov. NCSA staff conducted a webinar on August 23rd to answer questions and assist States with the application process.
- NPD: A cooperative agreement with “Below 100” was finalized. Below 100 is an officer safety training program designed to reduce the number of officer on-duty deaths.
- Vehicle Research: Awarded a contract to evaluate occupant protection and non-standard seating positions in Automated Vehicles.

Personnel Announcements

- Greg Frederickson was selected as the new NHTSA Region 10 Regional Administrator in Seattle, WA.
- Koreyuki Sakata, the new fellow from the Japanese National Police Agency, started a one-year assignment with NPD.
- A competitive process was used to select three NHTSA staff to take part in the upcoming DOT/American University leadership training program:
 - Caroline Cash
 - Liza Lemaster-Sandbank
 - Vashawn Veal
- Number of new hires: 5
- Number who have left the agency: 3

NHTSA Monthly Report September 2016

Agency Highlights

- The Federal Automated Vehicle Policy was released on September 20, 2016. This groundbreaking document creates a platform and framework for the safe testing and deployment of new automated vehicle technologies.
- NHTSA teamed up with NASCAR on September 17, 2016 with a “Drive for Safety 300” race at the Chicagoland Speedway in Joliet, IL, to promote safety among the tens of thousands of fans attending the race in person or watching on TV. Safety messages were interspersed throughout the race, reaching key demographic groups with important traffic safety messages.
- A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) and NHTSA for a joint grant program was signed. The MOU will support activities such as adoption and operation of Next Generation 9-1-1 services, implementation of IP-enabled emergency services, and training for public safety personnel.

Significant Meetings / Public Outreach / Training

- Communications:
 - NHTSA sponsored Child Passenger Safety (CPS) Week from September 18–24, and partnered with Ad Council and Warner Brothers to develop public service announcements featuring characters from the movie Storks that encourage parents and caregivers to use the right car seat for their child’s age and size. The PSAs were distributed to 33,000 media outlets nationwide. Approximately 3.4M Twitter accounts were reached during the CPS Week Twitter Chat held on September 21, and 2.4 million page views resulting from blogger outreach. A Multimedia News Release (MNR) in English and Spanish was released. The English-language MNR had 4,736 release views and hits, and a total potential audience of 88 million. The Spanish-language MNR had 9,215 release views and hits, and a total potential audience of 76 million.
- NCSA:
 - Assisted the Transportation Safety Institute (TSI) in teaching Data Driven Approaches to Highway Safety Planning in Charleston, WV for new State highway safety personnel.
 - Staff presentation at the PA Traffic Records Symposium on September 28.
 - NDR/AAMVA meeting for the National Driver Register Working Group and State-to-State Working Group on September 13-16.
- NPD:
 - The National EMS Advisory Council met on September 7-8, and responded to a request from the White House’s Office of National Drug Control Policy for advice on recommending that all levels of EMS personnel be authorized to administer Naloxone to opioid overdose patients.

- **Regional Operations & Program Delivery:**
 - The Office of Grants Management & Operations held a virtual meeting with representatives from the GHSA to provide an overview of the Grants Management Solutions Suite and to obtain input and feedback from States on their highway safety plan inputs.
 - Thanks to the leadership and efforts by Region 8, the SD Dept. of Public Safety agreed to participate in NHTSA's Crash Report Sampling System and the Electronic Data Transfer project.
 - Region 8 also promoted the new Below 100 program, encouraging agencies to work to reduce line-of-duty deaths through officer protection to law enforcement leaders in six states.
 - The NHTSA Region 6 Partners Meeting was held New Orleans, LA on September 21-22. The meeting focused on NHTSA priorities and intermodal partnerships including best practices and resources to address rising pedestrian and bicycle motor vehicle related crashes, and building a safety culture through outreach to corporate and industry leaders.
 - NHTSA Region 7 States plus Oklahoma deployed a Regional Speed Enforcement Campaign with a media event on September 22nd in Kansas City, followed by HVE campaign on September 23-25, on identified corridors with a high number of speeding-related fatality crashes.
 - NHTSA Region 5 staff participated in the Ohio Traffic Safety Summit in Columbus on September 27. Safety partners convening to discuss 2015 data, expanding partnerships and community coalitions, law enforcement engagement in age of millennial workforce, and emerging traffic safety issues, including legalization of marijuana.
 - NHTSA Region 2 participated in a Traffic Safety Symposium hosted by Penn DOT in Harrisburg, PA on September 28.
 - NHTSA Region 9 provided technical support to the CA Office of Traffic Safety for the CA Driving Under the Influence of Drugs (DUID) Blueprint meeting on September 28. The purpose was to bring together executives from a spectrum of state agencies (Public Health, Motor Vehicles, Law Enforcement, Transportation, etc.) to begin developing a DUID Blueprint for the State.
- **Vehicle Safety Research:**
 - Bilateral Meeting with Japan on EVS-GTR – September 1
 - CTIA Conference – Vegas – September 6
 - Staff participated in the SAE J3045 Commercial Vehicle LDW task force, September 13
 - Mercedes automated vehicles demonstration – September 13
 - Visit with Ford Motor Co. for Ford's Automated vehicle Demonstration September 15
 - IRCOBI Conference in Malaga, Spain – September 14-16
 - SAE Dynamic Simulation Sled Testing Task Force meeting as a NHTSA liaison (web meeting) – September 15
 - MITRE – Automation Safety Data Sharing, McClean Virginia, September 15
 - BMW Group Research Meeting, September 16
 - Detroit Research AV/Cyber Security Meeting – September 26-29

Federal / State / County Agency Meetings

- **NCSA:**
 - Negotiating with FHWA on an Intra-Agency Agreement (IAA) for three years of support for Special Crash Investigations (SCI) to investigate extruding W-beam guardrail terminal end treatment crashes.
- **Regional Operations and Program Delivery:**
 - Region 9 provided input for the Silicon Valley Marijuana Awareness Conference hosted by the county of Santa Clara, CA, on September 8 – 9.
 - Regional Administrators Kinsman, Geraci and Baker participated in the Maine Law Enforcement Partnership Forum in Bangor, Maine on September 28. This Forum brought together state law enforcement leaders to identify common challenges/potential solutions for consistent, efficient, and effective traffic safety services.
- **Rulemaking:**
 - Provided the briefing materials for the House Energy Committee Hearing on CAFE Standards on September 22.
- **Vehicle Safety Research:**
 - Maryland Joint Committee on Cybersecurity Information Technology, September 20

Benchmarks

- **Enforcement:**
 - The FY 16 compliance testing program was completed in September with 22 equipment tests, 7 vehicle crash avoidance tests and 11 vehicle crashworthiness tests.
- **Regional Operations and Program Delivery:**
 - The Grants Management Office kicked off Phase One of the new electronic Grants Oversight and Analysis System (GOAS) on September 20. This state of the art system will house a database of all oversight activities and resulting findings provide for tracking of all findings until resolved and allow staff to generate a variety of reports and trends on local, State and national levels. GOAS will improve NHTSA internal controls for grants and is an integral part of the grants management lifecycle.

Ongoing Activity

- **Enforcement:**
 - The ODI transition action step matrix has been expanded to include over 20 different categories of action steps which have been identified as critical to the organizational changes required in ODI to meet its mission and address OIG recommendations. Progress towards completing the action steps is being made on many levels, including some that already have been completed.
 - ODI has completed the scheduled training required by the audit findings for September 2016.
 - In September, an inspection at a Florida dealership identified 9 vehicles displayed for sale with rolled back odometers and multiple other vehicles the dealership sold to the public with altered odometers. This investigation continues.

- **NCSA:**
 - The National Driver Registry (NDR) processed about 9 million interactive driver licensing inquiries per day from States in September (and more than 115 million annually). The average response time is 22 milliseconds for interactive inquiries.
 - Supported ODI efforts: presented an analysis of the Tesla autosteer data, and completed an analysis of recall data for an ODI Report to Congress. Also finalized the analysis of fatal crashes involving law enforcement personnel.
 - Revised the regulatory analysis for the Quiet Cars Final Impact Analysis and the V2V communications Regulatory Impact Analysis.
 - Posted the second on-line forum on Model Minimum Crash Criteria (MMUCC) 5th revision.
- **Vehicle Safety Research:**
 - Heavy Truck FCW/AEB: Preparing and instrumenting a 2016 Freightliner Sprinter for testing.
 - WorldSID 50th: Continued testing and have several reports in progress, including drawing package and qualification procedures.
 - THOR 50th reports are being revised in response to comments from agency review for inclusion in NCAP.
 - CIREN: The current phase of CIREN is being wrapped up in the next few months with review/publication of cases in the current system/IT database. A new CIREN RFP went out earlier this year and proposals have been received back. Among other things, the new CIREN will have an injury coding program that will also be used in part by NCSA to improve the consistency of injury coding within the agency. The new system called VAID (or Visual Anatomical Injury Descriptor) was developed by the DoD and was funded in part by NHTSA.

Publications / Reports / Federal Register Notices

- **Enforcement:**
 - Registered Importer Newsletter No. 58 was released to remind importers of their duty to hold imported non-conforming vehicles until they obtain a release letter from NHTSA. The newsletter noted that the civil penalties have recently been increased by Congress to \$21,000 per violation, up to a maximum of \$105 million for a related series of violations. This notice has had a dramatic effect on reducing the sale of vehicles in Canada intended for the U.S. market.
- **NCSA:**
 - Research Note: Driver Electronic Device Use in 2015 (DOT HS 812326)
 - 2014 Summary Traffic Fact Sheet (final) (DOT HS 812263)
 - NSUBS Tech. Report (DOT HS 812309)
- **NPD:**
 - Advancing Pedestrian Safety Using Education and Enforcement In Pedestrian Focus Cities and States: Chicago (DOT HS 812 082).
 - Driving While Impaired Arrest Process Improvement: Six Case Studies of Strategies Used by Law Enforcement to Reduce the Cost and Time of Processing a DWI (DOT HS 812 308).
 - The ABCs of BAC: A Guide to Understanding Blood Alcohol Concentration and Alcohol Impairment (DOT HS 809 844) was updated.

- **Regional Operations and Program Delivery:**
 - A Report to Congress, the 2013 State Traffic Safety Performance Measures, developed by Grants Management Office was sent to the Senate Commerce Committee and the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee.
 - NHTSA released an Interim Final Rule that revises the Federal implementing regulations for the Section 154 (Open Container) and Section 164 (Repeat Intoxicated Driver) programs as a result of enactment of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act on September 30.
- **Rulemaking:**
 - Speed Limiters for Heavy Vehicles NPRM was published in the Federal Register on September 7.

Contracts

- **NPD:** A number of new contracts and cooperative agreements were awarded, including efforts to:
 - Commission a report concerning seat belts on school buses, including research to understand the decisions to implement seat belts on school buses by States or local school districts, their decision-making process, and the policies needed to make their programs successful, including funding opportunities and challenges.
 - Conduct a demographic analysis of alcohol-impaired pedestrians killed in motor vehicle crashes in recent years and to identify whether additional analysis of particular groups, such as DWI offenders, is warranted to develop appropriate countermeasures.
 - Support Focus Cities in Florida and Tennessee to implement education and enforcement components of their local Pedestrian/Bicycle Safety Action Plans.
 - Develop a review process that communities can use to assess their pedestrian and bicyclist safety problems and identify recommendations for improvement.
 - Revise the EMS Agenda for the Future. This effort will set a national vision for the evolution of EMS systems over the next thirty years.
 - Revise NHTSA's National EMS Scope of Practice Model (Model). The Model is a guide for States in setting the scopes of practice for EMS personnel. The contract includes a provision to revise the current Model to include administration of naloxone by all EMS personnel. This revision will help States expand their capabilities for responding to the nation's opioid crisis.
- **NCSA:**
 - A modification to the Tire Pressure Monitoring System survey was awarded.
 - A contract for the Crash Data Acquisition Network (CDAN) was awarded.
- **Vehicle Safety Research:**
 - A kickoff meeting was held to evaluate occupant protection for non-standard seating positions and the utility of using human body models to assess occupant safety in automated vehicles.
 - A new contract was awarded to evaluate new test procedures for evaluating material flammability.

Personnel Announcements

- Number of new hires: 7
- Number who have left the agency: 5

**NHTSA Monthly Report
October 2016**

Agency Highlights

- Launched the *Road to Zero Coalition* with the National Safety Council, FHWA and FMCSA on Oct. 5. The aim is to eliminate roadway fatalities within 30 years. The launch took place at a national “Road to Zero,” safety conference. More than 75 organizations have already joined the Coalition. This initiative will tap into the Vision Zero movement that is growing in the U.S. and around the world. NHTSA will also provide funding to the Coalition over the next three years for grants to safety organizations to spur innovative new countermeasures and strategies.
- *Cybersecurity Best Practices for Modern Vehicles* was released on Oct. 24. This guidance is designed to provide multiple layers of protection to ensure vehicle systems remain safe even in the event of an attack. It also highlights the importance of making cybersecurity a top priority for the automotive industry.
- The final rule for Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Fuel Efficiency Standards for Medium- and Heavy-Duty Engines and Vehicles— Phase 2, developed jointly with the EPA, was published in the Federal Register on Oct. 25. More than 400 meetings with manufacturers, trucking fleets, State air quality agencies, and others were held as part of a commitment to fully engage stakeholders and the public. More than 200,000 public comments were reviewed as well.

Significant Meetings / Public Outreach / Training

- Civil Rights
 - Disabled Parking Placard & License Plate Fraud Working Group kickoff meeting with the AAMVA took place on Oct. 25.
- Communications
 - To kickoff Teen Driver Safety Week, NHTSA Administrator Dr. Mark Rosekind led a roundtable discussion with SafeKids Worldwide CEO Kate Carr and student body leaders at Mills High School on Oct. 17.
- Enforcement
 - A quarterly meeting with the compliance division of Transport Canada was held on Oct. 5 to discuss enforcement activities and issues that both countries have in common.
 - Participated in two trade shows: AAPEX and SEMA. Key activities included outreach to foreign manufacturers about regulation, and enforcement of FMVSS 108 through visual inspection of products. Fifty-eight suppliers of non-compliant lighting products were identified and will be notified about requirements to import regulated equipment items.
- NCSA
 - National Driver Register: Processed 8.1 million inquiries from the States.
 - STSI public portal has received an estimated 9,000 requests for State/county reports.

- Completed 26 external and internal requests for FARS data.
- Assisted with teaching a TSI class, Data Driven Approaches to Highway Safety Planning, in Charleston, WV.
- NPD
 - Partnered with Stanford University and the U.N. Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) to convene a meeting on the governance of AVs. More than 120 people from the automotive and tech industries and UNECE member countries attended.
 - A kick-off for the “Below 100” law enforcement training was held in Snohomish, WA.
 - NHTSA enforcement staff was actively involved in various meetings and workshops at the IACP annual conference in San Diego, CA, Oct. 13 – 18. John Marshall addressed the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives, and presented a plaque on behalf of the Administrator to Colonel Steve Flaherty (VA State Police Superintendent) for his 41 years of service.
- ROPD
 - The Region 9 Administrator (RA) also spoke at the IACP annual meeting in San Diego, CA, including promoting the Region’s Driving Under the Influence of Drugs (DUID) Blueprint.
 - Letters were sent to the States, the District of Columbia, and the Territories notifying them of Section 405 National Priority Safety Programs grant awards on Oct. 3.
 - The Region 7 RA spoke at the Missouri 2016 Traffic Safety and Blueprint Conference.
 - Region 6 built on the success of their Regional Safety Summit held earlier in 2016 to partner with the TX Department of Insurance on workplace safety initiatives.
- Rulemaking
 - Presented the “Role of New Car Assessment Program (NCAP) in Educating Consumers about Vehicle Safety” at the NTSB/NSC Tech Event.
 - Met with Volvo Cars to discuss their comments on planned NCAP upgrades.
 - Ryan Posten led the NHTSA delegation to the TTIP negotiation round held in New York from Oct. 5–7.
 - Participated in the GRSG meetings in Geneva, Switzerland from Oct. 11 – 14. Discussed panoramic sunroof breakage, camera systems for vehicle proximity warnings, on-board data recording, truck underride guards, regulation of advanced driver assist systems, CNG/LNG safety, rollover integrity for buses, and enhancements for vehicle glazing.
- Vehicle Safety Research
 - National Governors Association AV Briefing in the Hall of States, Oct. 4
 - ITS World Congress, Melbourne, Australia, Oct. 7 -14
 - Fleet Technology Expo – Delivered Key note Address, Schaumburg, IL, Oct. 17
 - WorldSID 5th TEG meeting to discuss biofidelity comparison with SID-IIs
 - DHS Cybersecurity Showcase at Volpe presentation, Oct. 18
 - Human Factors for Connected Vehicles (V2V) program review for JPO on Oct. 18
 - Webex with Subaru to discuss countermeasure design for Roof ejection, Oct. 20
 - Panel discussion on AVs with Netherlands delegation at the Dutch Embassy on Oct. 24
 - AV regulations Congress presentation, Oct. 24

- CSPC Autonomous Vehicle Roundtable, Wash DC, Oct. 25
- Automotive Testing Expo, Novi, MI, Oct. 25
- The IT Auto Americas Conference, San Francisco, CA, Oct. 26
- Global NCAP Meeting, Ruckersville, VA, Oct. 27
- Cyber Regulators Forum meeting, Oct. 28

Federal / State / County Agency Meetings

- **NCSA**
 - A State Traffic Records Assessment was conducted in VT.
 - Through NHTSA Region 6, provided the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) assistance with traffic records assessment for the Indian Nations.
- **NPD**
 - The EMS Office presented on the development of a national trauma system at a National Academies of Science, Engineering and Medicine meeting.
- **ROPD**
 - The Region 9 RA joined the NHTSA Administrator in a workshop with the CA DMV on draft autonomous vehicle regulations at the CA State Capitol in Sacramento on Oct. 19.
 - The Region 3 RA and Jeff Michael met with officials from ACTS and the VA SHSO to kick off the new DADSS project agreement between ACTS and the VA SHSO. The project is moving forward although there are still some details that remain to be worked out.
 - A webinar was held with the Regions and FHWA Division Offices on performance measurement and the new serious injury definition requirements. A webinar series for the States and external partners is in progress.
 - The Region 8 RA met with the WY Highway Patrol and State Highway Safety Office (SHSO) to explore ways of improving their highway safety grant program in FY 17.
 - The Region 8 Deputy RA met with traffic safety officials from the CO DOT to discuss informational needs related to racial and ethnic disparities in traffic fatalities.

Benchmarks

- **Enforcement**
 - The first formal Harbor Freight Tools consent order has been completed with the company's reporting on actions taken and planned to ensure compliance with federal regulations regarding FMVSS and Recalls. (Oct. 3).
- **Rulemaking**
 - OMB completed its review of the quiet vehicles final rule on sound requirements for hybrid and electric vehicles, clearing the way for a new FMVSS, No. 141.

Ongoing Activity

- Civil Rights
 - Current number of open (disability) complaints with State DMVs: 37. Facilitated successful resolutions between several state DMVs and customers with disabilities by working together.
 - Emerging issues: Interlock systems, medical restrictions, LEP access.
- Enforcement
 - ODI has refined and agreed upon the final matrices, now posted on the internal ODI website. ODI is also completing numerous final SOPs covering internal procedures and posting them on the internal website as well.
- NCSA
 - Presented results from the analysis of airbag deployment rates and their association with vehicle age from CDS in support of Research's request.
 - Revised regulatory analysis for Impact Analyses for Quiet Cars and V2V rules.
 - Number of Special Crash Investigations cases assigned: 73.
 - Met with Volpe staff and others on the Crash Data Acquisition Network (CDAN).
- NPD
 - The National 911 Office began working on formal regulations and oversight infrastructure for the 911 Grant program.
 - Staff from the Enforcement, Justice and Services division (EJS) met with the IADLEST National Law Enforcement Academy Resource Network in Indianapolis, IN. This NHTSA funded project is aimed at augmenting traffic law enforcement training at the nation's law enforcement academies.
- ROPD
 - About 37,000 Law Enforcement Officers (LEOs) in NC have been trained with the Below 100 curriculum. In addition, 195 LEOs received the Instructor training for this program.
- Vehicle Safety Research
 - Auto Braking Systems: Currently testing rear automatic braking systems for passenger vehicles and trying out pedestrian rigs for moving obstacles.
 - NCAP: Continue writing lower beam performance test reports and rear automatic braking systems test procedures reports. WorldSID 50th: A series of six side impact crash tests using the WorldSID and SID-IIs dummies to support NCAP began in late September and were completed in October.
 - THOR 50th: Finalizing qualification test videos from THOR public meetings to be posted.
 - Pedestrian: Testing was conducted on Toyota Prius and Ford Edge to add to NCAP Tomorrow supporting dataset.
 - Seat Backs: Testing of seat backs and head restraints for the lower interior occupant protection project continues.
 - Seat Belt Interlock: Progress continues on the development of a prototype seat belt interlock system designed to prevent seat belt misuse. We are on track for delivery of a prototype vehicle to VRTC in February.

- EDR: The EDR duration project completed evaluation of rear impact crash cases, and has begun examining LTAP intersection cases.
- V2V: Continue to draft Phase 1 test procedures. Conducting research to support the light-vehicle final rule including test procedures for the V2V wireless safety communications system; finalizing and prototyping a Security Credential Management System (SCMS); addressing broader cybersecurity challenges associated with V2V; and adapting V2V technology to trucks, buses, and motorcycles.
- Seat belt elongation – VRTC agreed to conduct testing to conduct FMVSS 209 testing and work with compliance to refine test procedure.

Publications / Reports / Federal Register Notices

- Enforcement
 - Published Newsletter 59 to remind Register Importers of their recall obligations.
- NCSA
 - Early Estimate of Motor Vehicle Traffic Fatalities for the First Half of 2016, Crash*Stats (DOT HS 812 332)
 - 2015 National Survey of the Use of Booster Seat Use (DOT HS 812 309)
 - Comparison of 2013 VMT Fatality Rates in States and High-Income Countries (DOT HS 812 340)
 - Published a Federal Register Notice seeking public comment on changes to the Model Minimum Crash Criteria manual.
- NPD
 - Medical Review Practices For Driver Licensing Volume 1: A Case Study of Guidelines and Processes in Seven U.S. States (DOT HS 812 331). The first of three reports examining driver medical review practices in the U.S. and how they fulfilled the basic functions of identifying, assessing, and rendering licensing decisions on medically at-risk drivers.
- Rulemaking
 - Published a Federal Register notice that grants in full the Fiat Chrysler Automobiles US LLC, (FCA) petition for exemption of the ``MP" MPV line in accordance with 49 CFR part 543, Exemption from Vehicle Theft Prevention Standard.

Contracts

- NPD
 - A number of new project kick-off meetings took place in October, including one for the planning of the International Conference on Managing Fatigue, March 23 – 27, 2017 in San Diego, CA.
- Vehicle Safety Research
 - Kick-off meetings were held for a number of new research contracts:
 - Testing structural countermeasures for oblique crash tests and occupant head tracking.

- Evaluation of occupant protection for non-standard seating positions and the utility of using human body models to assess occupant safety in AVs.
- The CAMP follow-on study, “Testable cases and scenarios for automated vehicles.”
- NADS IDIQ
- Material Flammability – to evaluate new test procedures for flammability FMVSS.
- Heavy Duty Side guards (joint project with FHWA evaluating crash mitigation potential).
- Also awarded two new contracts for:
 - Radar Congestion and Interference Study (UMTRI)
 - Assessment of Crash Avoidance Technology Safety Benefits Using Real-World Data” (UMTRI)

Personnel Announcements

- Number of new hires: 9
- Number who have left the agency: 9
- NPD hosted Mayssaa Mehzer, a student at St. Joseph’s University in Beirut, for three weeks, starting October 17. She is pursuing a Master’s degree in road safety.
- ODI is continuing to select and make offers of employment to vacancy applicants. New position advertisements are scheduled for November.

**NHTSA Monthly Report
November 2016**

Agency Highlights

- A new Federal safety standard on sound requirements for hybrids or electronic vehicles was released on Nov. 14. It will help pedestrians who are blind, have low vision and other pedestrians detect the presence, direction and location of these vehicles when they are traveling at low speeds. NHTSA staff also conducted a roll out conference call with disability safety advocates and OEMS to address issues related to the new standard.
- The Distraction Phase 2 guidelines were published in the FR on Nov. 23. These are designed to encourage portable and aftermarket electronic device developers to design products that, when used while driving, reduce the potential for driver distraction.
- Seat belt use in the U.S. reached 90 percent – the highest level recorded since NHTSA began conducting seat belt surveys in the 1990s. This also represents a 27 percent increase since 2000.
- Two Congressional hearings on self-driving vehicles took place on 11/15 in the House Energy and Commerce Committee, and on 11/16 in the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Significant Meetings / Public Outreach / Training

- NCSA
 - The State Traffic Safety Information (STSI) public portal has received an estimated 11,000 requests for state/county reports.
 - Received 55 external and internal requests for data.
- NPD
 - Jeff Michael traveled to Delhi, India to participate in a conference on motorized two-wheeler safety in Southeast Asia. The conference was conducted under the Intergovernmental Agreement signed by the U.S. and India in 2015, and was a collaborative effort among NHTSA, OST, the Government of India, and the Institute for Road Traffic Education in Delhi. Thirteen countries were represented at the conference along with two United Nations Regional Commissions.
 - A one-day meeting, Enhancing Safety for Aging Road Users, took place on Nov. 3. More than 50 people attended, which included consideration of how to “raise the floor” to increase State and local capacity to address the safe mobility of older people.
 - The Enforcement and Justice Services Division conducted a Law Enforcement Liaison (LEL) Professional Development Course for 15 LELs Nov. 1-3, at TSI in Oklahoma City.
- ROPD
 - On Nov. 3, Region 10 RA Greg Fredericksen addressed the Idaho Traffic Safety Commission meeting in Boise, Idaho. He also attended and addressed the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Chiefs of Police-Traffic Safety Subcommittee meeting in Lake Chelan, WA on Nov. 15.

- On Nov. 16, Region 6 staff spoke at the Tribal Safety Champions Workshop in Oklahoma City. The annual event, hosted by the Southern Plains Tribal Technical Assistance Program, drew about 60 representatives from 20 tribes.
- On Nov. 17, Region 3 staff participated in the Delaware Highway Safety Office / AAA sponsored Drugged Driving Policy Summit in Wilmington, DE.
- Also on Nov. 17, Region 8 RA Gina Espinosa- Salcedo met with the MADD Colorado Advisory Board to discuss emerging issues, legislative priorities, and upcoming events.
- On Nov. 18, Region 3 staff conducted an Occupant Protection (OP) Strategies meeting with VA Highway Safety Office officials.
- On Nov. 28-30, NHTSA Region 9 RA Chris Murphy and team participated in the DUI Task Force Kickoff in Phoenix, AZ.
- On Nov. 29, ROPD Special Assistant Kristen Allen conducted a webinar covering an overview of the FAST Act to 35 State American Automotive Association (AAA) clubs.
- OCCI
 - NHTSA's Winter Driving Tips reminding motorists to perform preventative vehicle maintenance so their cars and trucks are road-ready for the cold temperatures were released. The tips also remind motorists that they can enter their VIN at NHTSA's new Recall Look-Up Tool to make sure their vehicles haven't undergone a safety recall.
- Vehicle Safety Research
 - Hosted a Federal Automation Vehicle Safety Policy Public (FAV) meeting at the GSA Building, Wash, DC.
 - Multiple staff attended 44th NHTSA Human Subjects Workshop at the Hyatt Regency Capitol Hill; presented on modeling/sensitivities related to kinematics of the brain.
 - George Mason Site Visit – numerous VSR staff visited the GMU facility and participated in ongoing review of structural countermeasures for an oblique test project.
 - Hyundai-Kia research sharing meeting. H-K gave in-depth presentations in several areas including multiple-crash modes, pedestrian, automated vehicles and cybersecurity.
 - Attended the WorldSID 5th Female TEG in Southfield, MI.
 - Presented and participating in panel discussion at NFL concussion symposium.
 - Presented at the Michigan Mobility Transformation Center on NHTSA AV guidelines.
 - Crashworthiness Director attended and presented at Airbag2016+ Conference in Mannheim, Germany.
 - The VRTC Director took part in an automated vehicle panel discussion at the Telecommunication Industry Association Vehicle Connectivity Workshop, Detroit, MI.

Federal / State / County Agency Meetings

- Enforcement
 - The Office of Vehicle Safety Compliance (OVSC) participated in a public workshop hosted by EPA to help explain the processes for trailer manufactures to comply with the new Phase 2 NHTSA and EPA fuel efficiency and greenhouse gas standards on Nov. 16.

- NCSA
 - Revived monthly meetings with EPA/DOE/CARB on CAFE mass/size/safety.
 - Traffic Record Assessments in progress: Vermont and Puerto Rico.
- ROPD
 - On Nov. 4, ROPD Associate Administrator Maggi Gunnels, Region 2 RA Michael Geraci and members of his staff met with the Governor of Puerto Rico, Alejandro Garcia Padilla, and Secretary of Transportation, Miguel Torres Díaz. Puerto Rico recently had its highway safety program removed from high risk designation. This was a result of fully implementing all recommendations in NHTSA's Corrective Action Plan.
- Vehicle Safety Research
 - Met with DOE management to discuss their current research programs for Li Ion batteries. Argonne National labs staff met with NHTSA staff to present research on BMS operations and charging safety.
 - Revisions based on comments from OST and OMB on the "Electronics Council Report to Congress" have been completed. The report, due December 3, 2016, is awaiting OST signature for transmittal to Congress.

Benchmarks

- ROPD
 - FY 2017 Sec. 402 grant funds: on Nov. 3, \$46 million was distributed to the 50 States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, American Samoa, Guam, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Ongoing Activity

- Civil Rights
 - Received 6 new DMV complaints; closed 10 complaints; current number of active complaints: 28. Facilitated successful resolutions between several state DMVs and customers with disabilities to resolve by working together.
- Enforcement
 - OVSC engineers attended two trade shows: AAPEX and SEMA. The objectives included outreach to foreign manufacturers of lighting, tires, brake hoses, glazing, and seat belt assemblies, and enforcement of FMVSS 108 through visual inspection of products.
 - ODI is completing numerous final Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs).
- NCSA
 - Processed 8 million Interactive Driver Licensing inquiries from States; 587,000 Batch inquiries from the Coast Guard, FAA and States; 2000 requests from Railroad and other Federal agencies.
- ROPD
 - The States of Oregon and Idaho have submitted requests for the procurement of sophisticated lab equipment to alleviate a backlog in processing evidentiary blood

samples in DUI and drugged driving cases. This is becoming crucial with the legalization of marijuana in many western States.

- **Vehicle Safety Research**
 - Electronics Council Report to Congress: Received OST and OMB feedback and making revisions.

Publications / Reports / Federal Register Notices

- **NCSA**
 - Comparison of 2013 VMT Fatality Rates in the U.S. States and in High-Income Countries (DOT HS 812340)
 - Fatalities in the United States: PowerPoint presentation by AA, NCSA (DOT HS 812349).
 - Occupant Restraint Use in 2015: Results from Controlled Intersection Study (DOT HS 811330)
 - Seat Belt Use in 2016 – Overall Results (DOT HS 812351).

Contracts

- **NCSA**
 - Applications for the 2017-2021 FARS cooperative agreements have been reviewed. Agreements will be sent to 28 States for review and signature in late November.
- **Vehicle Safety Research**
 - Foam Testing Methods – Held kickoff meeting with NCMS and Calspan to develop test and specifications to simplify the procurement of foam samples for FMVSS No 213.
 - LATCH testing – Kickoff meeting with UMTRI for project to evaluate LATCH tools.
 - Reliability of Automotive Electronics kick-off meeting with Volpe on 11/7/16 via Webex. Volpe will synthesize its functional–safety findings to date and propose a functional safety approach.

Personnel Announcements

- Number of new hires: 6
- Number who have left the agency: 3
- ODI is continuing to select and make offers of employment to vacancy applicants. Thirteen individuals have been selected and are awaiting security clearance and on boarding.

NHTSA Monthly Report

December 2016

Agency Highlights

- A proposed rule (NPRM) was issued on December 13 requiring advanced vehicle-to-vehicle (V2V) crash avoidance technology in new vehicles. Once fully deployed, it could eliminate or mitigate up to 80 percent of all crashes by allowing vehicles to “talk” to each other.
- A new NHTSA strategic plan, “Traveling the three lanes on the Road to Zero,” was also released on December 13. The plan lays out a vision for creating a future with zero fatalities by focusing on proactive vehicle safety, advanced vehicle safety technology, and human factors.
- NHTSA announced that the State of Virginia has contributed funding to help accelerate the development and deployment of an advanced new anti-drunk driving vehicle technology. The Driver Alcohol Detection System for Safety (DADSS) is a public-private partnership involving Federal and State agencies, the auto industry, safety advocacy groups and leading researchers.
- The NHTSA website was revamped and updated to provide more consumer-oriented features and services.

Significant Meetings / Public Outreach / Training

- NPD
 - School transportation safety professionals and NHTSA safety experts came together on December 1, 2016, to discuss the risk factors associated with pedestrian and bicycle crashes associated with school buses, and innovations in school bus safety technologies, along with a discussion of current NHTSA projects involving pupil transportation.
- ROPD
 - Updated the Federal Relations Committee of GHSA on the new electronic grants management system and other NHTSA’s initiatives. Also met with the GHSA Executive Board in Atlanta, GA, to discuss priority safety issues in the States.

Federal / State / County Agency Meetings

- NCSA
 - Held a kick-off for a State Traffic Record Assessment in Hawaii, and a Report Out on the assessment in Puerto Rico.
 - Provided an update to changes to the next edition of the Model Minimum Uniform Crash Criteria (MMUCC) Presented at a FMCSA meeting.
 - Took part in a FHWA panel on identifying opportunities for collecting future non-traditional highway data.
 - Worked with 5 States on strengthening their participation in NHTSA’s crash databases.

- ROPD

- Region 2 conducted the first Law Enforcement Pedestrian Safety Workshop Pilot in Albany, New York on December 1.
- Region 8 supported a one-day drugged driving summit in Bismarck, NC on Dec. 1 that drew 80 attendees. It was intended to build stakeholder capacity to deter drugged driving. Region 8 also hosted its State Partners Meeting on December 5.
- Region 3 hosted a bi-annual State highway safety leadership meeting on Dec 6-7, 2016 in Hanover, MD. All seven States in the Region were represented. Region 3 also met with all of Kentucky's law-enforcement liaisons, and Highway Safety Office leadership on December 12-13, 2016, for a strategic planning session on increasing belt use and reducing the number of unbuckled fatalities in Kentucky.
- The Region 10 Administrator addressed a local chapter of the FBI National Academy Associates in Renton, Washington, on December 7. He addressed about 50 executives on how to better engage law enforcement in NHTSA programs.
- The Region 4 Administrator and staff attended and presented at FHWA/NHTSA safety measures workshop in Tallahassee, FL on December 9, 2016.
- Region 10 staff attended the FHWA & NHTSA Joint State Safety Target Setting Training Workshop in Salem, Oregon, on December 8. The focus was on performance-based safety target setting methods.
- Region 5 held a Law Enforcement Engagement in East Lansing, MI on December 8, and in Buffalo Grove (suburban Chicago), IL, on December 15. Nearly 40 law enforcement officials representing State and local police, and county sheriff agencies participated. The meetings generated a robust discussion on traffic safety enforcement, campaigns versus sustained efforts, training, and community engagement.
- The Region 2 Administrator was a featured speaker at the Connecticut Law Enforcement Challenge Awards Ceremony in Bridgeport, Connecticut on December 13, 2016.
- Region 4 staff participated in a meeting with the Injury Prevention Research Center at Emory in Atlanta, GA, on December 14, 2016.
- In conjunction with the Bureau of Indian Affairs IHSP, the Region 6 office helped to launch a new social media campaign in Indian Country. The annual, "Don't Shatter the Dreams" Impaired driving campaign in December was supported by over 50 Tribal enforcement agencies, including a social media campaign.

- Vehicle Safety Research

- Took part in the 2016 NCSL Capitol Forum on December 8 in Washington DC., and a Federal Automated Vehicle Policy Meeting, Arlington VA, on December 12.
- Presented on stranded energy at a DOE workshop on December 1, and also met with reps from Transport Canada about their hydrogen vehicle test activities on December 1.
- Technical meetings were held with contractors and OEMs on research for things like seat belt lockability (child entanglement/strangulation issues) and other FMVSS.

Benchmarks

- NCSA
 - A Report to Congress identifying legal and technical barriers to capturing adequate data on the use of wireless communications devices while driving was approved and sent to the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation and to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.
- ROPD
 - Posted the new Congressionally required FY2017 Section 405 grants determination table, listing reasons why States did not qualify, to NHTSA's web site On December 2.

Ongoing Activity

- Civil Rights
 - Current number of active complaints: 28. Facilitated interactions between several State DMVs and customers with disabilities to resolve their complaints. Met with New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission, provided Title VI and ADA training, and resolved three complaints filed against NJ MVC.
- Enforcement
 - A Missouri car dealer was sentenced to 18 months in federal prison for inaccurate reporting of mileage on dozens of vehicles he sold and ordered to pay a \$50,000 fine.
 - ODI is moving forward with its restructuring process. Nearly 30 people have been selected for new positions and are awaiting security clearance. ODI is also nearing completion on numerous SOPs to strengthen internal procedures.
- NCSA
 - National Driver Register:
 - Processed 7,191,665 Interactive Driver Licensing inquiries from States.
 - Processed 582,217 Batch inquiries from Coast Guard, FAA and States
 - State Traffic Safety Information (STSI):
 - Received more than 5,100 requests for State/county reports
- ROPD
 - NHTSA Regional staff participated in several media events around the country in support of NHTSA's holiday Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over enforcement campaign.
- Vehicle Safety Research
 - Moving ahead with efforts to design and develop three new THOR 50th crash dummies.
 - Continuing efforts to publish research cases from the 2010-2016 CIREN phase, and testing versions of the new CIREN application in CISSWeb. Also, tested the new Visual Anatomic Injury Descriptor injury coding application.
 - Performed FCW/AEB testing with the 2nd generation Bendix system on the new 2017 International 4300 truck.
 - V2V DSRC On-Board Unit Testing: performance testing according to SAE standards.

- WorldSID crash test dummy: conducted sled tests for two weeks in December to evaluate new cable management and generate additional crash test data. Also working on pedestrian safety testing and advance child dummies.

Publications / Reports / Federal Register Notices

- NCSA
 - Technical Report Cost and Weight Added by the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards for Model Years 1968 to 2012 in Passenger Cars and LTVs
 - Traffic Safety Fact Sheet 2015 Alcohol-Impaired Driving
 - Traffic Safety Fact Sheet 2015 State Alcohol-Impaired Driving Estimates
- National Rulemaking
 - The final rule establishing a new Federal safety standard on sound requirements for hybrids or electric vehicles was published in the Federal Register.
 - Other Federal Register notices:
 - Denial of Petition requesting that the NHTSA require every vehicle to be equipped with an emergency glass breaking tool.
 - Grant of Petition to consider amending various aspects of the CAFE regulations.
- Vehicle Safety Research
 - Published Human Factors Guidance for Driver-Vehicle Interfaces on the NHTSA website in December 2016.
 - NHTSA Phase 2 Driver Distraction Guidelines were posted in the Federal Register on December 5.

Contracts

- Vehicle Safety Research
 - Kick-off for a new contract, Driver Expectations for System Control Errors, Engagement, and Crash Avoidance in Automated Mixed Function Vehicles, was held on December 12.

Personnel Announcements

- Number of new hires: 4
- Number who have left the agency: 6

**NHTSA Monthly Report
January 2017**

Agency Highlights

- **Rulemaking:** A notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) for Vehicle-to-Vehicle communications on light vehicles was published in the Federal Register on January 12.

Significant Meetings / Public Outreach / Training

- NHTSA organized two sessions at the TRB Annual Meeting to highlight NHTSA vehicle and behavioral safety research. Additionally, multiple staff presented research results at other TRB sessions and took part in committee meetings on January 9 – 12 as well as at the annual SAE government industry meeting on January 25-27 at the D.C. Convention Center.
- **NPD:** Convened a meeting on January 6 with two representatives from the Swedish Vision Zero program and representatives from several U.S. cities with Vision Zero initiatives to share strategies and barriers to implementing successful programs.
- **ROPD:** The Region 9 Regional Administrator (RA) met with the Dolphin Group to discuss outreach strategies to support the Takata airbag recall affecting Alpha vehicles on January 31. The Dolphin Group, the CA OTS, and the CA Highway Patrol will deploy outreach efforts to get the word out to the Spanish-speaking and Vietnamese-speaking areas in Southern CA.

Federal / State / County Agency Meetings

- **Enforcement:** The Import and Certification Division Chief gave a presentation on NHTSA requirements for motor vehicles and equipment to 25 US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers and import specialists at the Port of Houston.
- **NCSA:** State Traffic Record Assessments kickoffs: Connecticut, South Carolina, North Carolina.
- **ROPD:**
 - The Region 2 RA and FHWA met with Jersey City and Hudson County, NJ leaders to discuss potential behavioral and infrastructure countermeasures to address the increasing number of pedestrian fatalities on January 3.
 - At the request of NHTSA's Chief Counsel's Office, the Region 2 RA testified at a New York City Taxi and Livery Commission Hearing regarding the impacts of sleep degradation and distracted driving as it pertains to the number of hours of driving on January 3. The Commission may reduce the number of allowable hours an operator may drive per shift.
 - The Region 2 RA and staff attended the first Federal One DOT meeting held in Pennsylvania in King of Prussia on January 25. Other DOT modes included FHWA, FMCSA, FRA and FTA.
 - The Region 6 RA met with the Mississippi State Highway Safety leadership to discuss outstanding management challenges in the MS office.

- Region 8 hosted Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutors from Wyoming and Colorado to draft an electronic handbook for the prosecution of marijuana-impaired drivers on January 9-10.
 - Region 8 staff met with the Towing and Recovery Professionals of Colorado on January 11 regarding the R8 Move Over campaign and other safety efforts.
 - The Region 8 RA met with the South Dakota Governor's Representative to discuss state and regional business, programs and hot issues on January 17-19.
 - The Region 10 RA attended the Washington Traffic Safety Commission quarterly meeting in Olympia on January 19.
- **Vehicle Safety Research:** DOT Secretary Foxx met with VRTC managers and staff on January 10, and toured the facility. Interactive demonstrations highlighted the various areas of applied research conducted at VRTC.

Benchmarks

- **Enforcement:** The Honda recall of Takata Alpha inflators reached 73%. Significant outreach efforts were proposed to Honda by Monitor team in order to improve weekly remedy progress. The next wave of Takata inflator recalls were filed by Takata and 17 OEMs per amended coordinated remedy order.
- **ROPD:** The Office of Grants Management and Operations distributed Section 402 funds for the second continuing resolution period of December 10, 2016 through April 28, 2017.

Ongoing Activity

- **Civil Rights:** Active complaints: 28. Provided technical assistance to multiple State DMVs regarding ADA requirements and helped resolve customer ADA-related complaints. Interviewed disability advocates for the AAMVA Disability Placard/License Plate Fraud Working Group, a NHTSA project, that will develop best practices for the issuance of disability placards and plates, the deterrence and detection of fraud, and the enforcement of disability parking violations.
- **Enforcement:**
 - ODI closed the Tesla investigation on Jan 19. The investigation found that the Tesla vehicle performs as designed, similar to peer vehicles, given typical test scenarios.
 - Met with the Motor & Equipment Manufacturer's Association on January 18 to brainstorm about how to effectively conduct outreach to foreign manufacturers about motor vehicle equipment manufacturing and importation requirements.
 - Met with SynTec Seating Solutions to discuss compliance testing issues related to school bus seating with three point belts.
- **NCSA:**
 - Processed 7,026,604 Interactive Driver Licensing inquiries from States.
 - Processed 598,636 Batch inquiries from Coast Guard, FAA and States.

- Received and processed 1,435 manual requests from Railroad and Federal agencies.
 - Responded to 350 individual Privacy Act requests.
 - The State Traffic Safety Information public portal on received an estimated 6,300 requests for state/county reports.
 - Number of Special Crash Investigations assigned: 5.
- **NPD:** Held a Road to Zero workshop with the National Safety Council and RAND on January 26 – 27 to develop a framework for a 30-year vision for achieving zero road traffic deaths. Approximately 50 individuals from more than 30 organizations participated.
- **OCCI:**
 - In partnership with FRA, NHTSA launched a new Railroad Crossing Safety ad campaign. “Stop! Trains Can’t!” on January 13.
 - Conducted focus group sessions in Phoenix, AZ and Indianapolis, IN for a Speed Campaign.
- **ROPD:** Region 9 is working with the California Office of Traffic Safety (CA OTS) and other State agencies to help develop the CA Statewide Driving Under the Influence of Drugs Blueprint on best practices that can be replicated in other States. The Hawaii DOT has agreed to develop a similar plan. The Region is also working with CA OTS on a Statewide Teen Driving Blueprint in response to 2015 data which indicated that teen injuries and fatalities rose 10 percent in CA.
- **Vehicle Safety Research:**
 - WorldSID-50M: Working with TRC on design modifications to remedy blockage of shoulder rib LEDs and eliminate the possibility of blocking the shoulder RibEye sensor. Sled tests were conducted over a two-week period in January to evaluate new RibEye systems.
 - Advanced child dummies: Completing last dummy upgrade revisions.
 - THOR 50M and 5F: Continuing efforts on crash testing design and development.
 - V2V Security Credential Management System. A proof of concept system has been developed to support Fed-sponsored demonstrations and field tests (e.g., Smart City).
 - CIREN: Continuing efforts to publish cases from the 2010-2016 phase.
 - Met with Harley-Davidson regarding an ABS investigation on January 17.
 - Took part in Israel’s 2nd Autonomous Vehicle Forum in Tel Aviv, Israel on January 13-20.
 - Teleconference with UMTRI and Toyota on January 30 to discuss ongoing CSRC research and future research topics.

Publications / Reports / Federal Register Notices

- **NCSA:**
 - Early Estimates of Motor Vehicle Traffic Fatalities for the first nine months of 2016
 - 2015 Motorcycle Factsheet
 - Quick Facts 2015 (early version)
 - 2015 Teen Distracted Driving

- **Rulemaking:**
 - Other Federal Register notices in January:
 - Denial of Petition requesting that the NHTSA require automatic emergency braking (AEB) on all light vehicles.
 - Grant of Petition to exempt Chevrolet Volt's from the Vehicle Theft Prevention Standard.
 - CAFE: Extended the effective date of the reconsideration for the civil penalties to March 28, 2017.

Personnel Announcements

- Number of new hires: 12
- Number who have left the agency: 15

NHTSA Monthly Report Summary

February 2017

Agency Highlights

- More than 1,850 comments were submitted to the docket for the NHTSA Phase 2 Driver Distraction Guidelines, which was posted in the Federal Register on December 5, 2016 and closed on February 3, 2017. The comments will be reviewed, and will help inform future decisions regarding the guidelines.

Significant Meetings / Public Outreach / Training

- **ROPD:**
 - To protect first responders, NHTSA Region 8, FHWA, and CO Dept. of Transportation hosted a Traffic Incident Management training course in conjunction with a press event to launch R8's "border-to-border" *MOVE OVER* campaign on February 7. More than 100 law enforcement, fire, tow/recovery professionals, EMS and community advocates took part in the training at the US DOT office in Lakewood, CO.
 - On February 27-March 3, NHTSA RAs and Deputy Regional Administrators attended a management meeting at headquarters in Washington, D.C. to meet and discuss Agency safety priorities, State grant program administration and oversight, research needs, best practices, and program implementation strategies. This meeting is critical to the successful implementation of NHTSA highway safety programs in the States.
- **Vehicle Safety Research:**
 - Senator Rob Portman of Ohio visited the VRTC in East Liberty on February 21.

Federal / State / County Agency Meetings

- **Enforcement (OVSC):**
 - On February 14 and 28, OVSC staff participated in a conference call for agencies represented on the Border Interagency Executive Council, a group that regulates imported commodities. Topics included the adoption of manufacturer and product codes to better standardize entry procedures.
- **NCSA:**
 - Worked to overcome technical obstacles and strengthen State participation in Crash Report Sampling Systems in CA, IA, SD, NJ, VA and NY.
- **ROPD:**
 - On February 8 - 9, the Region 10 Regional Administrator (RA) led the first joint meeting in more than a decade with the States of Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington in Boise, ID, to better coordinate and strengthen safety planning activities.
 - On February 15 – 17, Region 4 staff participated in the Region 4 Law Enforcement Liaison/Leadership Conference in Mobile, Alabama. The Region 4 RA led the meeting, and also met with the Region 4 States to coordinate the *Arrive Alive* multi-state safety program for July 2017 (targeting speed, seat belt use, impaired driving, and distracted driving).
 - On February 21, the Region 8 RA presented the Safe 2 Sturgis motorcycle public awareness campaign during a nationwide webinar for the National Park Service. The call was organized by the National Park Service's Office of Risk Management.

Ongoing Activity

- **Enforcement (OVSC):**
 - On February 7, 14, and 21, OVSC staff participated in a conference call with other agencies on CBP's Commercial Targeting and Analysis Center. NHTSA's efforts are mostly focused on assisting the Ports of Entry in interdicting the importation of Land Rover Defender and Mini vehicles falsely declared as vehicles at least 25 years old, and activities in the lighting arena involving the interdiction of high intensity discharge headlamp conversion kits and other unlawful lighting equipment.
 - On February 14 and 15, OVSC participated in conference calls with several motorcycle helmet manufacturers/distributors to discuss noncompliances with FMVSS No. 218.
- **NCSA:**
 - National Driver Register: Processed 7.5 million driver licensing inquiries from States, and 614,047 batch inquiries from the Coast Guard, FAA and States.
 - The State Traffic Safety Information (STSI) public portal on SAS/BI platform received an estimated 8,000 requests for state/county reports in February.
 - State Traffic Records Assessments kickoffs in February: New Jersey and the Virgin Islands.
 - Special Crash Investigations: 27 potential cases submitted; 17 assigned so far in 2017.
- **NPD:**
 - On Feb 1 – 2, the Law Enforcement and Justice Services Division staff visited the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Glynco, GA, to discuss development of videos for impaired driving enforcement training.
 - On Feb 5 – 6, the Law Enforcement and Justice Services Division gave presentations on NHTSA programs at the International Association of Directors of Law Enforcement Standards and Training Executive Committee Meeting and at the National Sheriffs' Association Traffic Safety Committee meeting in Washington, DC.
 - From February 12 – 17, Occupant Protection Division staff facilitated an Occupant Protection Program Assessment in Missouri. These assessments are a criterion for qualification for Section 405b – Occupant Protection Grants – under the FAST Act.
 - On February 13, the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine kicked off a new study, supported by NHTSA, to recommend strategies to accelerate progress in reducing alcohol-impaired driving fatalities. A 13-member committee of experts will review evidenced-based strategies to decrease alcohol-impaired driving fatalities and identify ways to improve them or implement new strategies.
 - On February 24, the Occupant Protection Division staff provided remarks on child passenger safety at the 7th Annual South Carolina Pediatric Trauma & Injury Prevention Symposium in Charleston, SC.
- **OCCI:**
 - On Feb 1 – 2, Speed Marketing Materials Focus Groups were conducted in Indianapolis and Nashville respectively.
 - In partnership with the Ad Council, NHTSA has teamed with Fox to create new public service announcements (PSAs) featuring characters from the upcoming movie: Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Long Haul. PSAs will be running in TV, OOH, Radio, web banners, and social media materials with an anticipated release date in March 2017.

- **ROPD:**
 - On February 2, the Region 2 RA and staff took part in a financial meeting with the Commissioner and the leadership of the Connecticut Public Safety Office and the Highway Safety Office (HSO) to provide direct assistance and guidance on how to best structure financial match issues between the State Police and the HSO.
 - On February 23, the Region 1 office hosted a Federal Partners Meeting. Region 1 staff met with representatives from FHWA, FRA, FTA and FMCSA to discuss mutual initiatives to improve safety throughout Rhode Island and Massachusetts.
 - On February 23, the Region 3 RA and staff participated in the quarterly District of Columbia Federal Partners meeting. Outcomes included decisions about joint safety priorities for an upcoming meeting with the Acting DC Police Chief.
 - Region 9 staff has joined the California Highway Patrol (CHP) Motorcyclist Safety Program work group. The purpose is to develop new lane splitting guidelines. California is the first state in the Nation to officially legalize motorcycle lane-splitting (it has been previously allowed unofficially). The new law was signed into effect on Jan. 1, 2017.
- **Vehicle Safety Research:**
 - On February 2, met with GeoNet in Washington, DC to talk about ways in which their technology could help to improve automobile safety.
 - Took part in a FHWA AV vision workshop on February 7.
 - A briefing on February 14, took place on a CSPC initial report finding on AV efforts following roundtables in Washington, Seattle, and San Francisco, Washington DC.
 - Met with representatives from the Korea Transportation Safety Authority on February 16, to talk about NADS and how we use simulation in our research.
 - On February 16, George Mason University gave a final briefing on the development of three sets of potential oblique structural countermeasures for a mid-sized car. These measures cost between \$21 - \$40 and can reduce intrusion by 50 percent.

Publications / Reports / Federal Register Notices

- **NCSA:**
 - Fatality Reduction by Seat Belts in the Center Rear Seat and Comparison of Occupants' Relative Fatality Risk at Various Seating Positions (HS812369)
 - 2015 School-Transportation-Related Crashes TSF (DOT HS 812 366)
- **OVSC:**
 - 2016 Annual Recalls Report submitted for approval and publishing.
 - FAST Act Report to Congress (Recalls Completion) –draft report sent to OST in February.
- **Rulemaking:**
 - A Federal Register notice was published on February 6 delaying the effective date (but not the compliance dates) of the quiet vehicles final rule from February 13 to March 21, 2017.
- **Vehicle Safety Research**
 - The Human Factors Guidance for Driver-Vehicle Interfaces report was posted on NHTSA website.

Contracts

- **Vehicle Safety Research**
 - Cyber: Initiated a JASON study in 2017. Coordinated with JASON program managers at MITRE to get this project included in the program plans.

Personnel Announcements

- Number of new hires: 7
- Number who have left the agency: 1

NHTSA Monthly Report Summary

March 2017

Agency Highlights

- More than 2,500 people attended the annual Lifesavers Conference in Charlotte, NC on March 26-28. The Acting Deputy Administrator gave the keynote address, and presented awards to 14 recipients honoring their work and commitment in the field of highway safety.

Significant Meetings / Public Outreach / Training

- **NPD (Research & Program Development):**
 - On March 13-15, a three-day Road to Zero Planning Workshop was held in Arlington, VA in partnership with the National Safety Council and Rand Corp. The meeting brought together 40 leading experts in the field to help envision scenarios leading to zero fatalities.
- **OVSC (Enforcement):**
 - On March 15, an Import and Certification Division representative gave a presentation on the importation of Canadian-certified vehicles at the AAMVA Spring Workshop and Law Institute in Minneapolis, MN.
- **ROPD (Regional Operations & Program Delivery):**
 - On March 2, Region 7 staff participated in the Missouri Law Enforcement Traffic Safety Advisory Council.
 - On March 8-9, the Region 5 office, in partnership with the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute, conducted its Annual Regional Leadership meeting for Region 5 States safety managers.
 - On March 8-9, the Region 7 State Partners Meeting was held in Bentonville, AR with a focus on DUID. One outcome of the meeting is that Region 7 States will include an illicit drug message to their public outreach activities, and a joint Region 7 Speed Enforcement Campaign with a secondary focus on DUIDs is scheduled for July 2017.
 - On March 9, the Region 3 Regional Administrator (RA) and staff participated in Virginia's Pedestrian Task Force Kick Off meeting in Richmond, VA, to discuss plans to address the increases in pedestrian fatalities and injuries.
 - On March 13, the Region 8 RA met with the Colorado EMS Division Director and staff to rekindle Region 8's partnership with the State EMS offices.
 - On March 14, the Region 6 office conducted a one-day Planners Meeting with State HSO planners, Directors and the new Governors Representative from Louisiana, to assist States with the transition to the FAST Act and with development of the Highway Safety Plans.
 - On March 15-16, the Region 6 office conducted a 1½ day Regional Partners Meeting with representatives from every State in the region, along with partners from FHWA and FMCSA.
 - On March 16, the Region 3 RA attended the Virginia Highway Safety Partners Meeting in Charlottesville, VA, and provided a NHTSA update.
 - On March 19-24, Region 7 staff participated and assisted with the coordination of the first ever SFST/DRE Assessment in Missouri. Key partners in the program were brought in to discuss programmatic strategies to the assessment team.
 - On March 20, the Region 7 team participated in the Nebraska Traffic Safety Conference.
 - On March 22, a Region 3 staff member was the instructor for Maryland's Leading Effective Traffic Enforcement Programs (LETEP) course. The course focuses on law enforcement media relations and how to implement high visibility enforcement programs.
 - On March 28, a Region 3 staff member was the keynote speaker at the North Carolina Law Enforcement County Coordinator Awards dinner in Charlotte, NC.

- On March 27, the Region 4 RA and staff met with the Region 4 State (Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina and Tennessee) media contacts and the NHTSA Office of Communications and Consumer Information in Charlotte, NC to discuss and plan media efforts for an upcoming regional initiative in July focused on speed.
- On March 30, the Region 7 team had a conference call with the Iowa Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau Chief to discuss the planning/facilitation of law enforcement meetings (3) in the state this year to promote law enforcement participation in key traffic safety initiatives.
- On March 29-30 in Sacramento, CA the Region 9 team held its annual Partners Leadership Training. The purpose was to deliver in-classroom training to all Region 9 State and Territory Highway Safety Office staff on innovative traffic safety grant programs. Nearly 80 people attended the training.
- March 30-31, staff from Regions 1, 2 and 3 attended the Northeast Autonomous Vehicle Summit in Mystic, CT.
- **VSR (Vehicle Safety Research):**
 - On March 7, met with Securing American Future Energy (SAFE) Group.
 - On March 7, participated in a RAND AV Study Coordination Meeting.
 - On March 8, took part in a WorldSID 50th Male Task Group Meeting.
 - On March 9, met with EyeSight Technologies and NIST on Cyber Security Framework.
 - On March 10, participated in a SXSW Conference event.
 - On March 21, met with IIHS on seat belt technology issues.
 - On March 21, took part in a MITRE workshop on L3 Automation.
 - On March 24, there was meeting and Demo of the Chevy Bolt.
 - On March 27-29, took part in a UAS Symposium in Reston, VA.

Federal / State / County Agency Meetings

- **NCSA:**
 - Worked with several States (California, Iowa, South Dakota, New Jersey) to enhance State participation in the Crash Report Sampling System & Crash Investigation Sampling System.
- **NPD:**
 - From March 5-10, Occupant Protection Division staff coordinated an Occupant Protection Program Assessment at the request of the State of Louisiana.
- **OVSC:**
 - On March 14, I&C staff participated in a conference call for agencies represented on the Border Interagency Executive Council, a group of agencies that regulate imported commodities or have other management functions at the border.
 - On March 15, a I&C representative gave a presentation on NHTSA importation requirements to U.S. Customs and Border Protection personnel at the Port of Minneapolis.
 - On March 22-24, NHTSA Director of ODI attended and presented at the annual meeting of the Automotive Safety Council, an association of major airbag and automotive safety product suppliers.
 - On March 23-24, the Chief of the Recall Management Division traveled to New York for meetings with multiple OEMs concerning issues related to Takata recall.
 - On March 7, 14, 21 and 28, I&C staff participated in a conference call with other agencies represented at CBP's Commercial Targeting and Analysis Center. The discussion included new developments in the interdiction of unsafe and unlawful commodities and an update on significant enforcement activities in the import area.
 - An IAA between FHWA and NHTSA to perform guardrail cases was signed March 23, 2017.

- **ROPD:**
 - On March 9, NHTSA's Office of Grants Management participated in a webinar with FHWA and the National Center for Rural Road Safety to discuss safety performance management.
 - On March 1, Region 10 RPM staff met with Washington State DOT partners interested in FHWA guidance on the collection of Model Inventory of Roadway Elements (MIRE) and inclusion of plans in the State's Traffic Records Strategic Plan.
 - During the week of March 6, a Region 10 staff member served as an instructor for the TSI Impaired Driving pilot course held in Meredith, NH. The curriculum has been revised and is being prepared for national delivery.
 - On March 21, the NHTSA Region 9 Team participated in a conference call for a Lane Splitting Guidelines Workshop. The purpose of the workshop was to develop Lane Splitting Guidelines for motorcyclists in California – the first state in the nation to officially legalize motorcycle lane splitting. The lane splitting law was signed into effect on January 1, 2017.
 - On March 21 & 22, Regions 1 and 2 teams attended a Bi-Regional Impaired Driving Summit in Suffern, NY hosted by the NY Highway Safety Office. The meeting drew 150 representatives from 9 states and the 2 territories that comprise Regions 1 and 2.
 - On March 22, Region 10 staff participated in Montana's Roadway Departure and Intersection Crashes Emphasis Area Team meeting, a subgroup of the Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP) Committee in Helena, MT.
 - On March 22, the Region 10 team met with Washington State GR to discuss law enforcement engagement. The discussion centered on the partnership with the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs and how the Washington Traffic Safety Commission and the NHTSA Region 10 Office can better engage local law enforcement.

Benchmarks

- **OVSC:**
 - 30 of 75 (40%) Crash Avoidance compliance tests have been completed for FY 17
 - 11 of 73 (27%) Crashworthiness compliance tests have been completed for FY 17
 - 327 of 560 (58%) Equipment compliance tests have been completed for FY 17

Ongoing Activity

- **NCSA:**
 - State Traffic Safety Information (STSI) public portal received an estimated 10,000 requests for state/county reports in March 2017. Also received 62 external and internal data requests in March.
 - Traffic Record Assessments in progress: NJ, Virgin Islands, VT, HI, CT, SC and NC.
 - Special Crash Investigations Case Production in 2017:
 - ❖ Number of potential cases sent to SCI teams = 37
 - ❖ Number of SCI cases assigned = 22
 - NDR:
 - ❖ Processed 7,426,310 Interactive Driver Licensing inquiries from the States.
 - ❖ Processed 615,274 Batch inquiries from Coast Guard, FAA and the States.
 - ❖ Received and processed 3,092 manual requests from Railroad and Federal agencies.
 - ❖ Responded to 452 individual Privacy Act requests.

- **NPD:**
 - On March 29, Occupant Protection Division staff attended and discussed project initiatives at the board meeting of the Network of Employers for Traffic Safety in Washington, DC.
 - On March 29, the Safety Countermeasures Division facilitated a discussion with members of the National Association of State Directors for Pupil Transportation Safety. NHTSA staff from the Special Vehicles and Systems Division, Crashworthiness Division, Behavioral Research Division, Medium and Heavy Duty Vehicle Division, Data Reporting and Information Division, and State Data Reporting System Division also attended.
 - On March 31, Jeff Michael, Associate Administrator, Research and Program Development, presented at a Regional Vision Zero Summit, sponsored by the Washington Area Bicyclists Association and George Washington University.
- **OVSC:**
 - BMW was refunded \$4.6 million for MY 2006 CAFE penalties paid by applying credits earned in MY 2009.
- **VSR:**
 - Advanced Child Dummies: Conducted abdomen, neck, and head tests on the dummy and modified/tuned parts accordingly.
 - Pedestrian: Testing continues at several NCAP vehicle impact locations with qualified upper legforms, and NCAP upper legform qualification tests were conducted.
 - THOR-5th: Efforts continue to design and build three THOR 5th dummies.
 - Roof Ejection Mitigation: Conducted guided impactor testing of production and non-production Ford F-150 sunroofs, to evaluate their occupant containment capability.
 - Occupant Protection in AVs: Finalized the test cases to be evaluated to consider the robustness of existing human body models to simulate occupant crash safety in non standard automotive seating positions.
 - On March 23, participated in the Volpe program review on the Heavy Vehicle V2V Research in Boston, MA.

Publications / Reports / Federal Register Notices

- **NCSA:**
 - 2015 Older Population TSF (DOT HS 812372)
 - 2015 Young Drivers TSF (DOT HS 812363)
 - 2015 Occupant Protection TSF (DOT HS 812374)
 - 2015 Summary (Early Version) TSF (DOT HS 812376)
 - 2015 Large Truck TSF (DOT HS 812373)
 - 2015 Pedestrians TSF (DOT HS 812375)
 - 2015 Children TSF (DOT HS 812383)
 - 2015 Bicyclists and Other Cyclists TSF (DOT HS 812382)
 - Report: Update of Pedestrian and Pedalcyclist Crashes by Hybrid Vehicles (DOT HS 812371)

Contracts

- **NPD:**
 - Signed a cooperative agreement with the East Carolina University to provide assistance in the promotion of the strategies to assist States with older driver safety program efforts.

Personnel Announcements

- Number of new hires: 0
- Number who have left the agency: 6

NHTSA Monthly Report Summary

April 2017

Agency Highlights

- In support of National Distracted Driving Awareness Month, NHTSA kicked off its *U Drive. U Text. U Pay.* enforcement mobilization and advertising campaign in April. The campaign focused on men and women 18 to 34 years old, and included a social media campaign to #justdrive.
- On April 19, the Region 9 Regional Administrator (RA) participated in the first Autonomous Transportation Open Standards Lab (ATOS) Stakeholder meeting in Sacramento, CA. ATOS is a public-private consortium of civic leaders and automated stakeholders in the Sacramento area to co-develop interoperable vehicle-to-everything protocols and infrastructure standards.

Significant Meetings / Public Outreach / Training

- **Civil Rights:**
 - On April 5 - 6, the Disability Placard/Plate Fraud Working Group held its first in-person meeting in San Antonio, TX. The AAMVA-led group made great progress toward developing best practice recommendation for the deterrence and detection of fraud during the issuance process, and effective fraud detection and violation enforcement.
- **NPD (Research & Program Development):**
 - On April 3-5, 2017, a NPD Office Director delivered the keynote address at the Mid-Atlantic DUI Conference in Virginia Beach, VA.
- **NCSA:** All SCI field investigators attended SCI Injury Coding Training at DOT HQ on April 24-26.
- **NEF (Enforcement):**
 - **ODI**
 - On April 4-6, ODI staff took part in the SAE World Congress in Detroit, MI.
- **NRO (Regional Ops & Program Delivery):**
 - On April 2, NHTSA and GHSA hosted a webinar, "FAST Act: What States Need to Know for 2018 (Part 2)." FY 2018 grant applications are due July 3, 2017.
 - On April 1, the Region 2 Regional Administrator (RA) delivered opening remarks at the 28th Annual World Traffic Safety Symposium, held in conjunction with the New York Auto Show. This year's symposium focused on AVs and featured panels on technology and policy.
 - On April 3, the Region 7 RA provided opening remarks and a NHTSA update at the 23rd Annual Kansas Traffic Safety conference in Wichita, KS.
 - On April 10, Region 5 staff participated in the Illinois 2017 Statewide Child Passenger Safety Conference, which attracted about 300 participants.
 - On April 19, the Region 7 RA provided opening remarks and a NHTSA update at the Annual Iowa Traffic Safety Conference in Altoona, IA.
 - On April 19, Region 7 staff provided a NHTSA update at the Nebraska CPS Tech update forum. approximately 200 certified Technicians and Instructors attended.
 - On April 19 – 21, the Region 2 RA delivered opening remarks focused on the speed and that PA has one of the highest fatal crash percentages associated with speed in the nation.
 - On April 19-21, Region 8 staff participated in a DDACTS training session in Cheyenne, WY. More than 20 participants learned to apply traffic enforcement strategies that play a dual role in fighting crime and reducing traffic violations and crashes.
 - On April 20, the Region 10 RA Greg and staff participated in the quarterly Washington Traffic Safety Commission meeting in Olympia, WA.

- On April 20-21, Region 10 staff attended Oregon's Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants training conference held in Canyonville, OR.
- On April 26, Region 3 staff attended the Maryland 2017 Highway Safety Summit, which included a Drugged Driving symposium this year.
- **NSR (Vehicle Safety Research):**
 - Met with Apple to discuss SAL form and content on April 3rd. Reviewed both a public and NHTSA-only version of Apples SAL for testing AV's on public roads.
 - On April 10-13, Automotive Cockpit HMI Conference in Ann Arbor to present on DVI Design Guidance.
 - On April 10, met with IIHS, UMTRI, and Westat to coordinate ongoing seat belt interlock and ESBIR research.
 - On April 13, participated in a panel discussion on AVs at the 2017 World Traffic Safety Symposium, New York.
 - Met with GAO on Data Privacy and Connected Vehicles on April 18th.
 - Met with RVIA to discuss cybersecurity and autonomous vehicles as they relate to the recreation vehicle industry on April 17th.
 - Met with Subaru to discuss its research priorities/advanced safety technologies under development; updates from NHTSA on vehicle and behavioral safety research on April 19th.
 - Met with Ford on Automated and Connected Vehicles Research Meeting on April 19th.
 - Met with 3M to update on company activities related to connected vehicles on April 24th.
 - Met with George Mason University and American Chemistry Council to discuss research on lightweight vehicle designs.
 - Met with Honda at the Automated and Connected Vehicles Research Meeting on April 26th.

Federal / State / County Agency Meetings

- **NCSA:**
 - On April 11-13, a SCI staff member joined FHWA staff to meet with police departments in St. Louis and Springfield, and the Kansas City Highway Patrol offices in Missouri. The purpose was to present the FHWA guardrail study, SCI's role in the study, and to solicit the cooperation of police departments in notifying FHWA of qualifying guardrail crashes.
 - Traffic safety record assessments in progress: NJ, Virgin Islands, VT, HI, and NC. Completed assessments April: CT and SC.
- **NEF:**
 - **Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA):** On April 23-27, ODI's Medium and Heavy Duty Vehicles Division staff attended a CVSA workshop in Atlanta, GA on advancing commercial vehicle safety. NHTSA worked with industry representatives toward the shared goal of improving commercial motor vehicle safety and inspection uniformity throughout North America.
 - **SAE Training:** On April 18, 20, 25 and 27, ODI staff participated in an SAE webinar, Root Cause Problem Solving: Methods and Tools, outlining a proven 8-step approach to problem solving that will help improve operational and financial performance by identifying causes and implementing solutions to significant or recurring problems.
- **NRO:**
 - On April 11, the Region 4 RA provided remarks at South Carolina's annual DUI Enforcement Recognition Ceremony in Columbia, SC.
 - On April 12, NHTSA Region 1 staff participated in safety summit sponsored by AAA of Southern New England. Teen driving was a special focus. Other topics of note included the

connection between Technology Addiction & Distracted Driving, and AHAD and Drowsy Driving. Of particular interest was the presentation on Technology Addiction, more information available at: <http://noappforlife.com/>.

- On April 13, Region 7 staff took part in a Kansas City conference on employer traffic safety.
- On April 18, the Region 2 RA provided opening remarks at a PA Law Enforcement Partnership Forum in State College, PA.
- On April 18 – 19, Region 7 staff took part in the AR Transportation Safety Planning Conference.
- On April 19, the Region 3 RA and staff met with newly appointed Deputy Secretary for Communications in Raleigh, NC, who oversees the NC Highway Safety Office.
- On April 18, the Region 6 Deputy RA and staff met with the recently appointed Commissioner of the MS Department of Public Safety, the Governor's Chief of Staff, the Governors Rep. Ray Sims and others, to discuss ongoing issues relating to the administration and operation of the Mississippi Office of Highway Safety.

Benchmarks

- **NCSA:**
 - All 2016 State Seat Belt Use Rates have been certified.
- **NEF:**
 - 31 of 73 (42%) Crashworthiness compliance tests have been completed for FY 17
 - 38 of 75 (51%) Crash Avoidance compliance tests have been completed for FY 17
 - 391 of 560 (70%) Equipment compliance tests have been completed for FY 17
- **NRO:**
 - On April 20th, NHTSA released \$56 million in Penalty Transfer Funds to 19 States and Puerto Rico that do not have laws meeting the requirements of Secs. 154 and 164.

Ongoing Activity

- **NCSA:**
 - The State Traffic Safety Information (STSI) public portal received an estimated 10,700 requests for state/county reports in April.
 - Received 55 data requests in April and successfully addressed 39 requests.
 - **NDR:**
 - ❖ Processed 8,700,521 Interactive Driver Licensing inquiries from the States.
 - ❖ Processed 641,300 Batch inquiries from Coast Guard, FAA and the States.
 - ❖ Received and processed 3,685 manual requests from Railroad and Federal agencies.
 - ❖ Responded to 709 individual Privacy Act requests.
- **NEF:**
 - In April, ODI met with OIG to discuss preliminary observations, and provided documents in response to OIG requests.
 - Assisted Rulemaking with regulatory analysis of crash avoidance FMVSS and associated regulations to determine which requirements could be considered for deregulation, and with the development of regulatory option paper to address rollout of automated vehicles.
- **NRO:**
 - On April 3-7, Region 5 staff participated in a meeting with the IL State Highway Safety Office (SHSO) at an orientation session with 6 new SHSO grant managers, and provided an overview of NHTSA's program and regulatory requirements to effectively manage programs, projects, and traffic safety grant funds.

- On April 21, Region 2 staff represented NHTSA at the monthly Racial Profiling Prohibition Task Force meeting in Hartford, CT.
- On April 24, Region 4 staff participated in SC's Motorcycle Task Force Meeting.
- On April 24, Region 4 staff participated in TN's Impaired Driving Task Force.
- On April 26, Region 7 staff attended the first meeting of the newly formed Nebraska Impaired Driving Task Force.
- On April 26, Region 6 staff provided a NHTSA update on national impaired driving initiatives at the TX Impaired Driving Forum, and Task Force meeting.
- On April 26, Region 9 staff attended the HI DOT monthly CPS Task Force Meeting.
- On April 26, Region 10 staff participated in MT's SHSP Roadway Departure meeting (in relation to rural issues in the Montana).
- On April 27, Region 6 staff was a guest speaker at a press event in Austin to support the kickoff of the Texas Motorcycle Safety Campaign.
- **NSR:**
 - Continuing to conduct research on WorldSIM-50M, WorldSID-5F, and Advanced Child Dummies. Also pedestrian-related testing continues at several NCAP vehicle impact locations.
 - Completed testing of three new THOR necks to evaluate differences observed between labs in peak moment neck extension response. Efforts also continue to finalize the drawing package and qualification procedures that will be used to define the THOR-50M dummies, and to build three THOR 5th dummies.
 - Continued efforts to collect 5th female specific experimental data for injury risk function development and biofidelity evaluation.
 - Roof Ejection Mitigation: Conducted guided impactor testing of Ford F-150 sunroofs to evaluate their occupant containment capability and to support test procedure development.
 - Lower Interior Rear Seat Occupant Protection: Conducted free-motion headform tests on seat backs and head restraints to evaluate their head injury causing potential.
 - Restraints for Obese Occupants: Project is developing detailed simulation and validation plans. The elderly and obese models have been completed.
 - Occupant Protection in Automated Vehicles: This project has finalized the test cases to be evaluated to consider the robustness of existing human body models to simulate occupant crash safety in non-standard automotive seating positions.
 - Automation: Plan completed for development of system that will provide NHTSA with ability to perform testing with one subject vehicle, multiple principle other vehicles, multiple pedestrian surrogates, and infrastructure.

Publications / Reports / Federal Register Notices

- **NCSA:**
 - 2015 Distracted Driving Research Note DOT HS 812381
 - Motorcycle Helmet Use in 2016 – Overall Results DOT HS 812378
 - TSF Rural/Urban Comparison of Traffic Fatalities DOT HS 812393
 - Estimating Lives Saved by Electronic Stability Control Report: 2011-2015 DOT HS 812391.
 - 2015 Traffic Safety Facts Annual Report DOT HS 812384.
 - Federal Register: 30-day notice on Revised Tire Pressure Monitoring Survey.

- **NPD:**
 - A Comparative Analysis of State Traffic Safety Countermeasures and Implications for Progress “Toward Zero Deaths” in the U.S. (DOT HS 812 392; 2017)
 - Medical Review Practices for Driver Licensing Volume 2: Case Studies of Medical Referrals and Licensing Outcomes in Maine, Ohio, Oregon, Texas, WA, and WI (DOT HS 812 380; 2017)
 - Traffic Tech: Driver Medical Review Practices Across the U.S. (DOT HS 812 403; April 2017)
 - Evaluating the Enforceability of Texting Laws in CT & MA (DOT HS 812 367).
 - Evaluation of the Washington Nighttime Seat Belt Enforcement Program (DOT HS 812 395)
 - Traffic Tech: Nighttime Seat Belt Enforcement in WA State (DOT HS 812 396; April 2017)
 - Traffic Tech: Examination of Changes to the Motorcycle Law in PR (DOT HS 812 399; 2017).
 - Federal Register: notices on new appointments to the National Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council (NEMSAC), and for future NEMSAC meetings. NEMSAC is composed of emergency medical services professionals and consumers who provided advice for the delivery of emergency medical services to DOT and other federal agencies.

Personnel Announcements

- Number of new hires: 0
- Number who have left the agency: 3