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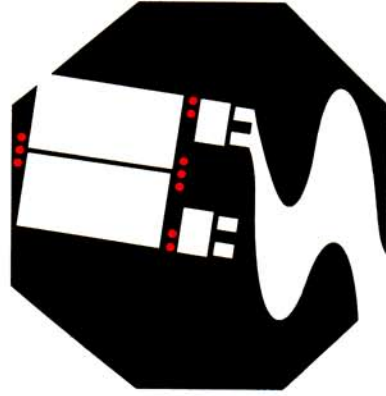


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Initiatives*

Accomplishments



- Attended first US federal sentencing of trucking company executive for forcing drivers to violate federal safety rules, MD ('96).
- Met with Office of Motor Carrier and Highway Safety Program Manager ('97, '99).
- Participant, NTSB Corporate Culture and Transportation Safety Symposium, VA ('97).
- Testified at FHWA hours-of-service Listening Session, DC ('97, '00).
- Observed initial presentation of Law Enforcement Fatigue Training (LEFT), IL ('97).
- Featured in Family Circle magazine article ('97).
- Met with Secretary of Transportation to discuss highway safety issues, DC ('96, '98)
- Met with FHWA Administrator to discuss highway safety issues, DC ('98).
- Secured FHWA rule change concerning the use of commercial vehicles as "Personal Conveyances"
- Supported rule requiring conspicuity taping of tractor trailers.
- Met with Department of Labor officials concerning highway safety issues ('97, '98 '99).
- Guest on "Geraldo Rivera Show" ('98).
- Exhibitor, Mid West Truck Show, IL ('98).
- Exhibitor, International Trucking Show, NV ('98).
- Participant, National EMS Week ('98).
- Testified before National Transportation Safety Board Hearing on Truck & Bus Safety, DC, TN, CA, LA ('99, '00).
- Testified before House Subcommittee on Transportation and Related Agencies concerning Oversight of the Office of Motor Carriers ('99).

- Panelist US Dot TEA-21 Listening Session: Surface Transportation Safety ('99).
- Testified before senate Commerce Committee Hearing on truck safety ('98).
- Testified before House Subcommittee Ground Transportation on the oversight of office of motor carriers ('99).
- Provided testimony before Congressman Mineta during review of the Office of Motor Carriers & Highway Safety ('99).
- Participated in National Sleep Awareness Week ('98, '99, '00, '01).
- Participant in National Private Truck Council Fleet Safety Seminar ('99).
- Participant in Rest Area Forum ('99).
- Participant, National Sleep Foundation's Drowsy Driving coordinating committee ('98, '99).
- Participant, US Department of Transportation Truck & Safety Workshop, DC ('99).
- Participant, federal Bar Association's fatigue in transportation conference, DC ('99).
- Presentation of Lifesavers Awards to Senator John S. McCain and Congressman Frank R. Wolf ('00).
- Testified before House Subcommittee on Ground Transportation on Hours of Service Proposal ('00).
- Met with Executive Branch Office of Management and Budget on Hours of Service Proposal ('00).
- Participation, National Crime Victims Rights Week ('00).
- Provided Presentation to National Private Truck Councils Safety Committee, VA ('01).

- Focused attention on the fatigued driving and "Tired Trucker" dilemma and the inequities in state laws concerning vehicular homicide.
- Testified before legislative committees concerning fatigued driving and highway safety issues (ME, UT, NV, FL, OH).
- Provided "Fatigue Notices" to over 700 trucking companies nationwide.
- Promoted the production of "Fatigue Alert" dashboard stickers in IN, IL, CO, GA, FL, IA, NC, NY.
- P.A.T.T. Points-of-Contact in VT, OK, OH, VA, WA, UT, CA, TN, NC, KY, MN, WI, LA, MA, MO, NY, MD, WY, TX, PA, DC, IN, MI.
- Staffed highway safety information booths at malls and community events (ME, NV, OH, CA, NH, TN).
- Secured the inclusion of "Sharing-the-Road" and fatigue driving information in drivers license handbook (ME).
- Conducted public meetings concerning P.A.T.T. and highway safety issues (ME).
- Provided speakers and presentations to civic organizations and drivers education classes (ME).
- Secured Governor's establishment of a task force to study commercial vehicle safety issues and authorized funds for increased commercial vehicle enforcement (ME).
- Sponsored passage of "Tired Trucker" law (ME).
- Secured Supreme Court Justice's creation of a fines review committee and the significant increase in several commercial vehicle safety violation fines (ME).
- Sponsored passage of law doubling cap in wrongful death cases and increasing it again in 1999 (ME).
- Appointed to Motor Carrier Training Advisory Board (ME).
- Appointed to Motor Carrier Review Board (ME).
- Provided monitors at court proceedings concerning "Tired Trucker" dilemma (ME, OH, MA, WY, PA).
- Secured the inclusion of "Tired Trucker" law information in the Commercial Vehicle Law corporate pamphlet (ME).
- Appointed to Turnpike Authority Highway Safety Advisory Committee (ME).
- Sponsored passage of law requiring Commercial Vehicle Enforcement officer investigation of all fatality commercial vehicle Crashes (ME).
- Effected installation of rumble strips along major highways (ME).
- Presenter, Commercial Driver Symposium (NY).
- Submitted Amicus Brief in heavy truck Crash case (MD).
- Recognized by House & Senate for highway safety efforts (ME).
- Member of Commercial Vehicle Safety Partnership Program (NC).
- Proclamation by Governor Angus King setting May 1998, 1999 as Parents Against Tired Truckers Month (ME).
- Participant Rest Area Task Force (OH, CA, ME).
- Participant Family Health Expo (ME).
- Recipient of Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety's State Highway Champion Award (ME).

- Provided presentation to Driver's Education Association Conference (ME).
- Participant Maine Transportation Safety Coalition Annual Conference (ME).
- Participant Secretary of State's Fifth Annual Highway Safety Holiday OUI/Safety Awareness Event (ME).
- Participant Transportation Safety Summit (VT).
- Provided presentation to Ohio Trucking Safety Council meeting.

P.A.T.T. Parents Against Tired Truckers

STAY ALERT – STAY ALIVE

Developed with date from Arizona Dept. of Public Safety

1. Have you been tailgating?
2. Are you changing lanes for no apparent reason?
3. Are you having a difficult time maintaining a constant speed?
4. Are you braking for no apparent reason?
5. Are you driving on the white lines?
6. Do you keep jerking the wheel to stay in your lane?
7. Have you drifted onto the shoulder of the roadway?
8. Are you constantly shifting in your seat?
9. Did you roll down your window for some fresh air?
10. Are oncoming headlights bothering you?
11. Are your eyes closing or going out of focus by themselves?
12. Are your eyes starting to burn?
13. Are you having wandering or disconnected thoughts?

- Participant, National Sleep Foundation International Forum '96 on Sleeplessness and Crashes, DC ('96).
- Established Internet Web Site: <http://www.patt.org>.
- Participant, 3rd International Conference on Fatigue in Transportation, Australia ('98).
- Hosted international symposium, Concrete Solutions for Reducing Truck Driver Fatigue ('99).
- Participant in California Trucking Association's "Town Hall Meeting" at International Trucking Show, Las Vegas ('99).
- Participant, Second International Truck and Bus Safety Symposium, TN ('99).
- Provided presentation in Hours of Service Public Consultation Forum, Toronto Canada ('00).

14. In the last hour, did you calculate the exact time you would arrive at your destination
15. Have you adjusted your radio more than once in the last hour?
16. Do you need stimulants to stay alert (caffeine, coffee, soda)?
17. Did you forget to turn off your turn signal from the last lane change?
18. Are other vehicles getting on your nerves?
19. Are you not aware that you are being passed by other vehicles?
20. Are you not able to remember the last warning sign you passed?

If you answer "yes" to four or more of these questions, you are starting to experience fatigue. Events are happening around you that require your full attention. If you are fatigued you are not able to respond quickly to events as they occur. A situation could rapidly develop that you may not be in a position to correct or deal with safely.

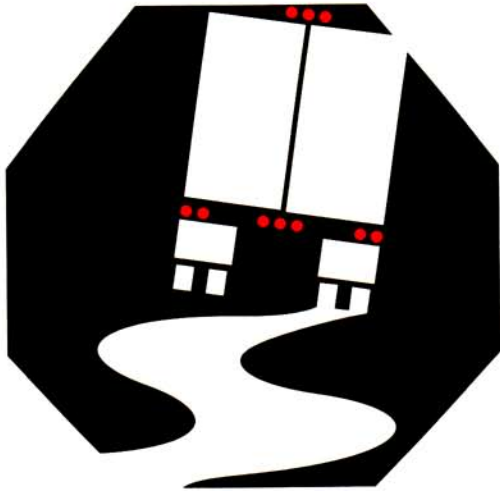
IF YOU RECOGNIZE THESE SYMPTOMS OF FATIGUE?
IT'S TIME TO TAKE A BREAK!

PLEASE DRIVE SAFELY!

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MORE TO COME!

Together We Can Save Lives



Please pass this pamphlet on
to a friend or leave it in a
lobby or waiting room.

State of Maine



WHEREAS, organized in May of 1994, Parents Against Tired Truckers is celebrating its fifth year in continuing to recognize the growing and imperative need regarding highway safety issues; and

WHEREAS, in February of 1998, P.A.T.T. hosted the National Symposium in San Diego, California to investigate concrete solutions for reducing truck driver fatigue; and

WHEREAS, P.A.T.T. members testified before the congressional subcommittee on Ground Transportation concerning the devastating effects on highway safety; and

WHEREAS, P.A.T.T. continues to move forward in its quest to eliminate highway deaths due to truck driver fatigue; and

WHEREAS, P.A.T.T. points of contact have increased to 21 states including California, Florida, Louisiana, Kentucky, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, Wisconsin, Wyoming, Missouri, New York and Texas; and

WHEREAS, this fifth year proclamation is dedicated to Katie, Angie, Jeff and Dawn Marie,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ANGUS S. KING, JR., Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby proclaim May, 1999 as

PARENTS AGAINST TIRED TRUCKERS MONTH

throughout the State of Maine, and urge my fellow citizens to join in recognition.



Dan A. Gwadz
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Secretary of State
TRUE ATTESTED COPY

In testimony whereof, I have caused
the Great Seal of the State to be
hereunto affixed GIVEN under my
hand at Augusta this sixth
day of May in the Year of our
Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and
Ninety-Nine.

Angus S. King, Jr.
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Governor