



2011 Sorrow to Strength Conference

Saturday, April 30 – Tuesday, May 3

Capitol Hill, Washington, DC
Hyatt Arlington, Arlington, VA

The **Truck Safety Coalition** is a partnership between **Citizens for Reliable and Safe Highways (CRASH)** and **Parents Against Tired Truckers (P.A.T.T.)**. The Truck Safety Coalition is dedicated to reducing the number of deaths and injuries caused by truck-related crashes, providing compassionate support to truck crash survivors and families of truck crash victims, and educating the public, policy-makers and media about truck safety issues.

Citizens for Reliable and Safe Highways (CRASH) was formed in 1991 and is a nationwide, grassroots non-profit organization dedicated to improving overall truck safety in the U.S. and eliminating the senseless deaths and injuries caused by truck crashes every year. CRASH volunteers work at all levels of government to promote truck safety legislation including truck size and weight, truck driver fatigue, and vehicle maintenance. The goal of CRASH is to make safety as important as productivity in all U.S. trucking operations.

Parents Against Tired Truckers (P.A.T.T.) was formed in May of 1994 in response to a devastating crash caused by a truck driver falling asleep at the wheel of his 80,000-pound rig and killing four innocent teenagers. P.A.T.T. has grown from a grassroots group in Maine to a nationally recognized organization. P.A.T.T. has been successful in bringing the fatigue issue to the forefront of truck safety policy discussions and continues to push for safer truck driver hours of service requirements and improved enforcement of truck safety laws, among other issues.

Major Policy Initiatives for 2011 Include:

- **Hours of Service:** Stop Increases to Truck Driver Hours of Service.
- **Electronic On-Board Recorders (EOBRs):** Mandate the Use of EOBRs in All Commercial Motor Vehicles.
- **Truck Size and Weight:** Protect Current Federal Truck Size and Weight Laws.
- **Increase Minimum Insurance Levels:** Begin Rulemaking to Increase Current Requirements and Establish Biennial Increases.
- **Override Crashes:** Require Safer, Lower, Energy-Absorbing Rear Impact Guards and Require Side Panels to Protect Bikes and Cars in Side Impact Crashes.
- **Reduce Speed Limits for Trucks:** Require Speed Governors Be Set at No Higher than 65 mph.



Welcome to the 2011 Sorrow to Strength Conference.

This year more than ever before - truck safety issues are at the forefront of debate and we have a tremendous opportunity to make a positive impact. We have a new Congress with Republicans having gained the majority in the House of Representatives, while the Democrats kept their Senate majority, although reduced from the previous Congress. There are 112 new Members of Congress and this is the first Congress in which the House and Senate have opposing majorities in ten years. This 112th Congress is preparing for the reauthorization of the national highway spending bill, and the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) is conducting rulemakings on hours of service and electronic on-board recorders and will soon start one on speed governors. Additionally, a study on the inadequacies of rear guard protection was recently released and we will be using it to urge DOT to issue an improved regulation.

I hope you will join us for these four days. They provide an opportunity for us to learn from each other, become empowered and move forward together to make changes happen. It will also be an opportunity to connect with people from around the country, some new to the conference and others long-time volunteers. It is our goal to make this conference supportive, informative and productive. Please do not hesitate to ask me or any of the TSC staff if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Lannen".

John Lannen, Executive Director



About Sorrow to Strength.

Sorrow to Strength is specifically designed for survivors of truck crashes and families/friends of those who have died or been injured. The conference allows us to come together for a weekend of sharing, remembrance, workshops and public policy actions to advance truck safety. This conference is open to all survivors, advocates, and professionals interested in advancing truck safety.

The last Sorrow to Strength Conference in 2009 produced an agenda of important truck safety priorities. It also included visits arranged by TSC staff with key lawmakers in Congress, senior officials with the U.S. Department of Transportation, and National Transportation Safety Board Members. Additionally, we released a Lake Research survey that reported the majority of Americans oppose increases in truck size and weight, as well as the relative safety statistics by state, at a well-attended press conference in Washington, DC.

This year's conference comes at a critical crossroads, as Congress will soon be taking up a multi-billion dollar transportation spending bill, the successor to the 2005 Safe, Accountable, Flexible and Efficient Transportation Equity Act-A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU). Trucking interests have been lobbying Congress to increase the federal truck size and weight limits while also continuing to push for other measures to rollback life-saving truck safety rules and laws.

Please take some time to review the agenda that follows. The schedule of Capitol Hill meetings will be handed out during the advocacy session on Sunday. Once we have confirmed you will be attending the conference, we work to try and make sure you meet with as many members of your Congressional delegation and/or their legislative staff as possible. You may also meet with members who serve on committees that will be debating bills pertaining to truck safety issues.

There will be nothing as powerful as you sharing your personal story of how your life was dramatically impacted by the devastation of a preventable truck crash. You will personalize the dire need for stronger truck safety laws for the decision-makers on Capitol Hill. Trucking industry lobbyists are on Capitol Hill every day pushing their agenda - but according to Congressional staffers, Sorrow to Strength participants make a profound impact just by being there every other year.

The Truck Safety Coalition staff will be here to help throughout the weekend. Please don't hesitate to ask them any questions you may have - from what an acronym stands for to how to navigate DC's Metro system (the Orange and Blue lines both travel to the Rosslyn Metro, the station closest to the hotel).

We again invite you to join us and add your voice to this important debate on truck safety.



Agenda

Saturday, April 30

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| 1:00 pm – 1:30 pm | Welcome |
| 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm | Workshop #1 – Introductions/Team Building |
| 2:30 pm – 4:00 pm | Workshop #2 – Media Relations |
| 4:00 pm – 4:30 pm | Break |
| 4:30 pm – 5:30 pm | Workshop #3 – Grief |
| 5:30 pm – 6:00 pm | Remembrance Ceremony |
| 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm | Reception Get Together |

Sunday, May 1

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| 10:00 am – 11:00 am | Workshop #4 – First Response: Update/Discussion |
| 11:00 am – 12:00 am | Workshop #5 – Policy |
| 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm | Lunch – Guest Speaker: Joan Claybrook, CRASH Board Chair, President Emeritus of Public Citizen and former Administrator of NHTSA |
| 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm | Workshop #6 – Going to the Hill |
| 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm | Open |
| 5:00 pm – 7:30 pm | Dinner |



Agenda (cont.)

Monday, May 2

- 8:00 am – 12:00 pm Hill Appointments
- 11:00 am – 12:00 pm Press Conference
- 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm Hill Appointments, DOT Meetings

Tuesday, May 3

- 9:00 am – 5:00 pm Hill Appointments

Wednesday, May 4 (FOR THOSE STILL IN TOWN)

- 9:00 am – 12:00 pm Hill Appointments

Transportation

Getting to and from the hotel and Capitol Hill.



To the Arlington Hyatt from Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport (DCA):

Taxis: Taxi stands are located in Arrivals near baggage claims in each terminal. See a uniformed taxi dispatcher. Fare to our hotel near Washington DC metro will be approximately \$10.

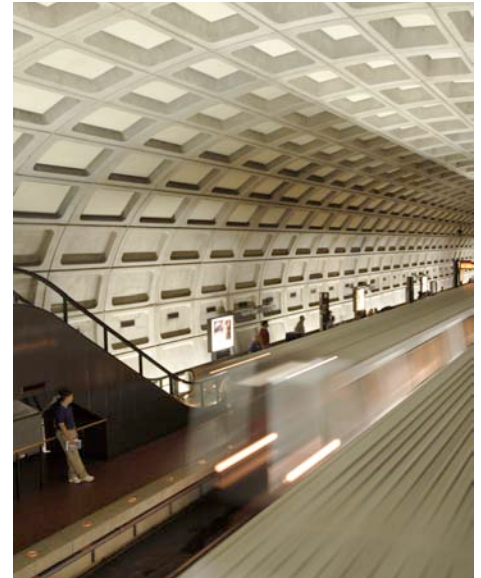
Metro rail: Take the Metro Blue Line in the direction towards Largo, exit at the Rosslyn Stop. After exiting go up to the top level of the station, exit by the stairway to the right and the Arlington Hyatt is across the street.



To the Arlington Hyatt from Washington Dulles International Airport (IAD):

Taxis: Taxi stands are located in Arrivals near baggage claims in each terminal. See a uniformed taxi dispatcher. Washington Flyer serves Dulles Airport. Fare will be approximately \$50 - \$60.

Metrobus: Metro recently started an express bus, the 5A, from Dulles to the Rosslyn Metro station (and then on to L'Enfant station.) This bus runs approx. every 40 minutes on weekdays and every hour on the weekend. At Dulles, the Metro bus stops at the Ground Transportation Curb (Arrivals level, down the ramp). This express bus has limited stops and the fare is \$3. You will want exact change (coins or bills), as the driver cannot provide change.



To Capitol Hill:

By taxi: Most taxi drivers know where the congressional office buildings are. Simply tell the driver which building you want to visit.

By metro: Capitol Hill can be reached by subway. To get to the House Office Buildings, take the Orange Line train towards New Carrollton or a Blue Line train towards Largo. Exit at Capitol South, the station closest to the House office buildings. To get to the Senate Office Buildings, take the Orange or Blue Line and transfer to the Red Line at Metro Center. Take the Red Line towards Glenmont, and then get off at the Union Station stop.

If you have questions, station attendants at each entrance can assist you.

Getting around Capitol Hill

For all Capitol Hill office buildings, you will have to pass through security. Don't carry any items (even a pocket knife) that may be suspect.

House Office Buildings are located south of the Capitol on Independence Avenue.

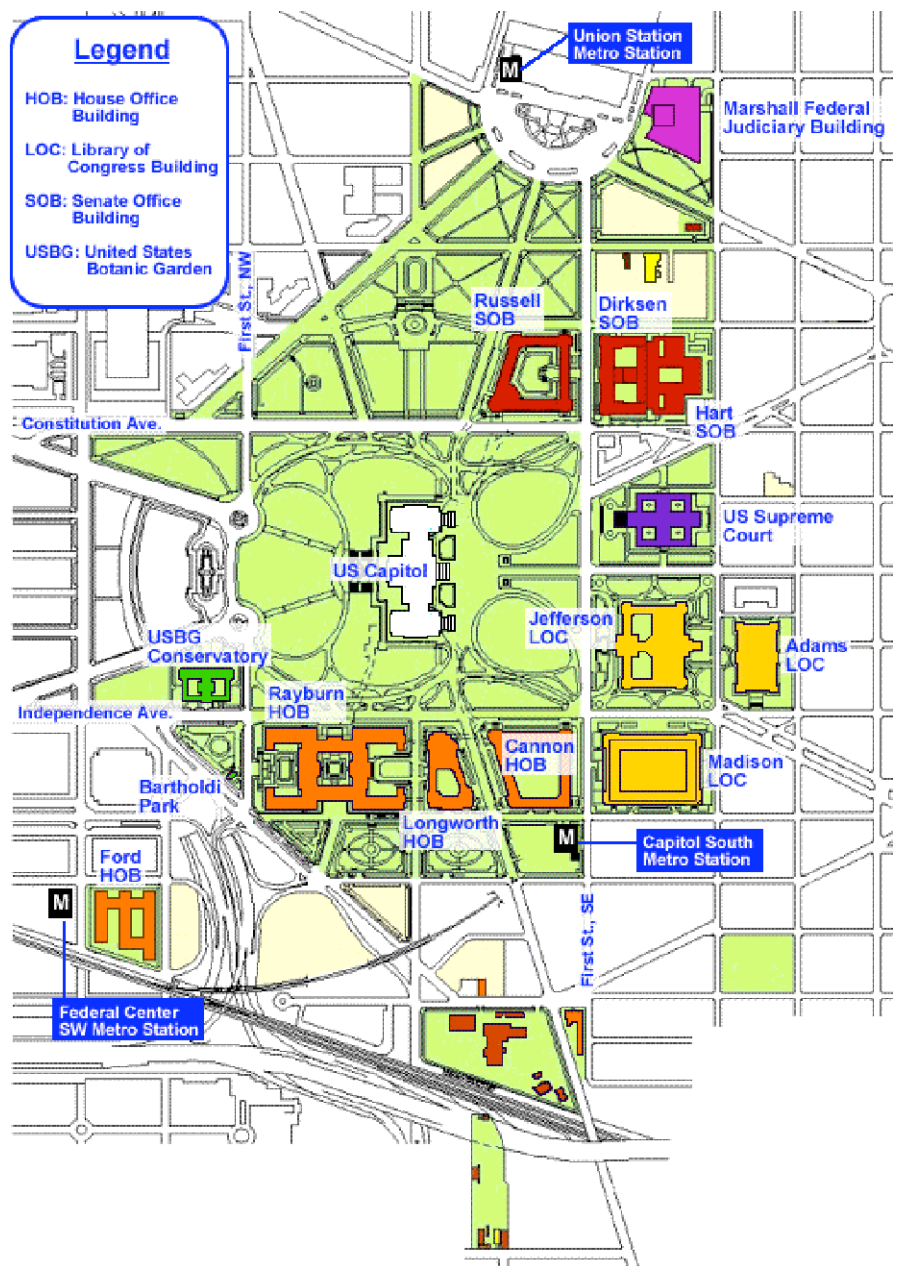
You can tell the building and floor by its room number:

Any three-digit room number can be found in Cannon House Office Building (CHOB); the first digit indicates the floor. Four-digit room numbers beginning with "1" are in Longworth House Office Building (LHOB). Four digit room numbers beginning with "2" are in Rayburn House Office Building (RHOB). In these two buildings the second digit indicates the floor.

Examples:

327 CHOB = third floor Cannon
2449 RHOB = fourth floor Rayburn

Senate Office Buildings are located on the north side of the Capitol on Constitution Avenue. In all buildings, the first digit indicates the floor. The three Senate Office Buildings are Dirksen, Hart and Russell.





Map of the Rosslyn area.
(A) is the Arlington Hyatt.



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Yellow Line service operates between Mt Vernon Sq/7th St-Convention Center and Fort Totten stations except Weekdays 5:00 to 9:30 a.m. and 3:00 to 7:00 p.m.



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