



Sorrow to Strength

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About TSC



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 1990 to help mitigate the devastating problem of truck crashes. CRASH 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. We represent the millions of Americans who travel the nation's highways every day, including truck drivers, motorists, crash survivors and families of truck crash victims. CRASH and CRASH volunteers work at all levels of government to promote long overdue truck safety reforms that will save lives.



**Citizens for Reliable
and Safe Highways**



P.A.T.T.

Parents Against Tired Truckers (P.A.T.T.) was formed in May of 1994 after a truck driver fell asleep at the wheel of his 80,000-pound rig, crashed, and killed four innocent teenagers. The only criminal charge that was brought against the truck driver was for a logbook violation, which resulted in a four-month jail sentence and a \$1,000.00 fine. The trucking company received no criminal penalty for the teenagers' deaths. We have grown from a grassroots group in Maine to a nationally recognized organization. We have been successful in bringing the fatigue issue to the forefront at National events throughout the United States.

About Sorrow to Strength



Sorrow to Strength is specifically designed for survivors of truck crashes and families/friends of those who have been lost or injured. The conference allows us to come together for a weekend of sharing, remembrance, learning and action to advance truck safety.

Please take some time to review the agenda that follows. We've worked hard to arrange as many meetings with your members of Congress and additional stakeholders. Educating Members of Congress AND their staff is very important.

There IS nothing as powerful as 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. We are in this together and you are NOT alone.

Truck Safety Coalition staff and volunteers are here to help you 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. We hope you will find Sorrow to Strength uplifting, empowering and a valuable part of your post-crash journey.

Conference Agenda

SATURDAY, 09/17

9:00 am - 12:00 pm Registration

12:00 pm - 2:00 pm Lunch Available

12:00 pm - 12:30 pm Icebreakers

12:30 pm - 1:00 pm Welcome & Opening
pre-recorded video w/DOT Secretary Buttigieg

1:00 pm - 1:25 pm Presentation from Rob Molloy, NTSB

1:30 pm - 2:30 pm Navigating Grief & Trauma with Dave Balderston

2:30 pm - 4:00 pm Share & Support: Sharing our Stories Together

4:15 pm - 4:45 pm Remarks from Robin Hutcheson, Acting Administrator, FMCSA

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm Dinner on Own
-Metro Practice Available!

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Reception & Remembrance Ceremony
-Be in the Ballroom by 8 pm to experience & participate in the Ceremony!

Conference Agenda

SUNDAY, 09/18

- 7:00 am – 8:25 am** Breakfast
- 8:30 am – 9:45 am** Breakouts Rotation #1
- 9:50 am – 10:50 am** Advocacy 101 w/ Joan Claybrook, CRASH Board Chair & Former NHTSA Administrator
- 11:00 am – 11:50 am** Exploring AV Trucking Panel
- 11:50 am – 12:00 pm** Pre-recorded remarks from the NHTSA Administrator
- 12:00 pm – 1:25 pm** Awards Luncheon
- 1:30 pm – 2:45 pm** Breakout Rotation #2
- 3:00 pm – 3:40 pm** Understanding Minimum Insurance & Broker Liability w/JJ Burns
- 3:45 pm – 5:00 pm** Breakout Rotation #3
- 5:00 pm – 5:10 pm** Concluding Announcements
-Dinner on your Own & Metro Practice Available



Conference Agenda

MONDAY, 09/19

9:00 am - 5:00 pm Hill Meetings

10:45 am - 11:30 am TSC Press Conference at Capitol Hill East Triangle

4:30 pm - 5:30 pm Happy Hour Hill Meeting Debrief
-Dinner on your Own

TUESDAY, 09/20

9:00 am - 2:00 pm Hill Meetings

3:00 pm - 9:00 pm Depart for Home

**ON-CALL MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT
W/ROB ZUCKER AVAILABLE**

MONDAY, 09/19: 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm

TUESDAY, 09/20: 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Call 413-695-4572

If Rob is with another participant simply leave a voicemail with your number and he will return your call



Guest Speakers

TSC is extremely grateful to have the following accomplished professionals participate in Sorrow to Strength.



Secretary Pete Buttigieg

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg is the 19th Secretary of the US Department of Transportation



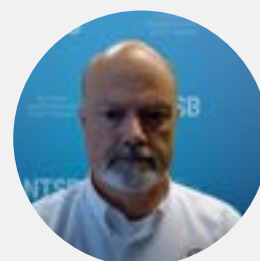
Ann Carlson

The Honorable Ann Carlson is the Acting Administrator of NHTSA



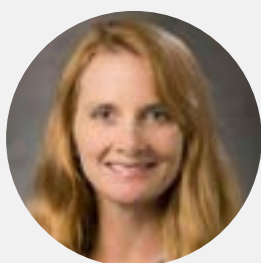
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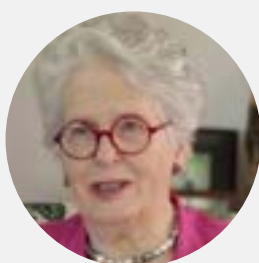
Rob Molloy

Rob is the Director of the Office of Highway Safety at NTSB



Missy Cummings

Dr. Cummings is a Safety Advisor to NHTSA, George Mason University Professor and former Navy fighter pilot



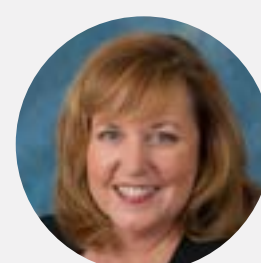
Joan Claybrook

Joan is the Chair of CRASH and former NHTSA Administrator



Jackie Gillan

Jackie is a former CRASH Board Member and Former President of Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety



Cathy Chase

Cathy Chase is the President & CEO of Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety



Sam Loesche

Sam is the Head of Policy and Public Affairs at Waabi Innovation, Inc.



Cole Scandaglia

Cole is the Senior Legislative and Policy Representative at the Int'l Brotherhood of Teamsters



JJ Burns

JJr is a nationally recognized trial lawyer with the Dollar, Burns, Becker and Hershewe Law Firm



Dave Balderston

Dave is a grief expert with 18+ year of experience volunteering at the Haven of Northern VA

Workshop Sessions



Jackie Gillan

TSC ISSUES DEEP DIVE

This session will go into detail on several issues: Automatic Emergency Braking, Hours of Service & Driver Fatigue, Underride Guards, Truck Size & Weight, and Teen Trucking. You will walk away being MUCH more informed on these critical safety issues.



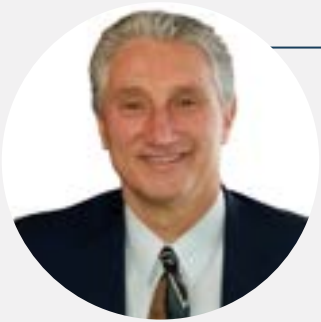
Jennifer Tierney

TSC AMBASSADORS

Making a Difference outside of S2S: What does it mean to be a TSC Ambassador? YOU can support the TSC mission to reduce deaths and injuries from truck crashes and provide support to victims and families in any number of ways! We will discuss how to get involved in Action Alerts, to share and engage on social media, ways to support fundraising, local media outreach, volunteer opportunities and more!



Kelli McClelland



Lee Jackson

PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT

This workshop will help you prepare and practice for your Monday and Tuesday meetings. The purpose of this workshop is to show you that your work advocating on Capitol Hill can and will make a difference – and is something anyone can do well.



Dawn King

Metro Map



From the Yours Truly Hotel to the Capitol:

DUPONT CIRCLE STATION:

Take the Red Line to Metro Station, then transfer to the Blue Line to Capitol South.

FOGGY BOTTOM STATION:

Take the Blue Line to Capitol South.

Navigating Capitol Hill

HOUSE: For House offices, you can tell the building and floor by the room number

SENATE: For Senate office buildings, you will need to know the building as well as the room number. In all buildings, the first digit indicates the floor

The Capitol Switchboard can connect you to any House or Senate office: (202) 224-3121



Rayburn (RHOB)
Four digit rooms beginning with "2" · The second digit indicates the floor · Example: 2449 RHOB is on the fourth floor of Rayburn

Longworth (LHOB)
Four digit rooms beginning with "1" · The second digit indicates the floor · Example: 1223 LHOB is on the second floor of Longworth

Cannon (CHOB)
Any three-digit room number · The first digit indicates the floor · Example: 327 CHOB is on the third floor of Cannon

Russell (RSOB)
Three digit room numbers preceded by "SR" · Example: SR 216 is on the second floor of Russell

Dirksen (DSOB)
Three digit room numbers preceded by "SD" · Example: SD 145 is on the first floor of Dirksen

Hart (HSOB)
Three digit room numbers preceded by "SH" · Example: SH 320 is on the third floor of Hart

Restaurants Nearby

There are hundreds of restaurants around this area, including Mercy Me inside the Yours Truly Hotel, but if you need any help deciding, we wanted to provide you with some options nearby.

STEPS FROM YOURS TRULY:

Rasika

Grillfish

Chef Geoff's

Sweetgreen

DUPONT CIRCLE AREA:

Boqueria

La Tomate

Thai Chef

Mi Casa

Kramers

Mission

Bistro Du Coin

Residents

FOGGY BOTTOM AREA:

Circa

North Italia

Duke's Grocery

District Commons

Departments, Agencies, & Committees

US Department of Transportation (DOT): Federal Department that oversees all aspects of US Transportation including vehicles, rail, and aviation. Its mission is to deliver the world's leading transportation system, serving the American people and economy through the safe, efficient, sustainable, and equitable movement of people and goods. The Department is led by the Honorable Pete Buttigieg.



Secretary Pete Buttigieg

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration: An agency within DOT, it is the lead federal government agency responsible for regulating and providing safety oversight of commercial motor vehicles (CMVs), FMCSA's mission is to reduce crashes, injuries, and fatalities involving large trucks and buses. FMCSA sets rules and regulations that affect all manner of safety, such as Hours of Service, and is also responsible for their enforcement. The agency is led by the Honorable Robin Hutcheson.



Robin Hutcheson

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA): An agency within DOT, NHTSA's mission is to save lives, prevent injuries, and reduce economic costs due to road traffic crashes, through education, research, safety standards, and enforcement. NHTSA is responsible for setting performance standards on critical safety equipment. The agency is currently led by the Honorable Ann Carlson.



Ann Carlson

National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB): The National Transportation Safety Board is an independent federal agency charged by Congress with investigating every civil aviation accident in the United States and significant accidents in other modes of transportation – railroad, highway, marine and pipeline. Its mission is to make transportation safer by conducting independent accident investigations, advocating safety improvements, and deciding pilots' and mariners' certification appeals. The agency is led by the Honorable Jennifer Homendy.

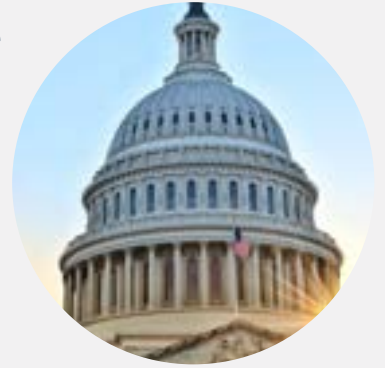


Jennifer Homendy

Departments, Agencies, & Committees

Committee Membership is determined at the start of each Session of Congress with the Chamber's Majority party assuming Chairmanship of the Committee as well as a numerical majority of party member appointments to the Committee.

Congress provides a check and balance on the power of the Executive Branch by providing oversight of federal departments and agencies whose activity falls within its Committee jurisdiction. Committees are also responsible for holding hearings on important issues, approving legislation out of committee and Senate Committees confirm important Executive Branch appointments such as DOT Secretary, FMCSA Administrator, NHTSA Administrator and NTSB Chair.

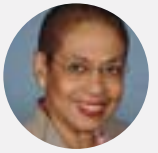


House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee (a.k.a. House T&I)

- Jurisdiction of note: Motor carrier and highway safety regulation, including the motor carrier safety assistance program
- Subcommittee of note: Highways and Transit
- House T&I is Chaired by the Honorable Peter DeFazio (D-OR-4) and the Highways and Transit Subcommittee is Chaired by the Honorable Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-DC-1)



Peter DeFazio



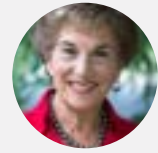
Eleanor Holmes Norton

House Energy and Commerce Committee

- Jurisdiction of Note: Motor vehicle safety
- Subcommittee of Note: Consumer Protection and Commerce
- House Energy and Commerce is Chaired by the Honorable Frank Pallone Jr (D-NJ-6) and the Consumer Protection and Commerce Subcommittee is Chaired by the Honorable Jan Schakowsky (D-IL-9)



Frank Pallone



Jan Schakowsky

Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee (a.k.a. Senate CST)

- Jurisdiction of note: Highway safety and regulation of interstate common carriers, including trucks
- Subcommittee of note: Surface Transportation, Maritime, Freight, and Ports
- Senate CST is chaired by the Honorable Maria Cantwell (D-WA) and the Surface Transport Subcommittee is Chaired by the Honorable Gary Peters (D-MI)



Maria Cantwell



Gary Peters

Senate Environment and Public Works Committee (a.k.a. Senate EPW)

- Jurisdiction of note: Construction and maintenance of highway and public works, bridges and dams
- Subcommittee of note: Transportation and Infrastructure
- Senate EPW is Chaired by the Honorable Tom Carper (D-DE) and the Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee is Chaired by the Honorable Ben Cardin (D-MD)



Tom Carper



Ben Cardin

Senate & House Appropriations Committees (a.k.a. Approps)

- Jurisdiction of Note: Appropriation of revenue for the support of the Government
- Subcommittee(s) of note: Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development and Related Agencies (THUD)
- Senate Approps is Chaired by the Honorable Patrick Leahy (D-VT) and the Senate THUD Subcommittee is Chaired by the Honorable Brian Schatz
- House Approps is Chaired by the Honorable Rosa DeLauro (D-CT-3) and the House THUD Subcommittee is Chaired by the Honorable David Price (D-NC-4)



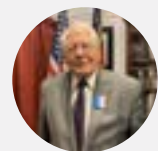
Patrick Leahy



Brian Schatz



Rosa DeLauro



David Price

Glossary

There are many different terms, acronyms, and abbreviations to know about. Here are a handful that could be helpful!

AEB

Automatic Emergency Braking is a safety system that can identify when a possible collision is about to occur and responds by autonomously activating the brakes to slow a vehicle prior to impact or bring it to a stop to avoid a collision. The technology commonly uses radar, cameras, or LiDAR to identify threatening situations.

ATRI

The American Transportation Research Institute

AV Trucking

Refers to the use of Autonomous Vehicles in commercial trucking

CDL

Commercial Driver's License – License which authorizes an individual to operate commercial motor vehicles over 26,000 pounds gross vehicle weight as well as buses.

CMV

Commercial Motor Vehicle

CRASH

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DOT

The Department of Transportation is the cabinet-level department of the U.S. government, led by the Secretary of Transportation, appointed by the President of the United States. D.O.T. "Administrations" regulate all modes of transportation in the United States. This includes the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, which regulates the operation of interstate trucking.

ECM

Electronic control module or "black box" which often records a truck's activity in the seconds before and after a crash and may also include more extensive data. An ECM may erase or record over crash data if it is not downloaded and preserved soon after a crash.

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ELD

An electronic logging device (ELD) is electronic hardware used to record the working hours of a commercially-operated motor vehicle.

ELDT

Entry Level Driver Training (ELDT) regulations set the baseline for training requirements for entry-level drivers.

EOBRs

Electronic On Board Recording devices are computer-like devices that can be installed on trucks and connected to a variety of sensors to collect information about what the truck is doing (speed, engine on or off, etc.), location of the vehicle (from GPS devices), and even communication between the truck company and the driver. They can be used to make sure that drivers log their time correctly and to assist with enforcement of the HOS (Hours of Service) rules, but their use at this time for such purposes is the exception rather than the rule. This is different from the ECM (Electronic Control Module) that controls the workings of almost all diesel engines, which may contain some of the same data about the engine and the truck.

Fatigue

Tired truckers represent one of the most serious and prevalent safety problems in the trucking industry. At the 1995 Truck and Bus Safety Summit, truck industry experts and stakeholders listed driver fatigue as the “Number One Safety Issue” facing the trucking industry.

Financial Responsibility

Safety regulations require interstate trucking companies to maintain at least \$750,000.00 in liability insurance coverage. This amount has not been changed since 1980 and is woefully insufficient. Increasing this minimum amount is one of our priorities.

FMCSA

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration is a separate administration within the U.S. Department of Transportation. The primary mission of the organization is to reduce crashes, injuries, fatalities, and property loss involving large trucks and buses by regulating the workers and businesses involved. They are responsible for developing and enforcing the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations.

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FMCSR

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations. Trucking companies operate under authority granted by the federal government and are subject to safety regulations aimed at reducing crashes and saving lives.

HOS

Hours of Service - Safety regulations govern how many hours commercial drivers can drive and remain on duty, as well as how long they must rest between tours of duty.

IIHS

The Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS) is an independent, nonprofit scientific and educational organization dedicated to reducing deaths, injuries and property damage from motor vehicle crashes through research and evaluation and through education of consumers, policymakers and safety professionals.

Logbook

Safety regulations require interstate commercial drivers to record their hours of service and duty status for each 24-hour period.

Long Haul

A move that takes place over 450 miles. Long hauls are (generally) performed with tractor-trailers.

Motor Carrier

A company that provides truck transportation. There are two types of motor carriers: private and for-hire carriers.

Negligence

The failure to use reasonable care. Negligence can be the commission of an act or acts, or the omission of an act or acts. In a truck crash case, many parties may be determined to have been negligent.

NHTSA

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration is an agency of the U.S. federal government, part of the Department of Transportation. It describes its mission as "Save lives, prevent injuries, reduce vehicle-related crashes" related to transportation safety in the United States.

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NTSB

National Transportation Safety Board. An autonomous board that does not have regulatory powers, but which investigates problems and accidents involving transportation issues. This board makes recommendations regarding improvements that can save lives and reports back the responses to its recommendations from different stakeholders. The FMCSA and the trucking industry have a very poor response record to the recommendations made by the NTSB regarding improvements to truck safety. Information from the NTSB is made available to our nation's legislators and policymakers.

P.A.T.T.

Parents Against Tired Truckers

Satellite Tracking Devices

Many trucking companies equip their trucks with satellite tracking or communication devices that may provide data regarding the movement and location of it's truck leading up to a collision.

Safety Rating

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration assigns each trucking company a safety rating based on factors such as the truck company's safety management controls, frequency and severity of regulatory violations, roadside inspection results, frequency and severity of crashes, and the number and severity of violations of state safety rules. A new safety assessment system, CSA 2010, is currently being implemented.

Sorrow to Strength

A conference held every two years by the Truck Safety Coalition that provides a welcoming atmosphere for remembrance, compassion and sharing, and also serves as a forum where interested individuals can educate themselves about safety issues in the trucking industry and advocate for improvements.

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