



THE TSC NEWSLETTER

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A NIGHT TO REMEMBER!



Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-DC-01) provides keynote remarks

TSC’s inaugural fundraising event was a magical evening with over 50 of our closest friends, donors and partners.

With the generosity of our sponsors and supporters, including many of you who donated who could not make it in-person, we were able to raise over **\$26,000 for our lifesaving mission!!!**

We are already making plans for next year! Be sure to check pages 9-11 for more on this incredible event.

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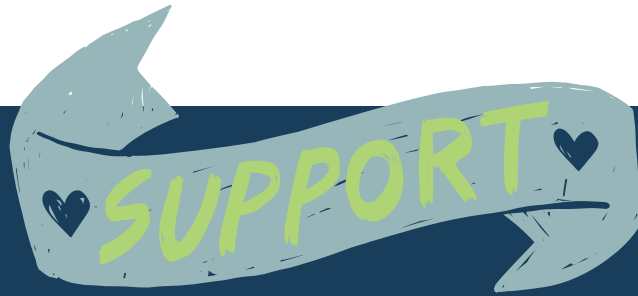
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GIVING TUESDAY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!



Giving Tuesday 2023 is next month and we need your HELP!!!

- * **Hold a Facebook Fundraiser (it's easy!)**
- * **Host a Fundraising Dinner w/friends or your book club**
- * **Have your business make a matching gift**
- * **Collect "gratitude gifts" at Thanksgiving for TSC**

Simply put, we need people and organizations passionate about the TSC mission to engage their friends, family, and contacts to raise funds in support of truck safety!

Email: johnetha@trucksafety.org to learn more and get involved



TSC is excited to be participating in GivingTuesday again this year! Last year, our volunteers raised nearly \$25,000 on #GivingTuesday.

This year, **TSC wants to DOUBLE our peer-to-peer success from last year** and collectively raise \$50,000.

Will you join us?

A Mom on a Mission

TSC Volunteer, Michelle Grubbs, Making Kentucky A Safer Place From Large Trucks



On August 2, 2021, 26-year-old Trevor Doom, along with his fiancé, her mother, her mother's boyfriend, and his fiancé's 14-year-old cousin, were exiting the driveway of a business when a semi-truck driver ran a red light and hit them broadside. Five lives were lost in an instant from the impact of the crash.

Trevor's mother, Michelle Grubbs channeled her grief, anger, and pain to drive change. If her son could overcome adversity, so could she. Trevor had been born 3 months premature weighing under 2 lbs. and was given a 10-15% chance of survival. Diagnosed with mild cerebral palsy, doctors advised he may never walk, talk, see, or hear. Trevor never let his disability slow him down and became the fire chief of the Wickliffe Rural Fire Department for two years prior to his preventable crash death. Trevor dedicated his life to serving his community and giving back to others. Michelle Grubbs has done the same in Trevor's honor.

First, she succeeded in a community effort to lower speeds on the roadway where Trevor's crash occurred. Not content with this victory, she also agitated to have "NO TRUCK" signs posted on the county's rural highways and local law enforcement increased CMV enforcement for truck drivers illegally using these roads not designed for freight. Just this week, Michelle traveled to Frankfurt, KY where she was invited to share Trevor's story with local FMCSA (Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration) officials, Kentucky State Police, the Kentucky Transportation Department, and more!

Take Michelle lightly at your own peril! Her advocacy "where her feet are" in Trevor's honor is making the roads safer and saving lives. Thank you for your relentless commitment to truck safety!

TRUCK SAFETY COALITION IN THE NEWS



TSC President, Tami Friedrich and Executive Director, Zach Cahalan joined NewsNation for Truck Week and discussed how Speed Limiters and Automatic Emergency Braking are poised to substantially drive down truck crash deaths and injuries.

[Watch the Clip](#)

Additional Stories



[StreetsBlog: DRIVE Act Aims to Prohibit CMV Speed Limiters](#)



[TSC Vol, Eileen Miller: Speed Limiters Save Lives](#)



[FCMSA Cuts Back on Unnecessary CMV Exemptions During Emergencies](#)

Upcoming Events

Spook-tacular Trivia

TSC's 3rd Annual
SPOOKY
TRIVIA

OCT 24 7PM EASTERN

[REGISTER TODAY!](#)

Join us for a night of fun with the TSC family! Community members and staff will reconnect over Zoom and play a terrifying round of ghoulish trivia.

Costumes encouraged, but not required. Extra credit if your pet is in costume as well! Who will walk away with this year's crown? ZOOM in for the festivities and find out! Trivia is kid-friendly & folks of all ages in your household are encouraged to participate!

Grief Zoom Night

GRIEF ZOOM NIGHT

Preparing for the Holiday Season

With Professional Grief Counselor
Rob Zucker

NOV 14 7PM EASTERN

[REGISTER TODAY!](#)

Our ongoing Community Grief Night series with Robert resumes this November. The holidays can be challenging, all the more for crash victims and survivors and the trauma we carry.

Whether your crash was 30 days ago or 30 years ago, join and be enriched and encouraged from those who walked this road and have helpful tips and practices to share from their experience. You don't have to do this alone, we're stronger together.

**DID YOU KNOW WE REGULARLY ADD NEW CRASH STORIES TO OUR [WEBSITE](#)?
CONTACT US TO BE SURE YOUR CRASH IS NEVER FORGOTTEN
EMAIL INFO@TRUCKSAFETY.ORG**

Government Affairs Update

Truck safety policy issues rarely make news headlines, but don't let that lull you into thinking nothing is happening! Below are a few of the priority issues TSC is tracking and making sure crash victims and survivor's perspectives have a chance to be heard.

- **Speed Limiter Rulemaking: Coming soon**

Don't blink or you may miss it! Despite desperate attempts by some lawmakers seeking to stop it from happening, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) is expected to publish its Speed Limiter Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in the coming days or weeks. In response to a petition for rulemaking filed by TSC and Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety, it is one of the most anticipated rulemakings of the last 10 years. While you wait, review FMCSA's Notice of Intent [here](#).



- **New Chief Safety Officer at FMCSA**

Sue Lawless will serve as FMCSA's chief safety officer to promote the Agency's safety mission, collaborate with federal, state, and local governments, and provide direction to all national commercial vehicle safety programs. Prior to her appointment, Lawless served as the Director of FMCSA's Motor Carrier, Driver, and Vehicle Standards Division. She first joined FMCSA in 2001, but later transitioned to the private sector where she was a partner in a law firm and represented motor carriers, motor carrier drivers, and various transportation businesses. Lawless rejoined FMCSA in 2010. TSC is eager to meet with Sue following her mid-September start date.



- **The Passing of Senator Dianne Feinstein**

On September 29th, long-standing California Senator and former San Francisco Mayor, Dianne Feinstein passed. Senator Feinstein took truck safety seriously and consistently opposed reckless industry efforts to increase truck size and weight, most notably taking a leadership role in prohibiting "Double 33" Trailers. Read TSC's full statement on her passing [here](#).



- **GAO Report Slams FMCSA's Disregard for its National Consumer Complaint Database**

The Government Accountability Office (GAO) released a report examining FMCSA's National Consumer Complaint Database (NCCDB), as required by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). The NCCDB, among other things, is meant to use fled complaints to help FMCSA determine which companies to investigate. Shockingly, the report details that "there is no requirement nor expectation that FMCSA staff will document in the case file whether a complaint alleged a substantial violation." Last year, TSC submitted public comment urging FMCSA to improve the transparency and use of the NCCDB and will be working with stakeholders to monitor FMCSA's implementation of the GAO's corrective actions. Read the full GAO report [here](#).

BOARD & DONOR SPOTLIGHT

Q&A W/RUSS SWIFT



Russ Swift

TSC Board Member and P.A.T.T. Co-Chair

TSC: What's your connection to the Truck Safety Coalition?

Russ: The death of our son Jasen at the hands of a 17-year-old tired trucker in 1993 brought me to P.A.T.T. & TSC. I made a decision to turn the grief and anger accompanying his senseless slaughter into Advocacy and support to other Truck Crash victims. **I am with TSC 100%.**

TSC: After all this time, why do you still support the Truck Safety Coalition?

Russ: I don't want any more families to have to endure the pain my wife and I have. TSC is the most effective organization that both helps Truck Crash victims and their families AND works tirelessly to reduce the likelihood of future crashes. We are so good at what we do, folks think we are a large, well-staffed, and funded organization. The reality is that TSC has an extremely small staff and is volunteer driven. **NO ONE does more with less than TSC.**

TSC: What do you wish others knew about TSC?

Russ: We run on an extremely limited budget. I donate monthly and have a tribute to Jasen on the **Memoriam Wall** and encourage other victims to do the same. Each year, on the anniversary of Jasen's death, we try to increase the amount of our monthly donations. If we ever hit the lottery the TSC will be financially set for years to come! They deserve it and it will do a world of good.

"I'M IN IT FOR THE LONG HAUL TO HONOR JASEN'S MEMORY. WE MUST CONTINUE TO STAY THE COURSE. DEVASTATING TRUCK CRASHES HAPPEN EVERY DAY, IN EVERY STATE. TSC IS NEEDED NOW MORE THAN EVER."

WHAT TRUCK DRIVER SHORTAGE?

An oft-cited corporate trucking myth comes under assault

Corporate trucking has claimed to be victims of a “truck driver shortage” for decades, continually seeking handouts from policymakers to fix the “crisis.”

They conveniently leave out that large long-haul trucking companies experience a 90% turnover year over year, leading anyone willing to examine the issue closely, that it’s really a truck driver **retention crisis of their own making.**



The supposed shortage is frequently cited to defend anti-safe policies such as heavier trucks, teen truckers, and rushing autonomous truck deployment. Stakeholders across the industry have seen enough and are not keeping quiet.

FreightWaves CEO, Craig Fuller recently published a scathing Op-Ed saying, “The seemingly perpetual market wide truck driver shortage is not real, nor is it market wide.” Widely regarded as an objective and trusted provider of global supply chain market intelligence, the Op-Ed caught the attention of everyone in the industry AND on Capitol Hill. Next time you hear hogwash on the shortage, please help set the record straight!

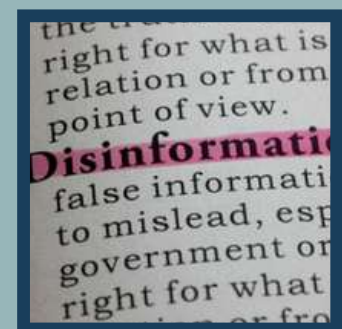
BUT WAIT, THERE’S MORE



[Dr. Michael Belzer’s Op-Ed in the Labor Employment Relations Association Mag.](#)



[NewsNation: Why was there emphasis on truck driver shortage, if it wasn't real?](#)



[ATA & ATRI: Purveyors of Truck Driver Shortage Disinformation](#)

A NIGHT TO CELEBRATE TRUCK SAFETY CONT.



L-R Johnetha Lindsey, Bruce King, Dawn King, Sherri Arrington, Congressman Gerry Connolly, Tami Friedrich, Jennifer Tierney and Zach Cahalan

Congressman Gerry Connolly (D-VA-11) was presented with the “Truck Safety Champion” Award for his work promoting safer practices at the United States Postal Service.

Watch his gracious and earnest acceptance remarks [HERE](#).



A NIGHT TO CELEBRATE TRUCK SAFETY CONT.



***CRASH Board Chair, Joan Claybrook, introducing
Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton***



***Anna Guardipee showing off her
"TSC Volunteer of the Year Award"***



***Daniel Langenkamp, joined by his sons Axel and Oliver,
accept the Safety Philanthropist of the Year Award***



***Kudos to TSC's own Johnetha Lindsey for pulling
off this incredible event!***

THANK YOU

*FOR MAKING A NIGHT TO CELEBRATE
TRUCK SAFETY POSSIBLE*

ADVOCATES



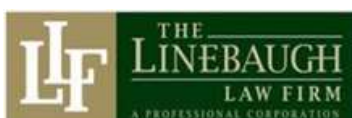
COLLABORATORS

Beth Badger, in loving memory of her Dad, William Badger
Bruce & Dawn King, in loving memory of her Dad, William Badger
The Dominic Lopez-Toney Hope Fund
Jane Mathis, in loving memory of David and Mary Kathryn Mathis



PARTNERS

Paul Huffman & Anna Guardipee
Rick and Linda Lott





We're Almost There!



**WE ARE ONLY 30% AWAY FROM
ACHIEVING OUR GOAL!**

We are nine months into our 2023 annual campaign and close to reaching our fiscal goal! We need your help to achieve that goal. Please donate to help us continue to serve our deserving community.

Our upcoming major campaigns are Giving Tuesday and our End of Year Campaign. To donate, visit our [website](#).

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- Share or retweet our posts
- Offer and receive support in the [Survivors, Families, & Friends Community on Facebook](#) (click to request to join)
- Tag us!
- Engage with our community
- Join our Zoom nights
- Sign up for our Action Alerts and Newsletter!