



# THE TSC NEWSLETTER

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## Thank You for an AMAZING 2024



*TSC Board Member, Lee Jackson, trains TN law enforcement how to identify and record underride crashes (Nashville, TN)*

As I pause and reflect on an eventful 2024, it never ceases to inspire when I think on the courage and strength of TSC's volunteers.

Our volunteers drive EVERYTHING at TSC -- from sharing their stories with policymakers and members of the media, to extending compassion and understanding to new crash victims, to helping fundraise for this mission so close to our hearts, and even helping to train law enforcement officials on the need to accurately identify and record underride crashes (see above). There's nothing they can't do.

It is truly an honor as staff to work alongside our volunteers and supporters. I know, without the shadow of a doubt, that it is **ONLY** because of your engagement and passion that TSC is able to be the most influential and respected organization leading the charge to advance truck safety.

**THANK YOU.**

-Zach, Johnetha and McKenna

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# TSC'S GIVING TUESDAY HEROES MAKE AN IMPACT!

GIVING TUESDAY



This Giving Tuesday, the incredible volunteers and supporters of the Truck Safety Coalition came together to raise awareness and funds for truck safety advocacy. Thanks to your dedication and generosity, **we raised nearly \$10,000** to support crash victims, survivors, and families in need!

We are deeply grateful for each and every one of you who donated, shared our mission with your networks, and rallied behind TSC on this special day of giving. Your efforts make a real difference in our fight for safer roads and stronger advocacy.

A huge **THANK YOU** to our Giving Tuesday Volunteers—you are the heart of this movement, and your impact is immeasurable!



Angela Sims-Fuelling

Anna Guardipee



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# TRUCK SAFETY COALITION IN THE NEWS



[Bulk Transporter: Truck Safety Coalition Issues Deadliest Truck Crash States Report](#)

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## Additional Stories



[PR Web: Truck Safety Virtual Roadshow Arrives in Oregon](#)



[Pittsburgh-Post Gazette: Safety Groups Fear New Administration's Safety Stance](#)



[PR Web: Truck Safety Roadshow Visits Nashville, TN](#)



## DONOR SPOTLIGHT: ANGELA SUTER

For Angela Suter and her family, October 3, 2024, was a day that forever changed their lives. Their 27-year-old daughter, Morgan, was tragically killed by a truck driver who was later charged with driving under the influence. In the midst of unimaginable loss, Angela found a lifeline in the Truck Safety Coalition.

“From day one, the group reached out to our family and helped us in so many ways,” Angela shared. “Listening to others who have been in our shoes and being able to share our story with a group that truly understands has made all the difference.”



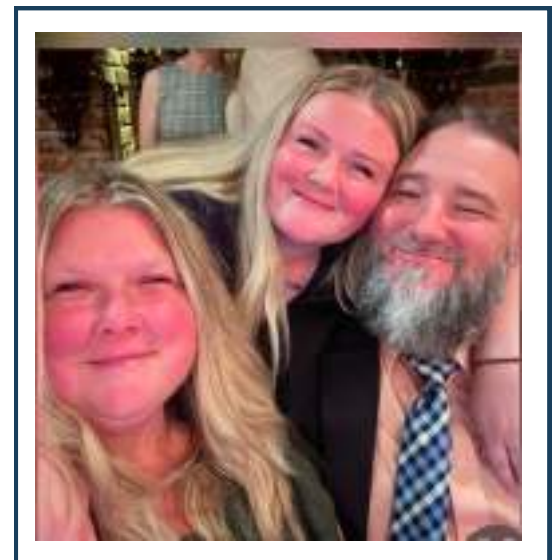
Angela’s connection to TSC is deeply personal. By becoming a monthly donor and joining the Memoriam Wall, she has found a meaningful way to honor her daughter’s memory while contributing to the Coalition’s vital mission.

“TSC not only offers advice and support to victims and their families, but they also work tirelessly to change the system,” Angela explained. “This group puts faces and names to stories, reminding everyone that these tragedies could have been prevented.”

For Angela, the most impactful aspect of TSC’s work is its dual role as both a support system for families and a driving force for legislative change. “Talking to people who truly know how we feel and working toward making everyone aware of the preventable nature of these crashes gives us strength and hope.”

Angela stays connected with TSC through emails and their Facebook page, appreciating the updates on how her contributions are making a difference. She believes others would find comfort and empowerment in joining TSC’s efforts, saying, “The events and outreach ensure that our stories are heard, helping to prevent other families from experiencing what we have.”

As a cherished member of the Truck Safety Coalition’s community, Angela’s generosity and advocacy not only honor her daughter’s memory but also pave the way for a safer future for others.



**THE TRUCK SAFETY COALITION IS SO GRATEFUL FOR THE SUPPORT OF ANGELA! THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR MISSION!**

# Government Affairs Update

As we all know, President Trump (R) won the 2024 election over current Vice President Kamala Harris (D). The impact of incoming Trump Administration on any hopes for transportation safety is expected to be hugely significant: stalling, stopping, and potentially reversing previous gains. It will be more important than ever for crash victims to tell their stories and force decision-makers to reckon with the the tragic consequences that accompany prioritizing profit and efficiency over safety when it comes to large trucks.

## Sean Duffy Nominated to lead Department of Transportation

The former Republican House Representative from Wisconsin's 7th District, Duffy has long considered to be "trucking friendly" by industry insiders. In the past, he has supported heavier trucks on interstate highways (including covered logging trucks), Hours of Service exemptions, delays on Electronic Logging Device implementation, and teen trucking.



Duffy also gained fame from his time in reality TV on Real World Boston as well as working at Fox News following his time in the House of Representatives. Interestingly, he may be the first lumberjack to lead DOT, having won several speed climbing lumberjack world championships in his youth. He inherits a DOT with SEVERAL critical safety issues that remain unresolved (see below)...

## Outstanding Rulemakings & Exemption Requests Remain at DOT

- ✔ - **Heavy Vehicle (i.e. Large Truck) Automatic Emergency Braking (AEB):** this final rule will require AEB on ALL classes of newly manufactured large trucks, but **ONLY IF** the final rule resembles the proposed rule. TSC is concerned this robust rule may be watered down in the new administration.
- ✔ - **Speed Limiters:** this rulemaking effort would compel the use of speed limiters in large trucks. Roughly 20% of all fatal crashes occur at speeds 70+mph. It is widely expected that the incoming administration will not prioritize this rule for completion.
- ✔ - **New Entrant Proficiency Exam:** this rulemaking process is in its infancy stages at DOT and has mixed levels of support from various elements of industry to continue. The New Entrant Audit program is an abject failure, so there is optimism DOT will press forward with this initiative and require new carriers to show they actually KNOW the safety rules to run a trucking business before being receiving federal authorization to operate.
- ✔ - **AV Trucking Exemption Request DENIED:** Back in 2023, Waymo and Aurora submitted an exemption to FMCSA from the rule that requires certain procedures be followed when a large truck is in distress (such as road flares and triangles). While seemingly innocuous, if approved, this exemption would have opened the door for AV Trucks to operate in interstate commerce WITHOUT an accompanying regulatory safety framework. TSC filed rigorous comments opposing this exemption and learned just last week it was denied in full, a huge victory for safety.
- ✔ - **CA & WA Meal and Rest Breaks:** The States of CA & WA would like to require Meal and Rest Breaks for truck drivers consistent with their labor laws. These requirements **would exceed** the current federal Hours of Service requirements. TSC filed strong comments in support of this exemption request, while industry pretended the sky was falling and laughably said they may no longer take loads in California if this overly burdensome measure was permitted. This too, now sits in the hands of the incoming administration.

# TSC Memoriam Wall

By becoming a Monthly Giving Partner, you can honor your loved one in a deeply personal way. With your recurring gift of any amount, you'll have the opportunity to include their name, a photo, and a brief message on TSC's Memoriam Wall—a digital space of remembrance and hope.



Your generosity does more than preserve memories; it fuels action. TSC stands as the voice against the \$17M trucking lobby resisting safety reforms.

## MONTHLY GIVING MEMORIAM SPOTLIGHT:

### Morgan Suter

In memory of Morgan Suter, who was killed on October 3, 2024.

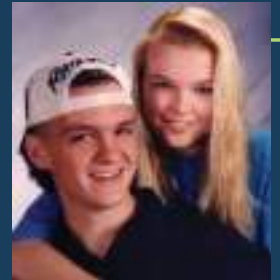
Morgan had so much life ahead of her, and we miss her every single day. The Truck Safety Coalition has been our lifeline—helping us share her story and fight for change so no other family has to endure this pain.



Angela Suter, Morgan's mother

### Jeffery Alan Izer

We miss Jeff every single day. Out of grief, anger and hope for the future in May 1994, we formed Parents Against Tired Truckers (P.A.T.T.) in an effort to make the highways safer for all.



In loving memory of our 17-year-old son Jeff Izer, who was killed October 10, 1993, by a long-haul truck driver who fell asleep at the wheel, killing Jeff and three friends, Angie, Dawn Marie, and Katie. Linda survived with injuries, both physical and emotional.

– Daphne & Steve Izer, Jeff's parents

## Get Started in 3 Easy Steps

- 1) [CLICK HERE TO DONATE](#)
- 2) CHOOSE "MONTHLY" DONATION
- 3) TSC WILL FOLLOW-UP & CONTACT YOU FOR YOUR TRIBUTE ASAP





# TRUCK SAFETY ROADSHOW UPDATE

## FULL SPEED AHEAD: ROADSHOW SUCCESS CONTINUES ACROSS THE NATION!



### ROADSHOW # 2 : VIRTUAL WEBINAR FOR OREGON INSPECTORS

TSC partnered with Howard Russell, Safety Enforcement Manager at ODOT, to host a grant-funded virtual TRUCK Safety Roadshow for Oregon CMV Inspectors on December 11th. The webinar attracted 54 ODOT inspectors and crash report professionals, focusing on underride crash reporting and safety enforcement. Post-assessment results revealed a 34% increase in median scores, demonstrating a significant enhancement in participants' knowledge.



### ROADSHOW # 3 : NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

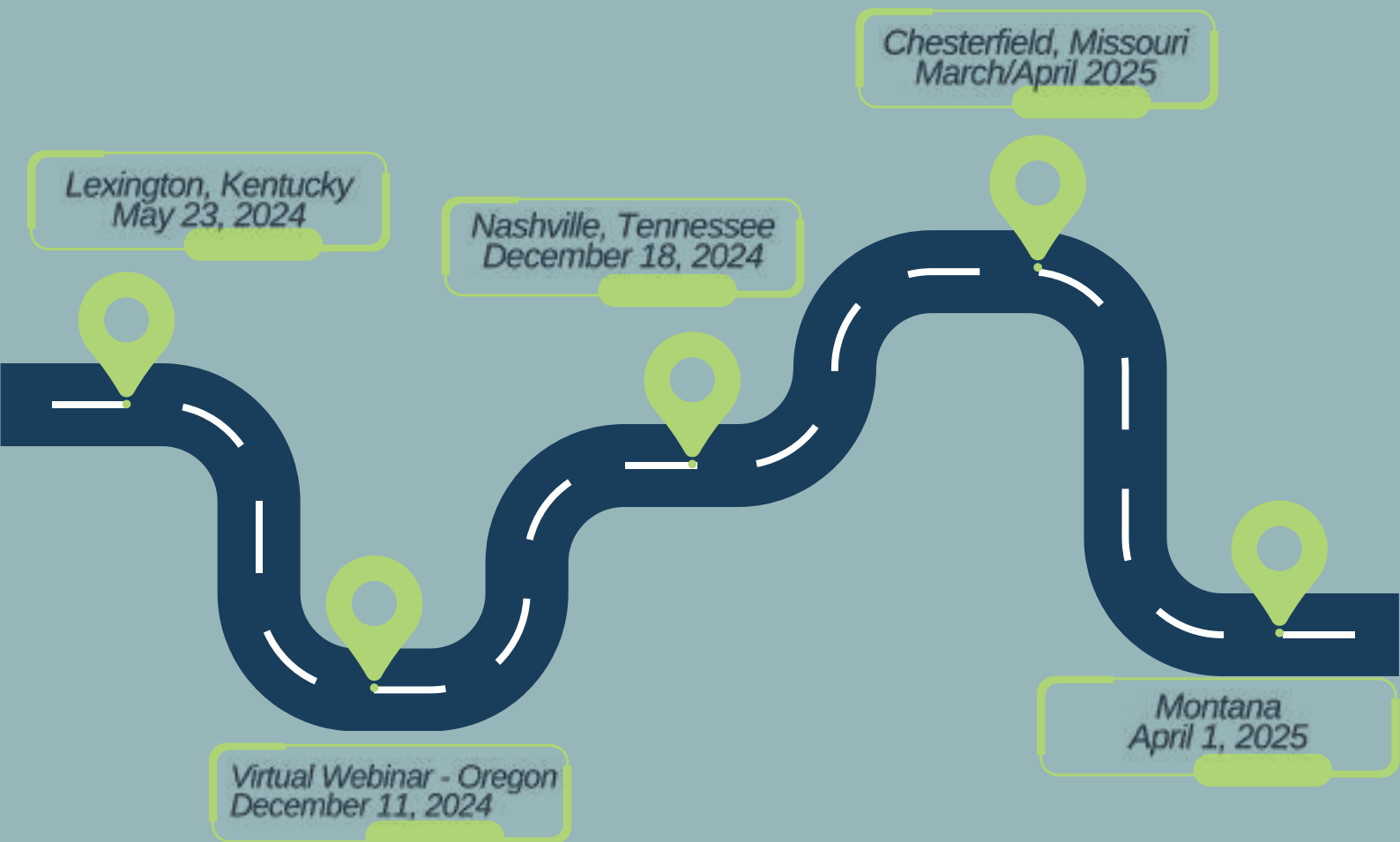


TSC's third Roadshow in Nashville, Tennessee, was highly engaging and impactful. With 22 state troopers, captains, and crash reporting professionals in attendance, the workshop facilitated meaningful discussions and knowledge sharing. Participants expressed unanimous agreement on the workshop's value, citing its relevance and informative content. Post-assessment scores showed a marked improvement compared to pre-assessment results, demonstrating the success of our objective to enhance underride crash reporting and documentation.



# UPCOMING ROADSHOWS:

## CHARTING A COURSE FOR UNDERRIDE SAFETY



TSC continues to meet our grant deliverables and hosted three TRUCK Safety Roadshows in 2024. The pre- and post-assessment data confirms significant knowledge enhancement among our target audience, marking important progress in addressing the issue of underride crashes.

As we head into 2025, we are accelerating our efforts, with two Roadshows confirmed in Missouri and Montana. These events are already making a measurable difference, contributing to improvements in the states' reporting processes and crash documentation.

Grant funding provides us with the unique opportunity to raise awareness about the critical issue of underride crashes and the enforcement of impact guard regulations. To learn more about our Roadshows, please visit our website: [Truck Safety Roadshows](https://www.trucksafetyroadshows.com).



# HONORING JEFFERY ALAN IZER: DAPHNE & STEVE IZER'S LIFELONG COMMITMENT TO TRUCK SAFETY

Daphne and Steve Izer's journey with the Truck Safety Coalition (TSC) began with an unimaginable tragedy. On October 10, 1993, their son, Jeffrey Alan Izer, was killed when a tired truck driver, asleep at the wheel, veered into the breakdown lane and struck Jeff's disabled vehicle, killing him and three of his friends. This horrific event led them to found Parents Against Tired Truckers (P.A.T.T.), with the goal of raising awareness about driver fatigue and preventing future truck crash deaths.

## Why They Support the Truck Safety Coalition

"How can we not support TSC? The number of truck crashes and victims has only increased since Jeff was killed," they say. "We only wish we could do more."

Their recurring monthly donations are a way to ensure that TSC's mission lives on, making a tangible difference for future generations. For them, it's not just about remembering Jeff; it's about preventing others from experiencing the same pain.



## A Mission Close to Their Hearts

When asked about the TSC's mission, Daphne and Steve emphasize the organization's remarkable ability to combine the efforts of P.A.T.T. and CRASH, creating a powerful voice for truck safety. "TSC has been incredibly successful in raising awareness, improving truck and highway safety, and advocating for crucial legislative changes," they explain. They also highlight how TSC supports crash victims and survivors, "***TSC is not just another advocacy group; it's made up of people who truly understand the grief and confusion that comes with being a victim or survivor of a truck crash.***"

## The Power of Support and Education

For Daphne and Steve, two aspects of TSC's work stand out. First is the support for victims and survivors. "We have been where they are, and we understand their grief. We're here to offer our support and share our experiences," they say. Secondly, they are passionate about TSC's efforts to educate the public, law enforcement, and lawmakers about the need for stronger protections against truck crashes.



## Continuing the Legacy of Advocacy

Even though Daphne and Steve's active participation in advocacy efforts has slowed with age, their commitment to the cause remains unwavering. Participating in TSC's Memorial Wall keeps Jeff's memory alive and allow them to continue making a difference in the fight for truck safety.

Daphne and Steve's advice to others considering supporting TSC is simple, but powerful: "***Turning grief into something positive has been what's worked for us and many others.*** TSC has helped us keep Jeff's memory alive while actively contributing to a cause we believe in."

**As members of the P.A.T.T. and TSC Boards, they remain deeply involved in TSC's work, and their continued support is a testament to their enduring dedication to safer roads for all. THANK YOU DAPHNE & STEVE FOR YOUR ENDURING LEADERSHIP & LEGACY!!!**

# A HEARTFELT THANK YOU TO OUR TSC COMMUNITY

As we look back on this year, we are overwhelmed with gratitude for the incredible support of our community, partners, and volunteers. Your generosity, dedication, and unwavering commitment to truck safety inspire everything we do.

Thanks to you, **we've raised nearly \$350,000** this year—a milestone that reflects the collective strength of those who stand with us in our mission to support crash victims, honor lost loved ones, and advocate for life-saving reforms.

## WE CARE



## WE LOVE



## WE HELP



### To Our Volunteers

Your time, energy, and passion are the foundation of our work. Whether you've organized fundraising campaigns, shared your stories, or helped spread the word, you've made a remarkable impact.

### To Our Donors

Your gifts fuel our mission. Every dollar raised has brought us closer to a future where safer roads are not just a hope but a reality.

### To Our Partners

Your collaboration makes our efforts stronger and more effective. Together, we've amplified our voices and advocated for the change that matters most. As we approach the end of this year, we're reminded that we couldn't do this work without you. Your commitment drives our ability to fight for safer roads and support the families impacted by preventable truck crashes.

**HERE'S TO ANOTHER YEAR OF MAKING A DIFFERENCE—TOGETHER.**