OSHA/NHTSA Motor Vehicle Safety Symposium Agenda

The Royal Sonesta Hotel, Grand Ballroom
Tuesday, September 14, 2004

MODERATOR
Charles “Chuck” Hurley, Vice President, NSC Transportation Safety Group

10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.
OPENING AND INTRODUCTORY REMARKS
John L. Henshaw, Assistant Secretary of Labor, OSHA
Dr. Jeffery W. Runge, Administrator, NHTSA
Dr. John Howard, Director, NIOSH

10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.
PANEL DISCUSSION I
Measuring the Value of Seat Belt Programs
The panelists will explore and discuss the benefits of seat belt usage through human and economic costs. The discussion will focus on the impact of past and predicted behaviors.

Participants
Jeffrey P. Michael, Director, Office of Impaired Driving and Occupant Protection, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)
E. Martin Walker, Regional Director, Office of Workers’ Compensation (OWCP)

11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.
LUNCHEON SPEAKER
Brig. Gen. Joseph A. Smith, Director of Army Safety, U.S. Army

12:45 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.
PANEL DISCUSSION II
Managing Effective Seat Belt Programs
The panelists will share a variety of best practices found in the public and private sectors. Participants will discuss how their organizations have successfully implemented seat belt programs.

Participants
Kathy Konicki, Director of Safety at Nationwide Insurance and Chair of the NETS Board
Robert J. Brant, Manager, OSHA Coordination, United States Postal Service
Alex A. Beehler, Assistant Deputy Under Secretary of Defense, DOD
Philip W. Haseltine, President, Automotive Coalition for Traffic Safety (ACTS)

1:45 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
WRAP-UP

Panelists

Alex A. Beehler is Assistant Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Environment, Safety, and Occupational Health. Previously, he was the Director of Environmental and Regulatory Affairs for Koch Industries and the Vice President for Environmental Projects at the Charles G. Koch Foundation. He received a bachelor’s degree from Princeton University in public and international affairs and a law degree from the University of Virginia.

Ken Bouvier is Vice President, National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians. He is a member of both the Louisiana Association of EMT’s Board of Directors and the EMS Magazine Advisory Board. He is best known for his lectures on school violence, gun shot trauma and hazardous materials.

Robert J. Brant is Manager, OSHA Coordination, United States Postal Service. With over 40 years of experience in safety and health, he has held leadership positions in safety and environmental health at five Fortune 100 companies, including Kaiser Aluminum and Mobil Chemical. He holds a bachelor’s degree in industrial arts from California University of Pennsylvania.

Philip W. Haseltine is President of the Automotive Coalition for Traffic Safety (ACTS). With more than 35 years of highway safety experience, he has held positions as Deputy Assistant Secretary of Transportation for Policy and International Affairs, and Chief of Staff to the U.S. Secretary of Transportation. He is a graduate of Michigan State University.

Kathy Konicki is Director of Safety at Nationwide Insurance and Chair of the NETS Board. She works closely with Nationwide’s fleet administration and risk management offices to control the potential liabilities associated with approximately 5,800 company drivers. She has held positions as the president of her business, Meridian Associates, Inc. and vice president for a multinational engineering and consulting firm.

Jeffrey P. Michael is Director of the Impaired Driving and Occupant Protection Office at the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). Previously, he served as chief of the agency’s Emergency Medical Services Division. He holds a doctorate in education from West Virginia University and a bachelor’s degree in design and industry from San Francisco State University.

Kathy Lusby-Treber is the executive director of the Network of Employers for Traffic Safety (NETS). With more than 25 years of experience with public health and safety programs, she also served as the chief of traffic safety programs in the Maryland Highway Safety Office.

E. Martin “Marty” Walker was selected as Regional Director of the Office of Workers’ Compensation Programs (OWCP) Southwest Region in 2000. His career with OWCP spans 27 years. He holds a bachelor’s degree in economics from the University of Washington.