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FEATURE



DOT's First Annual Tricycle Derby Was a Success!

Event Rivals the Indy 500



The Department of Transportation staged their first annual Tricycle Derby last month. The event helped bring attention to the Combined Federal Campaign of the National Capital Area (CFCNCA) and raised over \$800 for this year's campaign.

Dan "The Defender" Smith nosed out Marilena "The Intimidator" Amoni in a tightly contested final heat. Amoni won the first heat, but couldn't hold on to an early lead in the crucial final race as Smith crossed the finish line just a second ahead of The Intimidator.

The race was just one of the contests held that day. Other winners were crowned for best costumes, loudest cheering section, wackiest/tackiest helmet, most innovative safety features, best sportsmanship, and most CFC funds raised.

The event drew a large crowd and gauging from the audience's enthusiastic response, a Second Annual Tricycle Derby could be in the works for next year. ★



YOUR CO-WORKER

The Need for Speed

By Pat Swift-Oladeinde

Imagine driving 70 miles per hour while negotiating a course laid out with cones or pylons, all of which you can't disturb or you'll receive a penalty. Now imagine if you've only got 45 to 50 seconds to test your skills on this obstacle course. That is exactly what Garrick Forkenbrock, a NHTSA engineer in the Vehicle Research and Test Center in Ohio, does, and for the sheer fun of it each time he goes out to autocross.

For more than 15 years, the Livonia, Michigan, native has been racing in autocross events regionally, divisionally, and nationally. Autocross is a unique style of racing popular among full-scale car enthusiasts. Like Forkenbrock, who's been racing since he was a senior in high school, the joy of this sport is in the thrill of the ride. "I've always been interested in autocross," he said, "My dad had always been into cars, tinkering with them, modifying and im-



proving them. As I was growing up seeing this, I followed in his footsteps. When I got my first car, a 1980 Volkswagen Rabbit, I saw an opportunity to modify it. One of the people I bought parts from recommended I try autocross. I've been doing it ever since."

Forkenbrock says that the greatest thrill of autocross is the challenge of beating his own time. "It's a very intense sport. Unlike road racing, you're always turning and looking ahead. To be first in autocross you need to look two corners ahead from where you actually are."

These events, sanctioned by the Sports Car Club of America are often held in large paved areas like parking lots, race

tracks, or go-kart tracks. Typically, new courses are created for each event so drivers must

learn a new course each time they compete. "They are basically time trials consisting of winding courses and never really straight lines," Forkenbrock said, "you run through a course as fast as you can and then your time is compared with the time of another driver in your class."

Drivers' cars are grouped in a class of comparably equipped cars to make for fair competition. "If you go beyond the allowed modification that the formal rulebook allows, you may find yourself in a class where the cars are substantially better and more powerful," Forkenbrock said. Almost any car or truck will do, as long as it passes the technical inspection and is equipped with an approved driver and seatbelts. Many

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Gone But Not Forgotten Oklahoma's "Mr. Click It or Ticket" passes

By Bruce Shults

The face of *Click It or Ticket* in Oklahoma, Lt. J.C. Burris, Jr., died November 24, 2006, at the age of 45 after a long battle with cancer.

An 18-year veteran with the Oklahoma Highway Patrol (OHP), Lt. Burris served as the Law Enforcement Liaison for the Oklahoma Highway Safety Office (OHSO) and spent immeasurable hours spreading the message of traffic safety. Oklahomans knew him as "Mr. Click It or Ticket" after he appeared in several commercials and promotional campaigns encouraging seat belt use.

"Before the *Click It or Ticket* mobilization began in 2002, Oklahoma's seat belt compliance was at 68 percent. Today, it's at

83 percent. That's a testament to J.C. and his work," said NHTSA Regional Administrator Georgia Chakiris.

"J.C.'s devotion to traffic safety in general and safety belts in particular, undoubtedly saved countless lives and injuries on Oklahoma's streets and highways. His contributions to Oklahoma and the South Central Region will be sorely missed," she said.

Lt. Burris was a second generation law enforcement professional. His father is the retired Logan County (Oklahoma) Sheriff. In addition to his work with OHSO, he was involved in OHP recruitment, background investigations, public information, and field training.



He received awards both locally and nationally, including the Oklahoma Trooper of the Year Award in 1995, Oklahoma Top Cop Award at the Buckledown Awards in 2001, and the National Law Enforcement Liaison Award in 2002. He was named 2005 Professional Member of the Year by Safe

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Coordinators Meeting Draws Large Crowd of Highway Safety Executives

By Chris Broome

In preparation for the national traffic safety initiatives that will be monitored this year, the Southeastern Region recently concluded their two-day Winter Conference for their eight regional highway safety offices. This year's conference was held in Atlanta, Georgia, on December 4th and 5th. Forty regional highway safety professionals represented the law enforcement network from the Southeastern region and the leadership from the Governor's highway safety programs. The plan for the conference was to solidify commitments of law enforcement liaison leadership in support of national goals, provide an opportunity for NHTSA staff to network with its law enforcement liaison network, and challenge regional highway safety programs to discuss various highway safety initiatives that are successful in their portion of the region by presenting them to their peers.

Terrance Schiavone, Southeastern Region Regional Administrator, opened the conference with an overview for increasing seat belt use in the eight southeastern States and discussed the regional goals for reducing the incidence of impaired driving, and decreasing the regional fatalities in motorcycle and speed-related crashes. He reminded the attendants that they are responsible for the mobilization of their fellow officers behind traffic safety programs such as *Click It or Ticket* and *Drunk Driving. Over the Limit, Under Arrest*.

The Research and Program Delivery Office's Occupant Protection Division coordinated a presentation on the results of the two-year Pickup Truck Demonstration Project that was conducted in the Southeast Region. The findings from the demonstration project show that where the model of high-visibility law enforcement efforts were tied to a media campaign with strong enforcement messages, the gap



between pickup truck seat belt use and passenger car seat belt use was reduced. Several southeastern States will continue with this effort into 2007. A presentation on motorcycle countermeasures was conducted by Connie Beasley, Southeast Regional Motorcycle Coordinator; Diane Wigle, Division Chief, NHTSA Safety Countermeasure Division; and Lorrie Laing, Administrator, Ohio Governor's Highway Safety Program. The presenters detailed the most current efforts to facilitate strategies that not only motivate but also secure support from law enforcement for motorcycle safety programs.

Nick Ellinger, MADD's Director of State Relations, shared with the group MADD's, NHTSA's, and GHSA's plans for the Campaign to Eliminate Drunk Driving (CEDD). He encouraged the GRs and coordinators to support legislation that would increase the use of technology devices such as Ignition Interlock Devices to reduce the incidences of impaired-driving crashes.

The Governor's Highway Safety Offices shared success stories that they felt their peers could benefit from if implemented in their States. Additionally, the coordinators agreed to support both the regional law enforcement liaison conference in February and the Colonel's Conference in May along with the *Click It or Ticket* mobilization in May and the impaired-driving crackdown in August.

This conference drew upon the region's top highway safety executives to formulate their continued commitment to traffic safety with NHTSA and empower each State highway law enforcement network to continue its efforts to save lives and reduce injuries associated with motor vehicle crashes in the Southeast Region. ★

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classes require the vehicle must be street legal, some do not.

"I like the way a car feels when it's working," said Forkenbrock. "Autocross gives you the opportunity to see what your car will do at its limits. People who've never been inside an autocross car always walk away stunned about how fast things happen and how violent it can be inside the car. I enjoy it because it gives me a safe place to really go through an intense period of driving."

And as for his job at NHTSA, Forkenbrock said, "The fundamental vehicle dynamics applied to racing also apply to the vehicle testing I perform for NHTSA. When you look at how a vehicle performs, you look at things like stability and responsiveness. My most recent assignment was to help develop an Electronic Stability Control performance standard and that test incorporates a lot of the thing I see or have learned about on the race track," he said. ★

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Kids Oklahoma and most recently received a Unity in the Community Award.

Before his death, Lt. Burris helped establish the J.C. Burris Fighting Chance Foundation, which was created to continue his legacy of saving lives. The Foundation's goal is to furnish a special suite at Mercy Hospital in Oklahoma City to help improve the quality of life for cancer patients, victims of traffic crashes, and others enduring long hospital stays. ★



IN THE NEWS

Federal Employee Benefits Message

The Federal Employee Benefits System (FEBS) provides employees with an online benefits statement and the ability to enter online employee emergency contact information. Here is a brief description of what information will be available to you:

Employee Benefits Statement

- A comprehensive summary of your personal benefits information.
- Current information based on data that will be provided every two weeks by the Federal Personnel Payroll System (FPPS).
- For most employees*, an automatic calculation of basic retirement annuity benefit.
- Ability to enter your own projected dates for retirement and recalculate your benefit (based upon current dollars).

The information contained on the benefits statement serves as a valuable tool to assist in personal, financial, and retirement planning.

**For employees who converted from the CSRS retirement system to the FERS retirement system, a portion of your annuity is calculated under CSRS and a portion is calculated under FERS. FEBS does not presently provide this calculation. Please contact your servicing Human Resources (HR) Office for assistance with this calculation.*

Employee Emergency Contact Information

- Easy and convenient access to update your emergency contact information at any time.
- Centralized area for authorized agency officials to quickly and conveniently access employee emergency contact information in the event of an illness or injury on the job.

The online employee emergency contact information strengthens our ability to

respond under emergency situations. This is very important as we continue to plan for continuity of operations in the event of a terrorist attack, bird flu pandemic, or natural disaster like a hurricane.

Because of the critical need to have current emergency contact information available for all employees, we are requesting each employee enter their emergency contact information into FEBS. FEBS provides the ability to enter a primary emergency contact and two alternate contacts. Entry of the information should take less than five minutes and would provide management with invaluable information in the event of an emergency. We are requesting that employees enter their contact information as soon as possible. Once the information is entered into FEBS, the only individuals who can have access to the data are the employee and designated management officials and HR staff members.

We invite you to access your benefits statement and enter your emergency contact information. You can access FEBS directly through the Employee Express Web site at www.employeeexpress.gov. You will need your Employee Express personal identification number (PIN) to access this site. Once you have logged into the Web site, you will see the Emergency Contact Information link and the Federal Benefits Statement link under "Related Sites." If you have misplaced or forgotten your PIN, the Employee Express home page will give you information regarding requesting a new PIN.

If you have questions related to your benefits statement, please contact LuAnn Ritchey at 202-366-2617. If you experience any problems with accessing the benefits system, please contact the Employee Express Help Desk at 888-353-9450, option 3, and then option 3 again to speak to a representative.

Heads UP

There are 27 pay periods in 2007, not the customary 26 pay periods. You should pay special attention to various pay impacts as noted below when planning for your 2007 deductions.

Thrift Contributions

Thrift contributions will be deducted at the rate or dollar amount specified by the employee for 27 pay periods in the tax year. The limit is \$15,500 for 2007. Employees should consider the IRS-established maximum in determining their contribution amounts. It is especially important for FERS employees wishing to obtain the maximum government matching contribution each pay period to have a contribution rate of at least 5 percent for each of the 27 pay periods. Employees who reach the IRS cap before the end of the year will not be able to have further employee contributions and will therefore lose any government matching contributions for the rest of the year.

Thrift Catch-Up Contributions

Thrift catch-up contributions are also subject to an annual limit established by the IRS. The limit is \$5,000 for 2007. Employees wishing to allocate the maximum evenly over the pay periods of the year should divide the maximum by 27 pay periods rather than 26 for 2007.

Flexible Spending Accounts

Even though there will be 27 pay periods in the year, SHPS, Inc., the manager of the Flexible Spending Program, will still divide the annual authorized deduction amount by 26 when feeding deduction data to FPPS. For employees who reach their annual authorized deduction in pay period 200726, this will result in no deduction for their Flexible Spending Accounts in pay period 200727.

Taxes and Wages

The employee's Wage and Tax Statement, Form W-2, for 2007 will include wages paid

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and taxes withheld for 27 pay periods. Employees may question why their wages for 2007 exceed their annual salary. The salary defines the rate at which an employee earns pay, but the wages represent actual payments to the employee during the tax year, net of pre-tax or deferred tax items. 5 USC 5504 dictates the manner in which an annual salary is converted to an hourly rate for calculating pay.

Aggregate Pay Limitation

The statutory limit on pay which applies to most employees exempt from the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) (see 5 USC 5307) is still applicable in a year with 27 pay periods. More employees will reach that limit in a year with 27 pay periods than in one with only 26 pay periods. Even though basic pay

is never cut back, some allowances, differentials, bonuses, or awards may be cut back and deferred to the following year. Retention, recruitment, or relocation incentives authorized under 5 USC 5753 and 5754 which would cause the employee to exceed the aggregate limitation on pay may also be reduced or suspended.

Annual Premium Pay Limitation

The annual premium pay limits defined in 5 USC 5547(b)(2) still apply in a year with 27 pay periods. For employees exempt from the FLSA, if regular pay projected for the year plus Title 5 overtime, night differential, standby pay, availability pay, administratively uncontrollable overtime (AUO), Sunday Premium, or Holiday Worked reach the

limits, no additional premium pay may be paid. Compensatory time may not be substituted for overtime that is not payable.

Leave

There is no impact on leave accruals. The 2007 leave year runs from pay period 200702 through 200801 (26 pay periods). Employees in the 6 hour leave category will get their extra 4 hours in pay period 200727, the last full pay period of the calendar year.

The NHTSA pay period calendar for 2007/2008 can be found on Webster under NHTSA Current Headlines.

If you have any questions, please contact the Payroll Information Line at 303-969-7372 or 800-662-4324.

AWARDS

Administrator's Awards Nominees 2006

Individuals

1. Laurie Flaherty – NTI

Citation: For dedication and persistence in improving the Nation's 9-1-1 system.

2. Roderick Chu – NTI

Citation: For providing exemplary technical assistance to State and Federal highway safety professionals on NHTSA's Grants Tracking System.

3. R. Gary Taylor – NTI

Citation: For exemplary performance in the implementation of the SAFETEA-LU grant programs within the South Central Region and his contributions to the NHTSA grant programs nationwide.

4. James Dean Kuznieski – NTI

Citation: For outstanding leadership in the development of quality programs

to improve the detection, prosecution, and adjudication of impaired drivers.

5. Carole Guzzetta - NTI

Citation: For dedication and persistence in establishing a permanent child safety technician certification system.

6. Philip Gulak – NTI

Citation: For dedication and persistence in establishing a permanent child safety technician certification system.

7. Shashi Kuppa – NVS

Citation: For exceptional leadership in the development of injury risk curves and associated injury criteria for use in evaluating motor vehicle crash safety performance.

8. Bruce York – NVS

Citation: For outstanding work as the lead engineer on an extremely complicated defects investigation concerning vehicle fires that led to a major recall.

9. Brian Smith – NVS

Citation: For expertise, professionalism, and tenacity in completing two technically complex noncompliance investigations that resulted in safety recalls.

10. Charles Case – NVS

Citation: For expertise, professionalism, and tenacity in completing two technically complex noncompliance investigations that resulted in safety recalls.

11. Gary Hewett – NVS

Citation: For outstanding engineering support at VRTC for a highly complex defects investigation involving vehicle fires that led to a major recall.

12. Milton Cooper – NVS

Citation: For outstanding work to significantly improve the coordination and tracking of all of NVS's major activities including regulations, milestones,

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TRAINING

NHTSA's Office of Human Resources (NHTSA/OHR) is offering the upcoming training opportunities:

Time Management (EAP) (1 hour) (T.I.P.S.)

Date: January 10, 2007
Time & Location: 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM,
Nassif Bldg. 4236

Time may be our most valuable resource, but we often waste it unintentionally, thoughtlessly, unconsciously, or when we adapt a reaction-oriented work style. This program addresses the development of a conscious appreciation of time as a precious asset. Participants learn decision-making and time-allocation techniques. **Target Audience:** Open to all.

Managing Change (EAP) (1 hour) (T.I.P.S.)

Date: January 17, 2007
Time & Location: 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM,
Nassif Bldg. 6244–6248

This seminar explains the phenomenon of change and how it impacts us both personally and professionally. It is designed to help participants understand the effects of change, assess their own attitudes about change, and learn practical techniques for coping with change. **Target Audience:** Open to all.

Mistake Free Writing (1 day)

Date: January 18, 2007
Time & Location: 8:30 AM – 4:00 pm,
Nassif Bldg. 6200–6204

This workshop is designed to help participants write documents that are clear, concise, and correct. Topics to be addressed include recognizing and controlling problem areas in sentence structure, grammar, and mechanics. **Target Audience:** Open to all.

Correcting Employee Conduct and Performance (2 days)

Date: January 22–23, 2007
Time & Location: 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM,
Nassif Bldg. 3200–3204

Participants will develop the skills necessary to deal with common performance and conduct problems when supervising Federal employees. In this practical, no-nonsense, two-day program, those attending will explore the day-to-day problems that Federal supervisors must deal with quickly and confidently. Topics include absenteeism, insubordination, coming to work under the influence, threatening and intimidating coworkers, sick leave abuse, contentious conduct, poor performance and workplace violence. **Target Audience:** Managers, Supervisors, and Team Leaders only, but supervisors that need to fulfill their mandatory supervisory training requirements have priority. This course is creditable towards supervisory training requirements.

Microsoft Excel 2003 Introduction (1 day)

Date: January 24, 2007
Time & Location: 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM,
Nassif Bldg. P2-0333

In this introductory workshop, participants will learn the fundamentals of the spreadsheet application. Microsoft Excel is a software application that offers three distinct processes for managing data: spreadsheet, database and graphing. The primary feature, spreadsheet, is a number-crunching tool allowing for sophisticated calculations such as budgets, finances, inventories or any task that is numerically oriented. The database and graphing functions allow for selecting, retrieving, viewing and charting data that is contained within the spreadsheet mode. This course

provides an introduction to each of Excel's features. **Target Audience:** Open to all. Employees who would like to obtain a basic understanding of how to create spreadsheets, databases, and graphing via Microsoft Excel software application are encouraged to attend.

Microsoft Excel 2003 Intermediate (1 day)

Date: January 25, 2007
Time & Location: 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM,
Nassif Bldg. P2-0333

This class helps those comfortable with the basics of Excel to further hone their skills and leverage the tools within this program to become more efficient and adept at displaying and interpreting data. Move comfortably between worksheets, sort data, add dimension to formulas and functions and display data in chart form. **Target Audience:** Users who have worked with Excel and have experience creating basic worksheets.

Electronic Learning Management System (eLMS) Clinic (45 min)

Date: January 31, 2007
Time & Location: 10:00 AM & 11:00 AM,
Nassif Bldg. P2-0333

This mini-clinic is designed to acquaint employees on how to assess the Electronic Learning Management System (eLMS) to take online courses and complete mandatory agency training requirements. Topics include: What is eLMS, eLMS policies, why use eLMS, how to log in, and more. **Target Audience:** Open to all.

*** Please note that NHTSA OHR Training may reschedule the dates and times or cancel workshops due to unforeseen circumstances.**

REGISTRATION: Employees who want to register for these classes should contact their supervisors. An approved training request, Form HS-77, is required **before** confirmation. Nominations will be confirmed as soon as possible. Contractors are not eligible to attend these courses. Questions about this notice may be directed to Ivonne Rodriguez at x62605 or Nadra Milan-Dunbar, NHTSA Training Coordinator, at x62613. The HS-77 form can be downloaded from our **NEW** NHTSA Training Web page at: <http://webster/Nhtsa/admin/PolicyOperations/Administration/HR/training/index.htm> under Training Forms.

DISABILITY IDENTIFICATION: If you have a disability and require special accommodations, please notify NHTSA OHR Training with your request no later than 72 hours prior to each event.

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NTSB recommendation, and research management.

13. Ray Resendes – NVS

Citation: For outstanding leadership, management and coordination of three major DOT Intelligent Transportation System projects.

14. Donna Glassbrenner- NPO

Citation: For demonstrated leadership and technical knowledge in administering NHTSA's National Occupant Protection Use Surveys.

15. Peggy Proctor - NPO

Citation: For outstanding support and customer service to the immediate staff of the Office of Communications and Consumer Information and its customers.

16. Shayne Sewell - NPO

Citation: For exemplary performance of duties, providing marketing and communications support to NHTSA's Vehicle Safety programs.

17. Barry Eisemann- NPO

Citation: For performing the lead role in the development of the Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS) Case Management (CMS).

18. John Brophy - NPO

Citation: For leadership in the development and implementation of new protocols procedures and variables for collection of more detailed data on roll-over crashes.

19. Katherine Gehringer - NCC

Citation: For substantial contributions to the response to the petition for reconsideration of the multistage vehicle rule.

Groups/Teams

(4 team/groups for this category)

1. Comprehensive DWI Program Team

Joy Syner – NTI
Patricia Tucker – South Central Region
Amy Berning – NTI

Brian Chodrow - NTI
Louis DelRio – NPO

Citation: For extraordinary technical expertise, diplomacy, and management skills in implementing a Congressionally-directed impaired-driving program in the State of New Mexico.

2. Electronic Stability Control Team (ESC)

Patrick Boyd - NVS
Garrick Forkenbrock - NVS
Riley Garrott - NVS
Eric Stas - NCC
Jing Wang – NPO
Jenny Dang - NPO

Citation: For outstanding collaboration in developing a proposal to require a new technology (ESC) that can save thousands of lives every year.

3. New Car Assessment Program Team (NCAP)

Nathaniel Beuse (NVS)
John Hinch (NVS)
Timothy Johnson (NVS)
Patrick Boyd (NVS)
Stephen Summers (NVS)
Donald Willke (NVS)
Charlie Case (NVS)
Thomas Kang (NPO)
Mark Krawczyk (NPO)

Citation: For outstanding contribution in developing a comprehensive plan to strategically revise NHTSA's NCAP program.

4. NHTSA DOT Traffic Records Coordinating Committee Coordinating Team (NPO)

Joseph Carra
Jacqueline Schraf
Karen Scott
Marietta Bowen
Joyce Jones

Citation: For critical support and demonstrated leadership in establishing and maintaining the DOT Traffic Records Coordinating Committee.

Secretary's Distinguished Service Certificate for Hurricanes Katrina and Rita

Will receive certificates only signed by the Secretary of Transportation

Citation: For distinguished service to the Department of Transportation following the worst storms of 2005.

Brian Huynh
James C. Ryan
Donovan Green
Derrell Lyles
J. Garrett Morford
Moniqua Roberts
Barbara Sauers
Nate Seymour
John Siegler

Diversity Accomplishments

(1 employee for this category)

Jose Alberto Ucles (NPO)

Citation: For many contributions and commitment to improving diversity within NHTSA, DOT, and our safety community.

Senior Manager's Pinnacle Award

Esther Wagner (NTI)

Citation: For exemplary leadership in developing and directing NHTSA's older-driver program, extending the ability of older Americans to drive as long as safely possible and increasing transportation options for those who can no longer drive.

Garrick J. Forkenbrock (NVS)

Citation: For exemplary leadership and accomplishment in research related to Electronic Stability Control technology.

Anna P. Williams – (NPO)

Citation: For exemplary performance and outstanding customer service in providing NHTSA management and staff employee relations and performance management support.

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NPO-320	Johnson-Jones, Chelly A.	Contract Specialist	11/12/2006
NPO-310	Jefferson, Cynthia V.	Senior Financial Specialist	11/12/2006
NTI-121	Preiss, Leah A.	Program Analyst	11/12/2006
NCC-111	Goodman, Timothy H.	Trial Attorney	11/12/2006
NCC-111	Case, David W.	Trial Attorney	11/12/2006
COO-112	Schade, Rebecca L.	Law Clerk	11/12/2006
NTI-140	Torres, Gilberto	Highway Safety Specialist	11/26/2006

Promotions

NOA-010	Moody, Nicole A.	Administrative Staff Assistant	11/12/2006
NTI1-010	Twyman, Bonita D.	Staff Assistant	11/26/2006

Outs

NPO-430	Randazzo, Marco S.	Information Technologist	11/11/2002
NTI-100	Ross, Julie B.	Program Analyst	11/21/2006
NTI-131	Moore, Rhonda J.	Social Science Research	11/25/2006
NPO-520	Krawczyk, James Mark	Program Analyst	11/25/2006

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Employee of the Year

Nathaniel Beuse (NVS)

Citation: For extraordinary contributions in helping to ensure that NHTSA’s New Car Assessment Program will help Americans choose safer vehicles and continue to have the best consumer information in the world about their vehicles.

2006 Secretary’s Award recipients

These awards were granted to NHTSA employees by the Secretary of Transportation for the exemplary work they accomplished during 2006

Meritorious Achievement

Tilda Proctor (NVS)
Elizabeth Mazzae (NVS) VRTC
Deirdre Fujita (NCC)

Secretary’s Award for Partnering for Excellence

Corporate Average Fuel Economy Team (CAFÉ)

Team Award

SAFETEA-LU TEAM



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