



THE CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

Friday, May 9, 2003

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

On Tuesday, May 6, I had the privilege of presiding over my first NTSB Board Meeting. Our agenda was focused on the *Most Wanted List*. After excellent presentations by staff, the Board unanimously made a difficult, but critical, decision to undertake an intensive 30-day review of the effectiveness of all of our safety advocacy programs, including the *Most Wanted List*.

The aim of the internal study is to produce an effective, coordinated safety plan that integrates NTSB investigations, recommendations and advocacy efforts. Issuing safety recommendations, alone, is not sufficient to fulfill our obligation to ensure the safety of the national transportation system. Implementation

of these recommendations is what will make a real difference.

The NTSB must be aggressive in its pursuit of safety. It is our core function, and it is critical that we find innovative and effective ways to communicate and ultimately deliver safety to the American people.

A special thanks to the staff of government affairs, public affairs and safety recommendations for their support of this initiative.

Ellen G. Engleman

WELCOME

- Please join me in welcoming two additions to the NTSB Team. **Tom Doyle** joins as Special Assistant to the Vice Chairman, and **Brian Metzbower** joins as Confidential Assistant to the Vice Chairman.
- I am pleased to announce the selection of **Jeff Rich** as the Regional Director of the Southwest Regional Office and **Hector Casanova** as the Regional Director of the South Central Regional Office.

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CHAIRMAN VISITS CHILD SAFETY SEAT FITTING STATION



Chairman Engleman and Maryland State Police fitting station technicians talk with a mother at the Fitzgerald Auto Mall fitting station. Jack Fitzgerald (far right), hosted the event. Chairman Engleman was joined by Elaine Weinstein, Danielle Roeber, Lauren Peduzzi and David Clark.

A successful public private outreach for safety was held at the Jack Fitzgerald Auto Mall this week. Volunteers from the Maryland State Police, NADA, Safe Kids, AAA and the community offered free training and education to local citizens of Montgomery County, Maryland.

This monthly event helps families to protect their children through correct placement of child safety seats in their vehicles.

Over half of the 1000 children who died last year in auto fatalities were not using child safety devices. "Parents go to great lengths to child proof their homes," said Chairman Engleman. "We must focus on safety proofing their cars."

The NTSB applauds such citizen based solutions which show how individuals make a difference and save lives--one at a time.

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On the Hill...



Chairman Engleman met with Senator Arlen Specter and Senator Kit Bond and will meet with Senator Conrad Burns, next week, to continue discussions regarding NTSB appropriations.

Chairman Meets with Regional Directors



Chairman Engleman discusses performance and fiscal management with the regional directors.

The Chairman met with the directors for all ten NTSB regional offices for Aviation Safety during their quarterly management meeting in Washington, DC. Chairman Engleman thanked the Directors for their innovative solutions to increase performance and efficiency, reduce costs and measure results. "Together," she said, "we will find the best way to meet our challenges."

The regions are responding with proposed innovative solutions such as the creation of a one-page "C-form" accident report for minor accidents, a method to track "safety results", the initiation of studies to accurately measure investigative work-load, and improvements to work products.

STATE OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

Montana Child Passenger Safety Bill—Governor Martz signed legislation requiring children who are under age 6 and weigh less than 60 pounds to use an appropriate child restraint system.

Connecticut Senate Booster Seat Bill—The Connecticut Senate Appropriations Committee approved S.B. 704, clearing it for full Senate action.

Louisiana House Approves Post-Accident Testing Bill—The House unanimously approved H.B. 84, which requires alcohol testing of all drivers involved in a fatal accident.

Illinois Booster Seat Bill—The Illinois House yesterday passed a booster seat bill that covers children through age seven. **Member Carmody** testified on the bill when it was introduced in the Illinois Senate. The House vote was 114-1.