



Friday, June 3, 2005



Left to right Dwight Foster, Chris Patterson, Mark Rosenker, Tom Doyle, Michael von Mayenburg, Barry Felrice of Daimler Chrysler

### **Acting Chairman Mark Rosenker Visits Portland Freightliner, LLC**

Last week, Acting Chairman Mark Rosenker visited the Portland headquarters of Freightliner, LLC. He met with Mr. Chris Patterson, President and CEO and Mr. Michael von Mayenburg, Senior Vice President of Engineering and Technology at Freightliner in addition to many other experts in the trucking field. During his visit, the latest in over-the-road trucking safety technologies were discussed and demonstrated. The meetings and demonstrations were also attended by Dwight Forster, Deputy Director of Highway Safety and Mr. Rosenker's Special Assistant Tom Doyle.



### **In Memoriam, Jack P. Orlando**

The NTSB is saddened over the death this week of Jack P. Orlando, who joined the National Transportation Safety Board as Special Assistant to Member Carol J. Carmody on July 17, 2000.

During his time at the Board, Jack was known for his warmth and collegiality, as well as for thoroughness and professionalism. He provided essential advice and counsel to Member Carmody on a daily basis, during Board Meetings and Public Hearings, and when she was the Vice Chairman and Acting Chairman. He assisted her as part of the "Go Team" on several major transportation accidents, including aircraft accidents that killed Missouri Governor Mel Carnahan in October 2000 and Minnesota Senator Paul Wellstone in October 2002, the derailment of an Amtrak train

in Kensington, Maryland in July 2002, and the March 2001 crash of an airliner in Aspen, Colorado that killed all 18 persons aboard.

Before joining the Board, Jack was a Foreign Service Officer with the U.S. Department of State with assignments as a Senior Inspector in the Office of Inspector General (1999-2000), Alternate U.S. Representative to the International Civil Aviation Organization in Montreal (1995-1999), Economic Section Chief at the U.S. Embassy in Brasilia (1991-1995), and Deputy Principal Officer in the U.S. Consulate General in Vancouver (1987-1991). Jack also served at the U.S. Mission to the United Nations in New York, the U.S. Embassy in Warsaw, the Office of Investment Affairs in Washington, the U.S. Embassy in Bogotá, and the U.S. Department of Commerce.

During his 31 years of public service, Jack won the Secretary of State's Career Achievement Award, a Superior Honor Award, and three Meritorious Honor Awards for his performance in the Foreign Service. He is survived by his wife, Ellen, two daughters and a son-in-law.



## NTSB ACADEMY

### Media Training Course

The NTSB Media Training Course for Investigators will be held at the academy on July 13, 2005. The one-day course will provide participants with guidance when dealing with the media. The course, which will be moderated by an NTSB Public Affairs Officer and an outside Media Trainer, will include sessions on: disseminating information to the media immediately following an accident; fact versus analysis; releasable news; and media relations following the on-scene phase of the investigation. Attendees will also participate in mock, on-camera interviews and discussions. Although this course was initially designed for regional aviation investigators, it is beneficial for all investigators, and appropriate for experienced as well as new staff.

### NTSB Employee Retires



**Bob Pearce** receives his framed credentials from **Jeff Guzzetti (AS)**

**Bob Pearce**, Regional Director of the Parsippany and Ashburn Regional Offices for Aviation, retired last week after 13 years with the NTSB and 37 years of government service. He was an Army Aviator, a Combat Veteran and an experienced Fixed and Rotary Wing Pilot.

Bob has investigated hundreds of aviation accidents since coming to the NTSB, including the JFK Jr. accident in 1999. He was also the 1999 recipient of the NTSB Peer Award and winner of the Chairman's Award in 2000.

His contributions to the agency have been many, and he will certainly be missed.

### NTSB Welcomes New Employees



**Kowanna C. Parran**, Student Trainee (Bus) in the Office of Administration, Acquisitions Division. Ms. Parran started her new position this week. Please join us in welcoming her to the Board.



**Crystal G. Thomas**, Hazardous Materials Accident Investigator, Office of Railroad, Pipeline, and Hazardous Materials Investigations, Hazardous Materials Division. Ms. Thomas started her employment with NTSB this week. Please join us in welcoming her to the Board.



**Ms. Sandra M. Kopchik**, contractor, Human Resources Division. Ms. Kopchik started her employment with NTSB on May 25, 2005. Please join us in welcoming her to the Board.

### Update on Most Wanted Safety Recommendations

Over the last three weeks, substantial progress has been made by State legislatures in adopting the Safety Board's "Most Wanted" State recommendations. Washington State adopted mandatory education for boaters and Minnesota adopted a personal flotation device (PFD) law for children. Hawaii adopted a three-stage graduated driver license (GDL) system for young drivers with both nighttime driving and teen passenger restrictions. Maryland adopted 6 bills to improve its graduated licensing including teen passenger and cell phone restrictions, extending the learner's permit and supervised driving requirement, and requiring violation-free driving to progress to full licensure. Connecticut adopted a booster seat requirement for children age 6 and younger and less than 60 pounds. The Oklahoma GDL bill (with nighttime and passenger restrictions) has been sent to the Governor for signature as has the Texas high blood alcohol concentration bill that addresses hard core drinking drivers.

Also, over the past three weeks, Board Members and staff have been active in promoting the Board's recommendations in the States. On May 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, Member Debbie Hersman, assisted by Kevin Quinlan, met with Wisconsin legislators on primary safety belt, child booster seat, and teen GDL cell phone restriction legislation, participated in a child safety seat fitting station event, and testified before the Assembly Transportation Committee on primary safety belt enforcement legislation. Acting Chairman Rosenker, assisted by Bill Gossard and Tom Doyle, addressed the Western States Boating Administrators Association, which covers 12 States and 3 Territories, to promote adoption of the Board's boating recommendations. On May 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, Bill Gossard testified on PFD and boater education bills before the Wisconsin Assembly and Senate Natural Resources Committees.