

A Spotlight on Transportation Safety in the Black Community

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Biographies

MODERATOR



Nicholas Worrell

Chief, Safety Advocacy Division
National Transportation Safety Board

Chief of Safety Advocacy Nicholas Worrell has worked for the NTSB for more than 30 years. He has served as a Public Affairs Officer and a safety advocate, culminating in his 2015 promotion to Chief. Prior to joining the NTSB, Mr. Worrell served for eight years in the U.S. Marine Corps.

With expertise in transportation safety and advisory strategies, Mr. Worrell regularly addresses local and state governments; private industry; youth safety leaders; and educators about NTSB investigations and safety recommendations. Internationally, in 2019 and 2022, Mr. Worrell spoke before Nigerian, Kenyan, Ghana, Cape Verde, and South African government representatives under the Safe Skies for Africa Initiative and helped facilitate coordination of safety initiatives throughout the Caribbean (St Lucia, Jamaica, Guyana, Trinidad, and Barbados). From 2017–2021, he also addressed the International Road Federation’s Caribbean Regional Congress and the U.K.’s National Safer Roads Partnerships Conference.

Mr. Worrell also coordinated the periodic development of the agency’s Most Wanted List of Transportation Safety Improvements and working closely with the Director of Safety Recommendations and Communications and NTSB Chair, and Modal Directors, he has worked to transition NTSB safety advocacy to a nimbler model, yet still allowing transportation communicators to plan and speak with a single, credible voice.

Born in Bridgetown, Barbados, Mr. Worrell attended the St. James Secondary School. He graduated from The Master’s University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science, and earned a master’s in public policy from Howard University and a master’s in Strategic Public Relations from George Washington University. He was also named a certified speaker/coach/trainer by the John C. Maxwell Leadership Center in 2018. Mr. Worrell recently completed his Leadership Coaching for Organizational Performance at American University.

In 2022 Mr. Worrell received NTSB’s Chair’s Award, the agency’s highest honor, in recognition of long-term and substantial contributions to the mission of the NTSB, and in 2023 he was awarded these honors from major national and international safety outreach organizations:

- **Safe Kids Worldwide’s Exemplary Leadership Award**, “for government leaders that model the way, inspire a shared vision, challenge the process, enable others to act, and encourage the country to join in.”
- **Impact Teen Drivers’ Exemplary Service Award**, “for his dedication and remarkable contributions toward creating safer communities.”

PANELISTS



Torine Creppy

President
Safe Kids Worldwide

Torine Creppy is the president of Safe Kids Worldwide, a global nonprofit dedicated to protecting kids from preventable injuries. For nearly 23 years, Ms. Creppy has dedicated her career to making a meaningful difference in the lives of children and families, especially the most vulnerable. As president of Safe Kids, she works with partners, donors, legislators, and community leaders around the world to develop and implement strategic initiatives, create partnerships, and inspire behavior change to keep kids safe at home, on the road and at play. Ms. Creppy is a passionate advocate on Capitol Hill and is dedicated to finding new ways to reach high-risk and underserved communities. She also focuses on emerging issues such as child safety in automated vehicles.

In addition to her work at Safe Kids, Ms. Creppy is committed to other organizations who share her passion for helping children and families. She is on the YWCA National Capital Area Board of Directors, St. John’s Community Services Board of Directors, National Carbon Monoxide Awareness Association, the Board of Directors Advisory Board of Hop Skip Drive, a Lifesavers Board Member and on the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee of The International Consumer Product Health and Safety Organization (ICPHSO). She is also a member of the American Public Health Association, National Urban League, NAACP, the National Head Start Association, Junior League of Washington, a Lifetime member of Leadership Greater Washington, and a Chief Member.

Ms. Creppy enjoys volunteering in direct outreach and advocacy for homelessness initiatives, reading autobiographies, 5K marathons for causes, youth mentoring and spending time with her teenage son. Ms. Creppy lives with her family in Upper Marlboro, Maryland.



Veronica O. Davis, P.E.

Author and Transportation Nerd

Veronica O. Davis, P.E. is a self-described transportation nerd. She believes all people should have access to safe, reliable, and affordable transportation. In her book *Inclusive Transportation: A Manifesto for Repairing Divided Communities*, she shines a light on the inequitable and often destructive practice of transportation planning and engineering. Veronica calls for new thinking and more diverse leadership to create transportation networks that connect people to jobs, education,

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opportunities, and to each other. Her 20 year of experience include Director of Transportation and Drainage Operations for the City of Houston and Managing Partner at Nspiregreen LLC, which she co-founded in 2009. Veronica is one of the co-founders of Black Women Bike (BWB).



Dr. Philip Hart Aviation Historian

Philip Hart is an award-winning educator, author, and filmmaker. He is a leading authority on early African American aviators and has books, films, podcasts, and museum exhibitions on this topic. His mother's uncle James Herman Banning was the first African American pilot to fly across America in 1932. In June 2023 the City of Ames, Iowa renamed its airport the James Herman Banning Ames Municipal Airport. Dr. Hart's most recent projects include a scripted podcast series Invisible Eagles: Bessie Coleman presented by AARP and a Long Beach Airport Centennial report titled Long Beach Airport and Southern California: A New Brief Aviation and Aeronautics History 1900s–1980s (with Alison Rose Jefferson). Dr. Hart's brother Christopher A. Hart served as NTSB Chairman during the Obama administration. The Hart brothers grew up in Denver and attended Denver East High School. Philip Hart resides in Los Angeles with his family.



Leah Reish, MPH, CPH, CPST

Traffic Safety Data Analyst
National Center for Statistics and Analysis

Leah Reish joined the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) as a Traffic Safety Data Analyst in 2019 and has over five years of experience in highway safety. She currently works on a variety of NHTSA's highway safety topic publications including the Traffic Safety Facts Annual Report, annual Traffic Safety Fact Sheets, and other topic area reports/research notes. Leah has a background in public health and is knowledgeable in multiple traffic safety program areas. Leah earned her Master of Public Health (MPH) degree from the University of Memphis, is Certified in Public Health (CPH), and holds a Child Passenger Safety Technician (CPST) certification.

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