

NTSB'S Most Wanted List Identifies Top Ten Transportation Challenges For 2013



NTSB Chairman Deborah A.P. Hersman and the Board announces the 2013 Most Wanted List of transportation safety improvements at the National Press Club in Washington Wednesday.

WASHINGTON - The National Transportation Safety Board today released its 2013 Most Wanted List, with six of the ten issues focusing on highway travel where most transportation fatalities take place and includes the number one killer on the list: substance-impaired driving.

The new annual list of the independent federal safety agency's top advocacy priorities calls for ending distraction in all modes of transportation. Distraction was the cause of multiple accidents investigated by the agency in recent years, and its deadly effects will only continue to grow as a national safety threat.

"Transportation is safer than ever, but with 35,000 annual fatalities and hundreds of thousands of injuries, we can, and must, do better," said NTSB Chairman Deborah A.P. Hersman. "The Most Wanted List is a roadmap to improving safety for all of our nation's travelers."

The list covers all transportation modes. There are six new issue areas - distraction, fire safety, infrastructure integrity, pipeline safety, positive train control and motor vehicle collision avoidance technologies.

"We're releasing the list now so it is available to policymakers at the state and federal levels as well as industry groups as they craft their priorities for 2013," Hersman said. "We want to highlight the results of our investigations and ensure that safety has a seat at the table when decisions are made."

The NTSB's 2013 Most Wanted List of transportation priorities includes:

Improve Safety of Airport Surface Operations

Preserve the Integrity of Transportation Infrastructure

Enhance Pipeline Safety

Implement Positive Train Control Systems

Eliminate Substance-Impaired Driving

Improve the Safety of Bus Operations

Eliminate Distraction in Transportation

Improve Fire Safety in Transportation

Improve General Aviation Safety

Mandate Motor Vehicle Collision Avoidance Technologies

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