

CORRECTED SATELLITE COORDINATES FOR TODAY'S NEWSFEED OF THE 2010 STATE REPORT CARDS ON HIGHWAY SAFETY

Teens, Texting and Tragedy: Which states are making the grade?

As state legislatures across the nation open their 2010 sessions, Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety today will unveil its state-by-state ratings of traffic safety laws. For the first time, the group reviews text messaging restrictions for all drivers, and puts a new emphasis on tougher ignition interlock laws for convicted drunk drivers. The report cards also highlight dangerous gaps in teen driving, motorcycle helmet and safety belt laws.

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NEWS CONFERENCE: Safety experts, parent activists, trauma doctors, and state and federal transportation safety leaders will spotlight model state laws to curb traffic deaths and injuries and to focus on congressional measures to spur state action or face sanctions.

The **2010 Roadmap to State Highway Safety Laws** will grade each state and the District of Columbia on their laws addressing teen driving, distracted driving, drunk driving, and the required use of seat belts, child booster seats and motorcycle helmets.

The highway safety report cards will feature the best and worst performing states, dangerous gaps in each state that contribute to preventable death and injury, and state-specific data on traffic deaths, injuries and related economic losses.

WHEN: TODAY – Monday, January 11, 2010, at 11:30 AM Eastern Time

WHERE: National Press Club, 529 14th St, NW (13th Floor – Zenger Room), Washington, DC.

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WEBCAST: **A live WEBCAST of the news conference and an ELECTRONIC PRESS KIT will be available at: www.saferoads.org. Reporters can submit questions by email.**

WHO: JUDITH LEE STONE (President) and JACQUELINE GILLAN (Vice President) of Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety.

DEBORAH HERSMAN, Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board.

JOHN PORCARI, Deputy Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation.

CONGRESSMAN CHRIS VAN HOLLEN (D-Maryland), a chief sponsor of the Safe Teen and Novice Driver Uniform Protection Act – the STANDUP Act.

SENATOR JOHN CULLERTON (Chicago), President of the Illinois State Senate and one of the nation's top highway safety legislative champions.

MARGE LEE (Franklin Square, New York), who was injured and whose son was killed in a drunk driving crash and is now Victim Advocate and Nassau County Coordinator of DEDICATEDD.

SUSAN VAVALA (Wilmington, Delaware), whose teenaged daughter Kim's death in a traffic crash prompted her extraordinary highway safety activism.

DR. JOSEPH WRIGHT, American Academy of Pediatrics and the Children's National Medical Center (Washington, DC).

DR. STEPHEN HARGARTEN, (Milwaukee, Wisconsin), Professor and Chair, Dept of Emergency Medicine and Director, Injury Research Center at the Medical College of Wisconsin.

BILL MARTIN (Los Angeles), Senior Vice President of Farmers Insurance and Board Co-Chair (Insurance) of Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety.

JOAN CLAYBROOK, Board Co-Chair (Consumer) of Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety, former Administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and President-Emeritus of Public Citizen.

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