

National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) Recommendations to FICEMS, AASHTO and NASEMSO as a result of the 2008 Mexican Hat (Utah) Motorcoach Crash

**NTSB Recommendations to FICEMS (H-09-4 and H-09-5):**

As a result of its investigation, the National Transportation Safety Board makes the following recommendations to the Federal Interagency Committee on Emergency Medical Services:

- **Develop a plan that can be used by the States and public safety answering points to pursue funding for enhancements of wireless communications coverage that can facilitate prompt accident notification and emergency response along high risk rural roads, as identified under SAFETEA-LU criteria, and along rural roads having substantial large bus traffic (as defined by the criteria established in Safety Recommendation H-09-7). (H-09-4)**
- **Evaluate the system of emergency care response to large-scale transportation-related rural accidents and, once that evaluation is completed, develop guidelines for emergency medical service response and provide those guidelines to the States. (H-09-5)**

The NTSB also issued recommendations to the Utah Bureau of Emergency Medical Services, the Federal Highway Administration, the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials, the National Association of State Emergency Medical Services Officials, the American Bus Association, the United Motorcoach Association, and Arrow Stage Lines and reiterated one previously issued recommendation to the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration.

**NTSB Recommendations to NASEMSO & AASHTO (H-09-8)**

The NTSB therefore recommends that AASHTO and the National Association of State Emergency Medical Services Officials work with the FHWA to develop and implement criteria based on traffic patterns, passenger volume, and bus types that can be used to assess the risks of rural travel by large buses. The NTSB further recommends that the FWHA use these criteria as part of the SAFETEA-LU requirement to identify and select HSIP projects. The criteria should allow assessment of both fatal and nonfatal accidents involving large buses in all types of service and use, travel routes, travel activity and travel characteristics of these buses, and problems for EMS in rural communities.

As a result of its investigation, the National Transportation Safety Board makes the following recommendation to the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials and the National Association of state Emergency Medical Services Officials:

- **Work with the Federal Highway Administration to develop and implement criteria based on traffic patterns, passenger volume, and bus types that can be used to assess the risks of rural travel by large buses. (H-09-8)**