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Welcome

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Outline

- NTSB Basics
- NTSB Role in Highway Accidents
- Success Stories



What the NTSB Does

- Independent agency, investigate transportation accidents, all modes
- Determine probable cause(s) and make recommendations to prevent recurrences
- Conduct special studies and investigations
 - Assist victims and their families



Independent

- 5 Members, nominated by the President, confirmed by the Senate
 - Members are not investigators
 - Safeguards for independence
- Conclusions from facts, not politics



Gathering the Facts

- NTSB is very small (<400 employees), relies heavily on parties to develop the facts
- NTSB selects parties for their ability to provide *technical* expertise
 - No attorneys/insurers
 - No plaintiffs/representatives



Analysis

- Analysis is done solely by NTSB; parties do not assist
- Analysis is not admissible in court



Purpose

- Single focus is *SAFETY*
- Objective is to determine probable cause, not blame or liability
 - Primary product:
Safety recommendations



Safety Recommendations

- Safety recommendations are issued to any organization that has authority to address the problem – including federal regulatory agencies, transportation operators, manufacturers, trade associations, labor unions, and state and local governments
- Recommendation acceptance rate:
More than 82%



Highway Responsibility

- Investigate highway accidents (including certain grade-crossing accidents) that involve issues of wide-ranging safety significance
 - Highway Recommendations
 - 2,205 highway safety recommendations issued
 - 264 highway safety recommendations open as of January 2011



Highway Accident Follow-up

- Most Wanted List of Transportation Safety Improvements
- Meetings and correspondence with federal agencies
- Meetings with state legislators and testimony before state legislative committees



NTSB Successes in Highway

- Child restraint standards
- Graduated driver licensing laws
- Commercial vehicle driver licensing and medical screening standards
- Improved highway signs



Thank You

Questions?

