



National Transportation Safety Board

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Safety Recommendation

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On May 14, 2013, the NTSB adopted its safety report concerning alcohol-impaired driving, which addressed a variety of safety issues associated with alcohol-impaired driving and described countermeasures to prevent crashes caused by alcohol-impaired drivers.¹ This safety report and the resulting recommendations may be accessed at our website, <http://www.nts.gov>, under report number NTSB/SR-13/01.

In this report, the NTSB reiterated to the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) Safety Recommendation H-12-37 (below) concerning the issue of impaired driving, which we issued to the IACP in 2012.

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Inform your members of the value of collecting place of last drink (POLD) data as part of any arrest or accident investigation involving an alcohol-impaired driver.

¹ For more information, see *Reaching Zero: Actions to Eliminate Alcohol-Impaired Driving*, Safety Report NTSB/SR-13/01 (Washington, DC: National Transportation Safety Board, 2013), available online at <http://www.nts.gov>.

To underscore the importance of this safety topic, as reflected in the newly adopted *Reaching Zero* safety report, we are reiterating this relatively recent recommendation because it is a key element in the effort to eliminate impaired driving. We appreciate the plans the IACP has to provide articles on this topic in its monthly publication and look forward to receiving additional information from the IACP concerning these efforts. Safety Recommendation H-12-37 is in “Open—Acceptable Response” status to the IACP.

Chairman HERSMAN, Vice Chairman HART, and Members SUMWALT, ROSEKIND, and WEENER concurred in this reiteration.

The NTSB is vitally interested in this recommendation because it is designed to prevent accidents and save lives. When replying, please refer to the safety recommendation by number. We encourage you to submit your response electronically to correspondence@ntsb.gov. If it exceeds 10 megabytes, including attachments, please e-mail us at the same address for instructions. To avoid confusion, please do not submit both an electronic copy and a hard copy of the same response.

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