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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 Automotive Coalition for Traffic Safety, Inc., Safety Recommendation H-12-48 (below) concerning the issue of impaired driving, which we issued to your organization in 2012. 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.

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>.

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Work with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to accelerate widespread implementation of Driver Alcohol Detection System for Safety (DADSS) technology by (1) defining usability testing that will guide driver interface design and (2) implementing a communication program that will direct driver education and promote public acceptance.

Safety Recommendation H-12-48 is in “Open—Await Response” status.

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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