



National Transportation Safety Board

Washington, DC 20594

Safety Recommendation

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In reply refer to: H-15-1

The Honorable Mark R. Rosekind
Administrator
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
Washington, DC 20590

On March 3, 2015, the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) adopted its safety report on *Commercial Vehicle Onboard Video Systems*.¹ The NTSB has investigated many highway accidents where onboard video systems recorded critical crash-related information. This report summarizes the documentation and analysis of onboard video systems from two crashes in particular. We also discuss the benefits of these systems and recommend specific improvements. In addition, we issued a safety alert on commercial vehicle onboard video systems and tips for improving their utility, and developed a drop-in article summarizing safety issues for use by the seven associations receiving a recommendation. The report and the resulting recommendations may be found at our website, www.nts.gov, under report number NTSB/SR-15/01.

As a result of this investigation, we issued three new recommendations, including one to the American Bus Association, United Motorcoach Association, American Trucking Associations, American Public Transportation Association, National Association for Pupil Transportation, National Association of State Directors of Pupil Transportation Services, and National School Transportation Association; one to 15 manufacturers of onboard video systems; and the following recommendation to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration:

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Incorporate into your existing crash database systems, with appropriate access controls, standardized procedures for collecting and using pertinent video recordings, injury information, and crash data from video-equipped buses, consistent with privacy regulations and policies.

¹ See *Commercial Vehicle Onboard Video Systems*, Safety Report NTSB/SR-15/01 (Washington, DC: National Transportation Safety Board, 2015).

Acting Chairman HART and Members SUMWALT and WEENER concurred in this recommendation.

The NTSB is vitally interested in this recommendation because it is designed to prevent accidents and save lives. We would appreciate receiving a response from you within 90 days detailing the actions you have taken or intend to take to implement it. When replying, please refer to the safety recommendation by number. We encourage you to submit your response electronically to correspondence@ntsb.gov.

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Chairman