



National Transportation Safety Board

Washington, DC 20594

Safety Recommendation

Date: June 9, 2016

In reply refer to: R-16-42

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International Association of Chiefs of Police
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Chairman HART, Vice Chairman DINH-ZARR, and Members SUMWALT and WEENER concurred in these recommendations.

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