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Transportation Safety Advancement Group Adds New Members

Washington DC: At its December 2010 business meeting, the **Transportation Safety Advancement Group** (TSAG) elected three new members to fill vacancies in its Academic & Research, Technology & Telematics, and Law Enforcement interest communities. In announcing the selections TSAG Chair Dia Gainor (Chief, Idaho EMS Bureau) noted that in adding these members, pursuit of the TSAG mission is greatly strengthened. Gainor reports that TSAG members ratified the nominations of Dr. Robert Gray, (Academic & Research); Ms Cynthia Manley (Technology & Telematics), and Sgt. Philip Strohm (Law Enforcement).

Dr. Robert Gray is Associate Professor and Director, Center for Navigation, Communication and Information Systems, The Larson Transportation Institute, Pennsylvania State University. He brings over 25 years experience in the area of vehicle systems and safety, with experience in the design and testing of navigation and vision systems for aircraft, rail, automobile and water vessels.

Ms Manley is Senior Manager of Government and Safety Programs, Cross Country Automotive Services. She brings over 12 years experience in managing the implementation of services and technologies for telematics and business lines and has been instrumental in building the safety and security offerings that are core to Cross Country's telematics services.

Sergeant Philip Strohm is Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Unit Administrator for the Delaware State Police, HQ Traffic Section. There, he is responsible for the overall management of statewide commercial vehicle enforcement, including its Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program (MCSAP), and companion Truck Enforcement Unit (TEU). Sgt Strohm brings extensive law enforcement experience in broad applications including police technology and management.

The Transportation Safety Advancement Group is an assembly of multi-discipline professionals sharing a common interest in transportation and public safety. TSAG is dedicated to enhancing traveler and first responder safety through advanced technologies and inter-discipline and inter-agency coordination. Members represent allied transportation and public safety communities including Academic & Research, Emergency Communications, Emergency Medical Services, Fire & Rescue, Emergency Management, Law Enforcement, Technology & Telematics, and Transportation Operations (www.tsag-its.org). TSAG serves as a broad forum for addressing *technologies for public safety* challenges and opportunities and from these, providing input and guidance to the United States Department of Transportation, ITS Joint Program Office. The ITS Joint Program Office serves as the principal guide on Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) applications for transportation operations and management and on transportation safety technology policy.

TSAG is administered by the **Intelligent Transportation Society of America** (ITS America), a leading advocate for technologies that improve the safety, security and efficiency of our nation's surface transportation system. ITS America members include public agencies, private industry, and academic institutions involved in the research, development and design of ITS technologies that enhance safety, improve mobility and promote a sustained environment. www.itsa.org

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