

RECOMMENDATIONS

For the reasons discussed above, the Board feels that alcohol problems in the different modes of transportation should be coordinated by the Department.

The role of such coordination would be (a) to give increased emphasis to study and program action with respect to the role of alcohol, extending coverage of the problem to all transportation modes, (b) to coordinate the DOT efforts with those of the health-oriented agencies and organizations, the various State and local transportation authorities, and the other Federal efforts at public education and program action regarding alcohol problems, and (c) to provide a national focal point for information on alcohol in transportation safety. This coordination should be especially responsive to the large number of alcohol fatalities in highway transportation, the research capability in the Federal Highway Administration, and the need for transfer of techniques between the highway field, general aviation, and other modes. The vigorous educational effort with general aviation is worthy of careful study.