

# U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SPEED MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

## TEAM CHARTER

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Speed Management Team

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### **Background:**

Speeding- exceeding the posted speed limit or driving too fast for conditions; is one of the most prevalent factors contributing to traffic crashes. The economic cost to society of speeding-related crashes is estimated by NHTSA to be \$40.4 billion per year. In 2009, speeding was a contributing factor in approximately 31 percent of all fatal crashes, and 10,564 lives were lost in speeding-related crashes.

### **Goal:**

Department of Transportation Intermodal Speed Team aims to reduce speeding-related fatalities, injuries and crashes through the application and promotion of enforcement, engineering, educational, and evaluative approaches in a collaborative manner among member agencies in support of the US DOT goal of reducing the number of total traffic fatalities.

**Objectives:**

- To better define the relationship among speed, speeding and safety, and improve knowledge, understanding, and awareness of the dangers of speeding.
- To identify and promote engineering and technology methods for creating a safer road environment with appropriate travel speeds, consistent speed limits and condition responsive warnings.
- To identify and promote effective speed enforcement and penalties that target dangerous drivers, on dangerous roads, at dangerous times.
- To work with governmental and non-governmental organizations to promote an integrated 3E approach and encourage local action to more effectively manage speed and crash risk.

**Activities:**

- Delivery of the Speed Program Management Workshop to Federal, State and local traffic safety program managers, providing them a tool for the development of expertise in speed management issues.
- Delivery of the US DOT Speed Management Workshop to States and local jurisdictions, providing them a tool for obtaining cooperation and support of traffic safety stakeholders and elected officials responsible for implementing speed management measures.
- Evaluation and review of speed and speed management research efforts to include engineering, enforcement, behavioral and technology-based solutions and countermeasures.
- Develop and implement a model speed management action plan to provide guidance for State and local governments to design, implement and maintain balanced and effective speed management programs.
- Develop and disseminate outreach materials on how appropriate speed limits are determined; the relationships among travel speed, posted speed limits, and crash risks; and, appropriate strategies and countermeasures for reducing speeding-related crashes/fatalities.

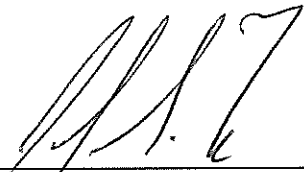
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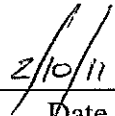
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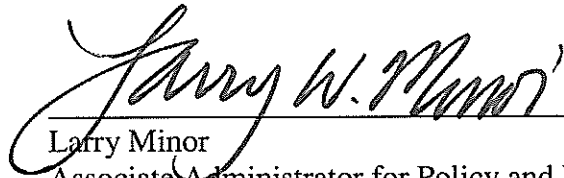
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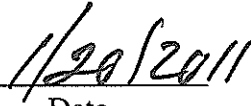
**NHTSA:** Enforcement and Justice Services Division, National Center for Statistics and Analysis, Office of Behavioral Safety Research, Office of Communications and Consumer Information, Office of Strategic Planning Special Crash Investigations Unit.

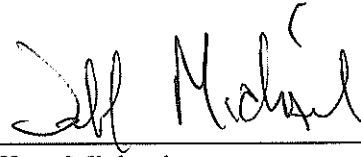
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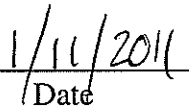
  
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