

ANB70(2) Motorcoach Safety Subcommittee

Annual Meeting: January 13, 2020 10:15 AM – 12:00 PM

Marriott Marquis Ballroom Salon 16

Bob Scopatz presiding for Charles Vits

Attendance:

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- **Welcome and Introductions**

Charlie Vits started the meeting and turned it over to Bob Scopatz to run since Charlie had to attend a session where he was presenting. The group introduced themselves.

2. Review status of Truck and Bus Safety Committee Strategic Planning efforts (Bob Scopatz)

Bob discussed the likely possibility that the Motorcoach subcommittee would be rolled into all of the other ANB70 subcommittees. The reasoning is in line with the ANB70 Strategic Plan which would see a realignment of the subcommittees so that they each consider *both* truck and bus issues.

- **Presentation 1: NTSB Update – Robert Molloy, Office of Highway Safety**

Robert Molloy presented on recent motorcoach-related investigations: Loxley, AL (3/13/2018); Flushing, NY (9/18/2017); Thoreau, NM (8/30/2018); and Mount Pleasant TWP, PA (1/5/2020). He also presented on midsize bus investigations: SeaTac, WA (7/25/2019); Bryce Canyon, UT (9/20/2019); and Belton, SC (12/17/2019). He presented two school bus investigations: Helena, MT (11/27/2017) and Oakland, IA (12/12/2017).

He closed with taxi and limousine investigations from Las Vegas, NV (11/8/2017), Tempe, AZ (3/18/2018), and Schoharie, NY (10/6/2018). Rob also presented the NTSB's "most wanted list" which includes:

- Eliminate distractions
- Reduce fatigue-related accidents
- End alcohol and other drug impairment
- Increase implementation of collision avoidance systems in all new highway vehicles
- Implement a comprehensive strategy to reduce speeding-related crashes
- Require medical fitness—screen for and treat obstructive sleep apnea
- Strengthen occupant protection

4. Presentation 2 Stretch Limousine Regulatory Reform – Matthew Daus, Windels Marx Lane & Mittendorf, LLP

Matthew Daus presented information about regulations and the need for reform in the stretch limousine industry. He used the Schoharie limousine crash (10/6/2018) as a case study and referenced the NTSB investigation. He raised the issue of structural integrity as the extreme vehicles become more common. There are now certification programs that require OEM approval and oversight. He presented additional recommended regulations including:

- Mandatory vehicle retirement age
- More frequent/rigorous safety inspections;
- Better vetting for drivers
- Industry-driven safety standards (best practices, training, data collection, and reporting

He suggested his article in *Black Car News* for further information:

<https://www.blackcarnews.com/article/limousine-law-reforms-in-ny-state>

5. Open Discussion on Motorcoach Safety research status and needs

6. Close