

major strides in reducing traffic fatalities.

Remaining barriers to safety will be more resistant to programmatic influences now that the easy gains have already been accomplished. Moreover, crash fatalities have been edging higher since dropping to slightly under 40,000 in 1992, indicating that significant effort will be needed just to preserve the gains that already have been made. Up-to-date information is essential to plot the direction of future activity that will achieve reductions in crash injuries and fatalities in the coming years.

In order to collect the critical information needed by NHTSA to develop and implement effective countermeasures that meet the Agency's mandate to improve highway traffic safety, NHTSA conducted its first Motor Vehicle Occupant Safety Survey in 1994. The survey included questions related to seat belts, child safety seats, air bags, bicyclist safety, motorcyclist safety, and Emergency Medical Services. It also contained small segments on alcohol use and on speeding. The survey was repeated in 1996, with the survey instrument updated to incorporate emergent issues and items of increased interest.

The proposed survey is the third Motor Vehicle Occupant Safety Survey. The survey would collect data on topics included in the preceding surveys and would monitor changes over time in the use of occupant protection devices and in attitudes related to vehicle occupant safety. It is important that NHTSA monitor these changes so that the Agency can determine the effects of its efforts to promote the use of safety devices and to identify areas where its efforts should be targeted and where new strategies may be needed. As in 1996, NHTSA proposes to make a small number of revisions to the survey instrument to address new information needs.

If approved, the proposed survey would assist NHTSA in addressing the problem of motor vehicle occupant safety and in formulating programs and recommendations to Congress. The results of the proposed survey would be used to: (a) identify areas to target current programs and activities to achieve the greatest benefit; (b) develop new programs and initiatives aimed at increasing the use of occupant safety devices by the general public; and (c) provide informational support to States and localities in their traffic safety efforts. The findings would also be used directly by State and local highway safety and law enforcement agencies in the development and implementation of effective countermeasures to prevent

injuries and fatalities to vehicle occupants.

Description of the Likely Respondents (Including Estimated Number, and Proposed Frequency of Response to the Collection of Information)—Under this proposed effort, a telephone interview averaging approximately 20 minutes in length would be administered to each of 8,000 randomly selected members of the general public age 16 and older in telephone households. The respondent sample would be selected from all 50 states plus the District of Columbia. Interviews would be conducted with persons at residential phone numbers selected through random digit dialing. Businesses are ineligible for the sample and would not be interviewed. No more than one respondent would be selected per household. Each member of the sample would complete one interview.

Estimate of the Total Annual Reporting and Record Keeping Burden Resulting from the Collection of Information—NHTSA estimates that each respondent in the sample would require an average of 20 minutes to complete the telephone interview. Thus, the number of estimated reporting burden hours a year on the general public (8,000 respondents multiplied by 1 interview multiplied by 20 minutes) would be 2667 for the proposed survey. The respondents would not incur any reporting cost from the information collection. The respondents also would not incur any record keeping cost from the information collection.

James Nichols,

Acting Associate Administrator for Traffic Safety Programs.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Research and Development Programs Meeting Agenda

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice provides the agenda for a public meeting at which the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) will describe and discuss specific research and development projects.

DATES AND TIMES: As previously announced, NHTSA will hold a public meeting devoted primarily to presentations of specific research and

development projects on March 17, 1998, beginning at 1:30 p.m. and ending at approximately 5:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Clarion Inn, Detroit Metro Airport, 9191 Wickham Road, Romulus, Michigan.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice provides the agenda for the twentieth in a series of public meetings to provide detailed information about NHTSA's research and development programs. This meeting will be held on March 17, 1998. The meeting was announced on February 20, 1998 (63 FR 8734). For additional information about the meeting, consult that announcement.

Starting at 1:30 p.m. and concluding by 5:00 p.m., NHTSA's Office of Research and Development will discuss the following topics:

Research and Development Overview; Test Procedures to Measure Rollover Propensity; Automated Collision Notification System—Update on Testing; Pedestrian Research; and 30 MPH Unbelted Barrier Tests with Depowered Air Bags.

NHTSA has based its decisions about the agenda, in part, on the suggestions it received in response to the announcement published February 20, 1998.

As announced on February 20, 1998, in the time remaining at the conclusion of the presentations, NHTSA will provide answers to questions on its research and development programs, where those questions have been submitted in writing to Raymond P. Owings, Ph.D., Associate Administrator for Research and Development, NRD-01, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Washington, DC 20590. Fax number: 202-366-5930.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rita I. Gibbons, Staff Assistant, Office of Research and Development, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20590. Telephone: 202-366-4862. Fax number: 202-366-5930.

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Raymond P. Owings,

Associate Administrator for Research and Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

March 6, 1998.

The Department of Treasury has submitted the following public

information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling the Treasury Bureau Clearance Officer listed. Comments regarding this information collection should be addressed to the OMB reviewer listed and to the Treasury Department Clearance Officer, Department of the Treasury, Room 2110, 1425 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before April 15, 1998 to be assured of consideration.

Special Request: In order to conduct the surveys described below during the week of March 9, 1998, the Department of the Treasury has requested that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) review and approve this information collection by 2:00 PM on March 9, 1998. To obtain a copy of this study, please contact the Internal Revenue Service Clearance Officer at the address listed below.

Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

OMB Number: 1545-1432.

Project Number: M:SP:V 98-003-G.

Type of Review: Revision.

Title: Taxpayer Survey for Citizen Advocacy Panels (CAPs).

Description: On October 10, 1997, President Clinton called for the creation of Citizen Advocacy Panels (CAPs) to ensure that the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) is responsive to taxpayer needs. The CAPs offer citizens a unique opportunity to participate in the improvement of their tax system. CAP members will be able to provide input into enhancing IRS customer service identifying problems and making recommendations for improvements in IRS systems and procedures. CAP will also monitor the progress to effect the changes.

The CAPs will have a highly visibility and serve a critical role for the IRS. Therefore, it is crucial that the panel members have the requisite skills and abilities to fulfill this role, as well as be representative of their district. To ensure appropriate selection of CAP members, IRS contracted a "Team" to develop a selection process. The first Citizen Advocacy Panel will be established in south Florida. As part of the process, the "Team" will conduct a survey of the general population of south Florida to seek their input on what type of citizens should be selected to sit on the CAP.

Respondents: Individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 400.

Estimated Burden Hours Per Response: 9 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Total Reporting Burden: 60 hours.

Clearance Officer: Garrick Shear (202) 622-3869, Internal Revenue Service, Room 5571, 1111 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20224.

OMB Reviewer: Alexander T. Hunt (202) 395-7860, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10226, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Lois K. Holland

Departmental Reports Management Officer.

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DATES: Written comments should be received on or before April 15, 1998 to be assured of consideration.

Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

OMB Number: 1545-1555.

Regulation Project Number: REG-115795-97 NPRM and Temporary.

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: General Rules for Making and Maintaining Qualified Electing Fund Elections.

Description: The temporary and proposed regulations provide rules for making section 1295 elections and satisfying annual reporting requirements for such elections, revoking section 1295 elections, and making retroactive section 1295 elections.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit, Individuals or households, Not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents/Recordkeepers: 1,290.

Estimated Burden Hours Per Respondent/Recordkeeper: 29 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Other (one-time only).

Estimated Total Reporting/Recordkeeping Burden: 623 hours.

Clearance Officer: Garrick Shear (202) 622-3869, Internal Revenue Service, Room 5571, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20224.

OMB Reviewer: Alexander T. Hunt (202) 395-7860, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10226, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Lois K. Holland,

Departmental Reports Management Officer.

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DATES: Written comments should be received on or before April 15, 1998 to be assured of consideration.

Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

OMB Number: 1545-0962.

Publication Number: Publication 1075.

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Safeguard Procedures and Safeguard Activity Reports.

Description: Internal Revenue Code section 6103(p) requires that IRS provide periodic reports to Congress describing safeguard procedures, utilized by agencies which receive information from the IRS, to protect the confidentiality of the information. This section also requires that these agencies furnish reports to the IRS describing their safeguards.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit, Not-for-profit institutions, Federal Government, State, Local or Tribal Government.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 5,100.

Estimated Burden Hours Per Respondent: 5 hours.

Frequency of Response: Annually.

Estimated Total Reporting Burden: 25,500 hours.