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Host and Moderator:

Catherine Chase: Cathy Chase is President of Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety. She has played a critical role in advancing highway and auto safety including occupant protection, impaired driving, teen driving, distracted driving, consumer protection, motor vehicle and commercial motor vehicle safety. Ms. Chase also advocates for regulations to ensure the safe development and deployment of autonomous vehicles. Frequently invited to testify before Congress, state legislatures and national conferences, she was most recently selected by *CQ Roll Call* as one of seventeen “People to Watch in 2019.” Ms. Chase is a graduate of Rutgers College and received her J.D. from the George Washington University Law School.

Speakers:

Commander K. N. Campbell: Commander Neil Campbell is a 22-year veteran of the Houston Police Department who has dedicated more than half of his career towards traffic safety, vehicular assault crash investigations, and traffic enforcement. He currently oversees operations of the department’s Traffic Enforcement Division which consists of roughly 200 members and specialized units including the DWI Task Force, Mobility Response, Commercial Motor Vehicle Truck Enforcement, Highway Interdiction, Radar Task Force, and SOLOs (*Motorcycles*). Commander Campbell currently holds a Master of Arts in Sociology Behavioral Science from University of Houston, Clear Lake, a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from Texas State University and is a graduate of the FBI National Academy’s 250th session.

Jennifer Harmon: Jennifer Harmon is the Crime Laboratory Director for the San Diego County Sheriff Department's Regional Crime Lab. A technical expert in both postmortem and ante-mortem toxicology, she has audited the Drug Recognition Evaluation (DRE) Program and participated in numerous controlled drinking studies and ride-a-longs with several state and local law enforcement agencies. Ms. Harmon has testified in nearly 200 cases involving drugs, alcohol and poly-drug use. Ms. Harmon is the president of the California Association of Crime Laboratory Directors, the current past president of the California Association of Toxicologists, is a member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police Drug Evaluation and Classification Program’s Technical Advisory Panel. Ms. Harmon has a Bachelor of Science in biology from California State University at Long Beach and a master’s degree in public administration from Brandman University.

Mary Jagim MS, RN, CEN, FAEN: Mary Jagim has over 30 years of experience in emergency nursing, healthcare leadership, public policy and healthcare consulting. She served as President of the Emergency Nurses Association in 2001 and was a member of the IOM Study on the Future of Emergency Care in the U.S. Health System. In her current position, Ms. Jagim serves as the Chief Nursing Officer for Infinite Leap, a consulting group contracting with health care organizations that want to leverage real-time location system technology to improve safety and efficiency. Ms. Jagim has a master's degree in nursing from North Dakota State University 2013. She currently serves as a member of Advocates' Board.

Richard Leotta: Richard Leotta, his wife Marcia Goldman, and their daughter Shana Leotta became anti-impaired driving advocates following the tragic death of their son and brother Noah Leotta. In December of 2015, Noah, a Montgomery County, Maryland, police officer, was struck and killed by a drunk and drugged driver while making a roadside stop of another suspected impaired driver. At the time, Officer Leotta was volunteering with the Police Alcohol Holiday Task Force. In the midst of their immense sorrow and grief, the Leotta family became part of a 7-year ongoing effort to strengthen the state of Maryland's weak drunk driving laws. A coalition formed that eventually saw the passage of "Noah's Law," which requires ignition interlock devices in the cars of convicted drunk drivers. Mr. Leotta continues his advocacy in support of commonsense countermeasures to curb alcohol and drug-impaired driving.

Alan Maness, CPCU: Alan Maness is Vice President of Federal Affairs for State Farm Insurance Companies. Mr. Maness has been with State Farm since 1994, having worked in the Bloomington, IL office and then the Washington, DC office as Vice President Federal Affairs – Counsel. Mr. Maness, who also has significant experience working in government, previously was Senior Minority Counsel for the Aviation, Consumer and Surface Transportation Subcommittees of the Senate Commerce Committee and also worked at the U.S. Department of Justice as an attorney and as special assistant U.S. Attorney for Washington, DC. State Farm is a founding member of Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety and Mr. Maness serves as a member of the Advocates Board.

Amy Miles: Amy Miles is the Director of the Forensic Toxicology Program at the Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene (WSLH) and has almost 18 years of experience in forensic toxicology. In addition to managing the Forensic Toxicology Program, Ms. Miles provides expert court testimony and interpretation of laboratory reports for coroners, medical examiners, attorneys and law enforcement officers. She also provides expert consultation for drug-impaired driving cases both locally and nationally. Ms. Miles is the Chair of the SOFT/AAFS Drugs and Driving Committee and sits on the Board of Directors for the Society of Forensic Toxicologists. Ms. Miles attended the Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) school held in Wisconsin in 2004 and provides training and support for the DRE program in Wisconsin and across the country. She is the toxicology representative on the IACP DRE Technical Advisory Panel and is a faculty member of the Robert F. Borkenstein Course: The Effects of Drugs on Human Performance.