

# The Traffic Safety Record



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## Important ATSIP News!!

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As ATSIP develops into a self supporting professional organization, a membership dues plan is soon to be implemented. In the near future you will receive a letter from the National Safety Council, our parent organization, containing a dues invoice for 2004-2005 describing dues options for membership grade. (Continued on page 2)

## 2004 Best Practices Competition

The Best Practices Recognition is intended to showcase the nation's most successful projects for improving the collection, quality, and application of safety data to reduce motor vehicle deaths, injuries, and property damage on the nation's streets and highways. Projects selected for recognition will be honored at the 30th Traffic Records Forum. A session has been reserved, and the top winner will receive travel assistance to participate.

## What's New in the Traffic Safety Community?

Visit:  
<http://pub6.ezboard.com/btrafficsafety>

The ATSIP web site has a Best Practices page with all the information needed to apply. The application form itself is downloadable from that site, so that it may be completed on any pc and sent in as a file attachment to email. A paper method is also available upon request. Please see [www.atsip.org](http://www.atsip.org) and go to the Best Practices page.

The due date for Best Practices applications is FEBRUARY 15, 2004, to allow for evaluation by the Best Practices Committee of ATSIP and the timely notification of winners by the National Safety Council.

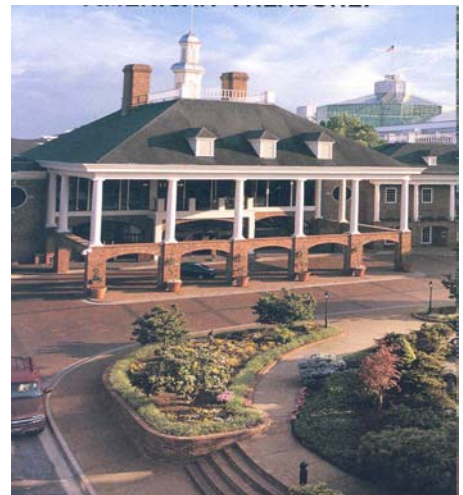
## Are you out of date?

The member profile update will soon be expanding! If you are a member and have not updated your profile on the Members Only page, please do so. If you do not know your member number or password, please contact: [webmaster@atsip.org](mailto:webmaster@atsip.org).

## 30th Annual Traffic Records Forum July 25-29, 2004 Nashville, Tennessee

**We are still searching for presenters and moderators for sessions!** If you are interested in speaking at the forum, please visit the ATSIP homepage and follow the call for presentations link. If you have any questions, please contact:

Jim Davis  
2004 Program Chair  
[TRF2004@unm.edu](mailto:TRF2004@unm.edu)



The Gaylord Opryland Resort & Convention Center

## New Membership Dues Structure

Our membership is divided into three grades: Fellow, Member, and Associate levels. Levels are determined on an individual basis upon years of experience in any traffic safety data field. To be considered for any level of membership, one must submit a professional history and resume, which are then reviewed by members of the ATSIP Executive Board. Membership Applications may be submitted at the ATSIP website (<http://www.atsip.org>). If you are accepted at a higher level and wish to hold a lower level of membership, you have the option to do so. The opposite is true that if you believe you are eligible for a higher level, you may submit additional information and request a second review. The membership levels and their dues are as follows:

### **Associate: \$50**

Requirements: Anyone who is active in the traffic safety data community  
Benefits—

- Inclusion on the ATSIP members mailing list
- Access to the Members Only area on the ATSIP website
- Voting privileges
- A \$50 discount on your Traffic Records Forum registration or pay the full registration fee and have earmarked \$50 for your following years membership

### **Member: \$100**

Requirements: Anyone who is active in the traffic safety community having at least five years of experience  
Benefits—

- Associate incentives, as well as:
  - Eligibility to hold office
  - Discounts on training programs and resources as they become available

### **Fellow: \$200**

Requirements: Anyone who is active in the traffic safety community having at least ten years of experience  
Benefits—

- Member incentives, as well as:
  - Eligibility to hold office on the Executive Board

## **NEW!! Corporate Affiliate Memberships**

### **Supporting Affiliate: \$500**

Supporting Affiliate Members are entitled to a listing as such on the ATSIP website and in the annual Traffic Records Forum literature. A Supporting Affiliate Member shall be entitled to *one complementary registration* to the annual Traffic Records Forum during the membership year. Such complementary registration must be claimed during the Forum pre-registration period.

### **Sponsoring Affiliate: \$3,000**

Sponsoring Affiliate Members are entitled to a listing as such on the ATSIP website and in the annual Traffic Records Forum literature. A sponsoring Affiliate will also be entitled to a *complimentary exhibit booth and four registrations* to the Traffic Records Forum during the membership year. Complimentary registrations and the booth must be claimed by the end of the early vendor commitment period for the Forum.

Should you have any questions concerning the membership structure, please contact Richard Paddock, ATSIP Membership Chair, at [rpaddock@tsass.com](mailto:rpaddock@tsass.com)

## Outreach Activities

The National Safety Council and ATSIP have received additional funding from NHTSA to resume state TRCC briefings in March. Representatives from ATSIP present to the state Traffic Records Committee on topics such as federal safety data programs, safety data standards, safety data funding programs, status of Reauthorization, and Reauthorization impacts on data. If you would like to host a briefing in your state, please contact Harold Thompson, [thompson@nsc.org](mailto:thompson@nsc.org). We are still pursuing several states that have not conducted a state briefing!

We also have funding from NHTSA to provide states with technical assistance. This allows any state to take advantage of the following services:

- Short term subject-based technical team: This team will aid in RFP development and editing and general planning on idea implementation. The team will have a one or two day commitment in the state.
- Management / Technical Training: This team conducts safety data systems training in one-day workshops on topics such as ANSI-D16.
- Assistance with strategic planning: The team will assist the state develop a strategic plan that meets the expectations of NHTSA, thus being eligible for 412 funds. The team has a longer commitment to the state and may require multiple visits to the state.

For more information, please visit <http://www.atsip.org> or the NHTSA Traffic Records website at: <http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/people/perform/trafrecords03/Default.htm>

## Revision to the ATSIP By-Laws

In the near future all current members will receive a ballot to amend the current by-laws. This amendment will change the election of officers from a vote of those attending the year's Traffic Records Forum to a mail ballot of all members. We recognize that all members need to have input on elections. Our current by-laws demand a 2/3 membership response to make the change. ***Please complete and return the ballot to help us make this important change.***

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## Committee Activity

The Traffic Records Committee performs most of its activities through a group of sub-committees. Most of the working committees are Ad Hoc, being created and abolished as they complete specific tasks. If you are interested in joining any of the below committees, please contact the appropriate committee leader.

### Data Quality

Bob Scopatz, [bscopatz@data-nexus.com](mailto:bscopatz@data-nexus.com)

### Professional Development/Certification

Jack Zogby, [jzogby@paonline.com](mailto:jzogby@paonline.com)

### Membership

Richard Paddock, [rpaddock@tsass.com](mailto:rpaddock@tsass.com)

### Nominations

Larry Holestine, [HHQelk@aol.com](mailto:HHQelk@aol.com)

### **Constitution/Business Plan**

James Davis, [jwdavis@unm.edu](mailto:jwdavis@unm.edu)

### **2004 Forum Vendor/State Exhibitors**

Harold Thompson, [thompsoh@nsc.org](mailto:thompsoh@nsc.org)

### **2005 Site Selection**

Bob Scopatz, [bscopatz@data-nexus.com](mailto:bscopatz@data-nexus.com)

### **2006 Site Selection**

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*See what's new!*

[www.atsip.org](http://www.atsip.org)

### **ANSI D-16 Manual on Classification of Motor Vehicle Traffic Accidents**

Ken Hackman, [kdhackman@mindspring.com](mailto:kdhackman@mindspring.com)

### **Resolutions for Improved Highway Safety Information Systems**

Martha Florey, [Martha.florey@dot.state.wi.us](mailto:Martha.florey@dot.state.wi.us)

### **ANSI D-20 Data Element Dictionary for Traffic Records Systems**

David Bozak, [bozak@erols.com](mailto:bozak@erols.com)

### **Strategic Planning**

Robert Thompson, [rthomps@dps.state.ia.us](mailto:rthomps@dps.state.ia.us)

### **Best Practices Awards**

Joyce Emery, [jemerydot@yahoo.com](mailto:jemerydot@yahoo.com)

### **Electronic Communication**

Angie Schmit, [aschmit@tsass.com](mailto:aschmit@tsass.com)

### **2004 Forum Program**

Jim Davis, [TRF2004@unm.edu](mailto:TRF2004@unm.edu)

## ***Sponsors Wanted!!!***

If you or your firm would be interested in sponsoring a breakfast, break, or other function at the 2004 Traffic Records Forum, we want to talk to you! We have a wide range of sponsorship options which include appropriate promotional opportunities during the Forum. Please contact Harold Thompson at 1-800-621-7615 Ext. 2383.