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National Roadway Safety Awards Program Honors Life-Saving Initiatives

WASHINGTON, DC, USA— On November 5, 2009, a luncheon was held by the Federal Highway Administration and the Roadway Safety Foundation honoring the recipients of the 2009 National Roadway Safety Awards. Philip J. Caruso, P.E., FITE, Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) deputy executive director for technical programs, attended the luncheon and was thanked for his contribution as one of the Blue Ribbon Panel judges who supported the program. The luncheon gave Caruso an opportunity to speak with U.S. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood, who commended ITE for its work in transportation safety.

“This award ceremony is a good opportunity to shine a light on the nation’s most innovative road safety projects and programs that eliminate or sharply reduce highway deaths across the United States,” said Secretary LaHood. “We can never stop looking for new and creative ways to make driving and traveling safer.”

More than 100 entries were received, and recipients were evaluated on three criteria: innovation, effectiveness, and efficient use of resources. Program categories included infrastructure improvements; operational improvements; and program planning, development and evaluation.

Overall, 10 awards were granted, along with five honorable mentions. Honorees ranged from initiatives designed to enhance pedestrian safety to strategies designed to reduce alcohol-related incidents and a plethora of other programs dedicated to making the nation’s road safer for all users, pedestrians and drivers alike.

“The roster of award winners represents the most dynamic and creative highway safety programs, and sets a standard for others to follow,” said Greg Cohen, Executive Director of the Roadway Safety Foundation. “These projects help prevent traffic crashes and fatalities, and assist in fighting the national epidemic of more than 37,000 road deaths and 2.5 million injuries that occur on our nation’s roadways every year.”

A full list of award winners is available on the Roadway Safety Foundation Web site at www.roadwaysafetyawards.org.

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