

State of New Hampshire

By His Excellency

Craig R. Benson, Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 2003-7

**AN ORDER ESTABLISHING THE GOVERNOR'S TASK FORCE ON MOTOR
VEHICLE FATALITIES**

WHEREAS, there is a substantial need to evaluate motor vehicle fatalities that occur in the State of New Hampshire; and

WHEREAS, it is important to provide effective measures to identify and address the causes of motor vehicle fatalities on the State's road and highway system; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the State to perform a thorough analysis and review of all statutory provisions, administrative rules, and regulations that address such unlawful driving behaviors contributing to motor vehicle fatalities, including, but not limited to, alcohol and drug impairment, speed, reckless operation, inexperience, fatigue and inattention; and

WHEREAS, a complete evaluation of the performance of the State's system in addressing the causes of motor vehicle fatalities is necessary to find ways to reduce the number of such fatalities and save lives.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CRAIG R. BENSON, GOVERNOR, of the **STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**, by the authority vested in me by Part II, Article 41 of the New Hampshire Constitution, do hereby order that:

1. There is hereby established the Governor's Task Force on Motor Vehicle Fatalities. The Task Force shall evaluate the causes of motor vehicle fatalities in New Hampshire; perform a thorough analysis of all statutory, administrative rules and regulations that address driving behaviors that contribute to fatalities; evaluate the performance of the State's current system in addressing such fatalities; and provide recommendations to the Governor on ways to improve the performance of the State's system and on ways to reduce the number of motor vehicle fatalities in New Hampshire.
2. The members of the Task Force shall consist of 14 members. The Task Force shall consist of the following members: the Coordinator of the New Hampshire Highway Safety Agency; the Commissioner of the Department of Safety; the Commissioner of

the Department of Transportation; the Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles; the Colonel of the New Hampshire State Police; a District Court Justice appointed by the Chief Justice of the District Courts; the President of the NH Chiefs of Police Association or his designee; the President of the NH Sheriff's Association or his designee; a member of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House; a member of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate; the Chairperson of the NH Motorcycle Safety Advisory Committee; the Director of the Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention and Recovery; a member of the Traffic Safety Commission appointed by the Governor; and the Attorney General or his designee. The Chairperson shall be selected by majority vote of the Task Force.

3. The Task Force shall meet on a quarterly basis and at other times as necessary and shall submit periodic updates and recommendations to the Governor.



Given at the Executive Chambers in
Concord this 22nd day of May in the year of
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