

# RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF THE REGIONAL SAFETY COUNCIL

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H-GAC

# TRAFFIC SAFETY QUICK FACTS - 2014

- ▶ 130,000 serious crashes
- ▶ 612 fatalities
- ▶ Over 18,000 serious injuries
- ▶ Nearly half of fatalities involve alcohol
- ▶ Harris County #1 in DWI Fatalities Nationally
- ▶ Pedestrians/Bicyclists - 20 percent of deaths
- ▶ 180 deaths - no seatbelt used

# H-GAC SAFETY ACTIVITIES

- ▶ Regional DWI Task Force
- ▶ Child Restraint and Bicycle Safety - TX Children's Hospital
- ▶ Teen Driver Safety Outreach - TTI
- ▶ Crash data assessments for local governments
- ▶ Telly-Award Winning DWI Documentary
- ▶ Involvement in statewide committees

# REGIONAL SAFETY COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

Consists of Practitioners In Our Region:

- ▶ Engineers
- ▶ Law Enforcement
- ▶ Medical Professionals
- ▶ Safety Advocates
- ▶ Educators
- ▶ Researchers
- ▶ Industry Groups

# REGIONAL SAFETY COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

- ▶ Bylaws and Membership
  - ▶ Up to 25 Members
  - ▶ Appointed by TPC
- ▶ Two-year term
- ▶ Meet quarterly
- ▶ Request Appointments at March TPC

# SAFETY AREAS OF INTEREST

- ▶ Alcohol-Related
- ▶ Distracted Driving
- ▶ Red-Light Running
- ▶ Speeding
- ▶ Bicyclists
- ▶ Pedestrians
- ▶ Railroad Crossings
- ▶ Motorcyclists
- ▶ Large Trucks
- ▶ Seat Belt Usage
- ▶ Young Drivers
- ▶ Elderly Drivers
- ▶ Work Zones

# PROPOSED ACTIVITIES OF THE RSC

- ▶ State of Safety Report
- ▶ Regional Safety Plan
- ▶ Safety Performance Measures
- ▶ Develop Partnerships to Expand Outreach, Education
- ▶ Recommend Safety Investments