

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[U.S. DOT Docket No. NHTSA-2015-0037]

Reports, Forms, and Record Keeping Requirements

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), DOT.

ACTION: Request for public comment on proposed collection of information.

SUMMARY: Before a Federal agency can collect certain information from the public, it must receive approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Under procedures established by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, before seeking OMB approval, Federal agencies must solicit public comment on proposed collections of information, including extensions and reinstatements of previously approved collections.

This document describes the collection of information for which NHTSA intends to seek OMB approval.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before June 29, 2015.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by DOT Docket ID Number NHTSA-2015-0037 using any of the following methods:

Electronic submissions: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.

Mail: Docket Management Facility, M-30, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590.

Hand Delivery: West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. Fax: 1-(202) 493-2251.

Instructions: Each submission must include the Agency name and the Docket number for this Notice. Note that all comments received will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov> including any personal information provided.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. J. Stephen Higgins, (202)-366-3976.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, before an agency submits a proposed collection of information to OMB for approval, it must publish a document in the *Federal Register* providing a 60-day comment period and otherwise consult with members of the public and affected agencies concerning each proposed

collection of information. The OMB has promulgated regulations describing what must be included in such a document. Under OMB's regulations (at 5 CFR 1320.8(d)), an agency must ask for public comment on the following: (i) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (ii) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (iii) How to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (iv) How to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses. In compliance with these requirements, NHTSA asks public comment on the following proposed collection of information:

Survey of Law Enforcement Officers/Agencies: Attitudes Towards and Resources for Traffic Safety Enforcement

Type of Request—New information collection requirement.

OMB Clearance Number—None.

Form Number—NHTSA 1186.

Requested Expiration Date of Approval—3 years from date of approval.

Summary of the Collection of Information—NHTSA is interested in the attitudes of Law Enforcement Officers (LEOs) and the resources that Law Enforcement Agencies (LEAs) have for traffic safety enforcement. More specifically NHTSA is interested in past and present LEO viewpoints, agency resources currently being employed, how resources are being utilized, and which additional resources can be implemented to make the enforcement of traffic safety more successful, efficient, and safe for both the Law Enforcement Community as well as the public. NHTSA proposes to collect information from LEOs and LEAs responsible for traffic safety enforcement. Information will be collected through a separate survey completed by line officers and supervisors, as well as structured phone interviews with LEA Chiefs or their designees. Agency administrative data will be gathered through authorized LEA personnel responsible for maintaining such information.

This proposed study is the first step in NHTSA understanding the attitudes and challenges that LEOs and LEAs have with traffic safety enforcement. The agency will gain not only valuable information on the attitudes of Law Enforcement but will also gain valuable guidance in the logistics involved in recruiting and collecting data from agencies and officers as well as the quality of responses and data from the developed instruments for larger nationally representative future studies.

Description of the Need for the Information and Proposed Use of the Information—NHTSA has the responsibility for promoting and implementing effective educational, engineering and enforcement programs with the goal of ending preventable tragedies and reducing economic costs associated with vehicle use and highway travel. In June 2001, a NHTSA report stated that "command emphasis is obviously essential to sustaining traffic law enforcement levels. During times of budget shortfalls or public safety problems, traffic enforcement is one of the first areas to be curtailed. Without the support of senior staff and officials, efforts may decline."¹ As a consequence of recent economic challenges, a number of LEAs have merged traffic enforcement with other enforcement divisions in order to reduce costs.

This project will document the state of current attitudes and resources and how they have changed in recent years. The result of this project will assist NHTSA in determining what can be done to encourage a more ideal prioritization of traffic safety.

Description of the Likely Respondents (Including Estimated Number, and Proposed Frequency of Response to the Collection of Information)—For the proposed study, we will recruit participant groups from 40 LEAs across the United States. LEOs, supervisors, and staff compiling administrative data will supply data via a web survey. Chiefs will provide information through structured telephone interviews. Approximately 40 semi-structured interviews will be conducted via telephone with either the agency head or his/her designee. An estimated 1,200 law enforcement officers will complete the web-based survey. Approximately 80 supervisor-level officers will complete a separate web-based survey.

Estimate of the Total Annual Reporting and Record Keeping Burden

¹ Cyr, E., Jones, R.K., Lacey, J.H., & Wiliszowski, C.H. (2001). *A trend analysis of traffic law enforcement in the United States* (DOT 809 269). Washington, DC: NHTSA.

Resulting from the Collection of Information—The web survey for the line officers and supervisors will average approximately 15 minutes including introduction, consent, confidentiality, survey questions, and debriefing. The estimated completion time for each semi-structured interview is 30 minutes per agency head or designee. Individuals providing administrative data have an estimated completion time of 30–45 minutes. The total estimated annual burden if all solicited participants respond is approximately 370 hours. Participants will incur no costs and no record keeping burden from the information collection.

Authority: 44 U.S.C. Section 3506(c)(2)(A).

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Information Collection Activities: Submission for the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Review; Request for Comment

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of the OMB review of information collection and solicitation of public comment.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 35), this notice announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR) abstracted below will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected burden. A **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting public comments on the following information collection was published on January 21, 2015 (80 FR 3010).

DATES: Submit comments to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) on or before XXX. May 29, 2015.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. J. Stephen Higgins, 202–366–3976.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Control Number: 2127—New.
Title: Characterizing Ambulance Driver Training in EMS Systems.
Form No.: NHTSA Form 1186.

Type of Review: Regular.

Respondents: The study sample will consist of two distinct groups. The first sample will include representatives from EMS agencies across the United States. The second will include representatives from State offices that are responsible for various aspects of ambulance driver training and regulation for the 50 States and Washington, DC.

Estimated Number of Respondents: A maximum of 8,000 agencies will be solicited for the survey. Up to 153 representatives from State agencies may be contacted for semi-structured interviews.

Estimated Time per Response: The expected average completion time for the Internet-based survey of EMS agency representatives is 15 minutes. The 153 semi-structured interviews with State personnel are expected to average approximately 60 minutes in length.

Total Estimated Annual Burden Hours: 2,153 hours if all 8,000 EMS agencies and State personnel respond to the solicitations. The real burden will be reduced proportionally by the actual response rates to each information gathering effort.

Frequency of Collection: Each data collection effort will take place a single time.

Abstract: Although emergency vehicle operator training for EMS personnel has been repeatedly identified as an important step in the safety system, the current situation with respect to EMS personnel driver training in the United States is not well characterized. In order to characterize training for EMS personnel driving ambulances across the United States, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) proposes to collect information from EMS agencies providing ambulance services and State offices responsible for overseeing training, licensing, and regulation of EMS agencies and their personnel that drive ambulances. NHTSA is interested in learning about what types of driver training are required, when the training is required (new drivers, continuing education, etc.), how driving incidents (crashes, moving violations, etc.) impact driving privileges, initial qualification standards (age, number of years with license, driving record, type of license, etc.), and other related topics. Participation in the study will be voluntary and will only include State level agency representatives and representatives from EMS agencies that offer ambulance services. Data collection will be in the form of semi-structured interviews (in-person or over the phone) for personnel at State offices, and an Internet-based

survey for personnel at public and private EMS agencies providing ambulance services. EMS agencies will be contacted via email, mail, or phone with a link to the Internet survey. State offices will be contacted via email or phone to participate in the semi-structured interviews. The results of this project will assist NHTSA in determining the current state of driver training for EMS personnel which will help the Agency determine if additional research and development on the topic are warranted.

ADDRESSES: Send comments regarding the burden estimate, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503, Attention: Desk Officer for Department of Transportation, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, or by email at oir_submission@omb.eop.gov, or fax: 202–395–5806.

Comments Are Invited On: Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department of Transportation, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the Department's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. A comment to OMB is most effective if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication of this notice.

Authority: 44 U.S.C. Section 3506(c)(2)(A).

Dated: April 23, 2015.

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National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Reports, Forms, and Record Keeping Requirements; Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44