

SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION ANDREW H. CARD, JR.
DOT EMPLOYEE FIELD VISIT
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- Thank you Admiral James Card, for that introduction. It's good to see that one Card made it in a seafaring DOT organization. I was a plebe at the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy one time.
 - I'm honored to be at Admiral Card's last official appearance in Seattle. I understand he was "frocked" on February 14 (Valentine's Day), and will be departing tomorrow for New Orleans and his new assignment as Eighth USCG District Commander.
- Thanks also to Captain Charles Murray, commander of the Coast Guard Support Center.
 - Captain Murray has a smile on his face -- not because like Admiral Card, he's leaving, but because he just celebrated his first wedding anniversary.
- It's good to be here with so many employees from the various modes -- from Coast Guard to the Office of Inspector General.

- Glad to have all the regional administrators -- background as follows:
- J. Pat Clarke, Regional Administrator of FHWA, has two daughters who are engineers.
- Terry Ebersole, Regional Administrator, Federal Transit Administration, a new grandfather.
- Ron Hambrick, of the Office of Inspector General, who I am told can sometimes be seen panning for gold.
- Fred Isaac, Regional Administrator, Federal Aviation Administrator, called "Inspector Clueseau" by close associates.
- Lyn McClelland, Regional Administrator of the Maritime Administration, who until recently covered 10 states by herself, is -- I am told -- a "foredeck gorilla" on a sailboat racing crew.
- Chester Southern, Regional Administrator FRA. They say he has a Texas accent. Don't let them kid your Chester. I've got an accent and I'm proud of it.
- Curt Winston, Regional Administrator, NHTSA.

- It's good to be here with you for National Transportation Week. We are all one family at DOT. All one team. And one thing that keeps us closer together as a team in Washington, D.C. is our adopted school -- Hine Junior High School. Almost everyone in headquarters does something with Hine during the year -- whether it's saving grocery chits for computers or tutoring. And that relationship with the students has brought us closer together.
- The new relationship you have forged with three schools will blossom forth and be very rewarding and I am proud of you for doing it.

(You pause while:)

(Captain Murray introduces Sharon Price, Region Ten Partners in Public Education (PIPE) coordinator. Price introduces Bruce Hunter principle of Washington Middle School, and Mark Ellis, PIPE coordinator for the school. They come to podium and shake hands with you.)

- Thank you, both for being here today. Especially thanks to Mr. Hunter. I understand you have an ill daughter. As the father of a daughter, I understand your concern and certainly wish her a quick recovery.

(You present plaque to principal, Bruce Hunter.)

(Program pause for pictures with students.)

- Thank you very much Joan Butterworth, principal of Chief Sealth High School and David Jasperson, aviation instructor. I am happy to present this plaque.

(You present plaque)

(Program pauses for pictures with students)

- No students or principal could be present for Hawthorne School, but I would like to present a plaque to Leahe Wilson and John Baxter, the volunteer coordinators for Hawthorne.
- The final award I am going to present today is to Sharon Price -- for putting this school partnership together. You are doing an outstanding service to the students and your fellow workers.
- In closing, I believe we have the best department in the federal government. And we are going to be even better in the year ahead. Our anniversary theme is The Future Starts Here, so let's get at it.
- Q&A'S

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