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Harriet A. Clark



Florine E. De Meo



Nancy L. Martus



Lynn L. Bradford

Secretary's

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Barry Felrice



Thomas W. Herlihy

Recipients



William A. Leasure, Jr.

Seven NHTSA employees were among the recipients of the 1978 Secretary's Awards. The awards were presented at a special ceremony held in the Nassif Building courtyard on September 20.

Four of these persons were recipients of the Secretary's Silver Medal for Meritorious

Achievement. This award is for exceptional achievement which substantially contributed to accomplishment of the Department's mission or major programs. NHTSA recipients were Lynn Bradford, Barry Felrice, Thomas W. (Tad) Herlihy,

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Secretary's Awards *(from page 1)*

and William A. Leasure, Jr.

Lynn L. Bradford, who recently was confirmed as the Director of the Office of Defects Investigation, Enforcement, NHTSA, has been serving as Acting Director of that office, as well as Acting Associate Administrator, from July 1977 to September 1978. As the Head of ODI, Mr. Bradford provided the exceptional technical and managerial leadership needed in the development of a vigorous and far-reaching motor vehicle safety defect and recall campaign program.

Mr. Bradford has been with NHTSA since February 1968 serving in a variety of positions, mostly in the field of vehicle crash avoidance research. Immediately prior to his present position as Director of ODI, Mr. Bradford served as the Director of Crash Avoidance Research (May 1974 to July 1977). Prior to coming to NHTSA he was manager of the NASA OAO and NIMBUS Satellite Launch Vehicles (April 1962-August 1963) and Manager of NASA's Lunar Mobility Group (August 1963-February 1968).

Mr. Bradford was the recipient of a NASA Award of Achievement in 1964, an Award of Participation in Saturn V Launch in 1967, an Outstanding Performance Award in 1970 and a Certificate of Appreciation in 1974.

Barry Felrice joined NHTSA in February 1977, after 8-1/2 years with the

Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). His last position with FHWA was that of senior staff member in the Program Coordination Division of the Office of Program and Policy Planning.

Since appointment to the Plans and Programs Office, Mr. Felrice, a highway engineer, has made an exceptional contribution to the NHTSA's mission. He has independently studied the impact of engineering and design costs resulting from implementation of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards. He also instituted studies to assess the effects of alternative program and regulatory proposals on NHTSA objectives.

In addition, Mr. Felrice has initiated, monitored and reviewed the conduct of all substantive NHTSA programs, recommended major changes in emphasis of existing programs, and methods of accomplishing ongoing programs.

Mr. Felrice has been Acting Associate Administrator for Plans and Programs since March 1978.

He is the recipient of the Federal Highway Administrator's Award for Superior Achievement in October 1975 and an Outstanding Performance Award in March 1976.

Following a three-year stint as a naval officer, Thomas W. (Tad) Herlihy joined NHTSA's Office of Chief Counsel in 1973 as a rulemaking attorney.

Once on board, Mr. Herlihy quickly distinguished himself as a skilled regulator and legal draftsman. He became rulemaking lawyer for two of the agency's most important rulemakings, Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards 121 (Air Brakes) and 208 (Occupant Restraints). During 1976 and 1977, Mr. Herlihy acted in the capacity of the Assistant Chief Counsel for Safety Rulemaking. In January 1978 he was promoted to Assistant Chief Counsel for Legislation and Consumer Information Rulemaking.

As Assistant Chief Counsel for Legislation and Consumer Information Rulemaking, Mr. Herlihy is responsible for a wide variety of legal services, some of which have been newly created under his administration of the legislative division. In addition to having responsibility for traditional legislative support work, he has established within his division two new sections, one which gives full legal support services to the agency's Public Participation Program, and the other a new rulemaking section for consumer information regulations.

Mr. Herlihy received outstanding performance awards in 1976 and 1977.

William August Leasure, Jr., is a relative newcomer to this agency having transferred to NHTSA's Office of Heavy Duty Vehicle Research from OST in late 1977. He is currently Chief of the Systems Test and

Demonstration Team and is the defacto Deputy for environmental programs and integrated systems/vehicle programs.

From 1966 to 1970, Mr. Leasure was employed by NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center where he was involved in the design and development of electro-mechanical components and systems for space research programs. In early 1970, he joined the staff of the Applied Acoustics Section of the National Bureau of Standards as a project manager in the area of environmental noise, with emphasis on transportation noise sources--especially tires--and acoustic instrumentation. In November 1974, he was appointed Chief of this Section. He served in that capacity until early 1976 when he joined the staff of DOT's Office of Noise Abatement where he continued and expanded his interest in vehicular noise control until his transfer to NHTSA.

Mr. Leasure received a NASA Apollo Achievement Award in 1969; a U.S. Department of Commerce Special Achievement Award for Superior Accomplishment in 1971; an Outstanding Performance Award in 1973 and a Certificate of Appreciation from the Massachusetts Safety Council in 1975.

Three NHTSA employees received the Secretary's Award for Excellence. This new category of Awards is for employees in Grades GS-1 through GS-9 and Wage Grade Equivalents, who have performed all aspects of their work in an outstanding manner.

NHTSA persons so honored were Harriet Clark, Florine E. De Meo, and Nancy Martus.

Harriet A. (Hatti) Clark, a management assistant in the Management Systems Division of the Office of Management Services, has performed both management assistant and clerical duties in an outstanding manner.

Ms. Clark, a graduate of Shippensburg Area High School in Shippensburg, Pennsylvania, moved to the Washington, D.C. area in 1974. She joined the staff of NHTSA in March 1976.

Ms. Clark also received a Memorandum of Commendation from former NHTSA Administrator John W. Snow (March 1977); a Letter of Appreciation from NHTSA Administrator Joan B. Claybrook (July 1977) and a Special Achievement Cash Award (October 1977).

Florine E. De Meo, secretary to the Region VII Administrator, is recognized not only in Region VII, but in all NHTSA Regions and nationally for her superior devotion, high motivation, accuracy, promptness, careful anticipation and dependability.

Ms. De Meo was hired as secretary to the NHTSA Region VII Administrator in June 1976. Prior to that, she spent three years as a clerk-stenographer with the General Services Administration in Kansas City, Missouri.

Her many awards include a Sustained Superior Achievement Award in July (See Secretary's Awards on page 3)

'Round About NHTSA

Baby Talk



Mrs. Brenda Cummings, Exec. Sec., is obviously pleased by the presents she received at a shower given for her by the members of her office.

Mrs. Cummings is expecting a baby or two in late October.

More Baby Talk

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Martus who were blessed with a beautiful, bouncing baby boy, Jeffrey, on September 24. Jeffrey weighed 7 lbs., 5 oz. and measured 21 inches long. He has an older brother, Joey, 2.

Nancy Martus, a secretary in Enforcement, is a recipient of the Secretary's Award for Excellence just days before Jeffrey was born (see cover story).

Secretary's Awards *(from page 3)*

1969; outstanding ratings in March 1969, January 1971, August 1974 and August 1976 and a Certificate of Appreciation in December 1977.

Nancy L. Martus has served as both personal secretary and stenographer to the Acting Associate Administrator for Enforcement. As such, she participated intensively in the management of the office and applied a good working knowledge of the programs under her supervisor's control to solve both procedural and management problems which arose.

Mrs. Martus joined the Office of Defects Investigation (ODI) in January 1972 where she performed and held a series of progressively responsible secretarial positions and ultimately was selected as Secretary to the Director, ODI in June 1974. Upon first joining NHTSA in May 1971, she was secretary to the Chief, Techniques Division, Office of Standards for Vehicles in Use, MVP.

Previously, from 1968 to 1971, Mrs. Martus served as assistant to the Chief, Research and Engineering Support Division, Harry Diamond Laboratories.

Mrs. Martus was awarded quality increases in 1975 and 1978 and received Outstanding Performance Ratings in 1970, 1976 and 1978.

At the ceremony, Mr. Robert L. Donohue was also one of those recognized

for length of service awards. Mr. Donohue has 57 years of service with the Federal Government.

Personnel

Welcome Aboard

Richard Morse, Criminal Investigator, NEF, 8-27.

Karen Royall, Secretary, AD, 8-27.

Lavega R. Shelton, Economist, NRM, 8-27.

Anthony Cox, Personnel Staffing Specialist, AD, 9-10.

Nancy F. Miller, Program Analyst, P&P, 9-10.

Jocelyn T. Bell, Clerk-Typist, Exec. Sec., 9-12.

'Bye and Good Luck

Harvey Witter, Electronic Technician, RD, 7-29.

James Prince, Engineer Technician, RD, 8-12.

Darlene Goodyear, Secretary, NTS, 8-23.

Margaret Esformes, Personnel Staffing Specialist, AD, 8-26.

Robert M. Weigle, Mechanical Engr. Technician, RD, 8-26.

Ruth Aparicio, Clerk-Typist, NEF, 9-4.

Emily Shapiro, Attorney Advisor, OCC, 9-5.

Congrats on Promotion

George Parker, Chief, Crash Avoidance Division, NRM, 8-18.

George Reagle, Director, Office of State Program Assistance, NTS, 8-22.

Patricia Carpenter, Secretary, P&P, 8-27.

William Liu, Safety Standards Engineer, NRM, 8-27.

Joan Burleson, Secretary, NTS, 9-10
Patricia Gutierrez, Personnel Assistant, AD, 9-10.

Robert A. Hornickle, Technical Information Specialist, AD, 9-10.

Earleen Hughes, Employee Relations Assistant, AD, 9-10.

Stephen R. Kratzke, Attorney Advisor, OCC, 9-10.

Catherine L. Larsen, H.S.M.S., NTS, 9-10.

Claudette Mills, Secretary, RD, 9-10.

Marvin Rhodes, H.S.M.S., Region IV, 9-10.

Stanley Scheiner, Chief, Passenger Automobile Standards Division, NRM, 9-10

Shirley Siler, Secretary, NRM, 9-10.

Leamon Strickland, Safety Defects Engineer, NEF, 9-10.

Jeffrey Fishkin, Student Trainee, NEF, 9-11.

Job Openings

For complete details on these job openings, see the official vacancy announcements. Vacancy announcements are posted on the NHTSA Bulletin Boards at both the Nassif and Transpoint Buildings. They are also distributed to each Office Director.

Computer Programmer, GS-334-5, AD. Opens: 9-26, Closes: 10-17. NHTSA 78-97.

Equal Opportunity Specialist, GS-160-11/12, OCR. Opens: 10-6, Closes: 10-27. NHTSA 79-06.