

#06NR01 - TOP SPOT AT NHTSA FILLED

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) announces President Bush has sent the nomination of Nicole R. Nason from Virginia to the U.S. Senate to assume the position of Administrator at the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).

"Let's hope Ms. Nason has a better approach to motorcycle safety than her predecessor." said Jeff Hennie, Vice President of Government Relations for the Motorcycle Riders Foundation. "In all seriousness, the MRF does look forward to continuing to work with NHTSA when comes to focusing on motorcycle safety.", he continued. "The recent formation of the NHTSA motorcycle safety network's quarterly meetings which include the involvement of the MRF, AMA, NHTSA, Harley-Davidson, Honda, Kawasaki, SMSA, MSF and law enforcement is a positive sign NHTSA does want input from the riding community.", Hennie added.

NHTSA will be the lead agency in administration of the \$25 million motorcycle safety grant program contained in SAFETEA-LU (PL 109-59). Inclusion of the grant program in the bill was due singularly to the efforts of the Motorcycle Riders Foundation and its members.

Currently Ms. Nason serves as Assistant Secretary of Transportation for Governmental Affairs. Previously, she served as Assistant Commissioner for the Office of Congressional Affairs for the United States Customs Service. Ms. Nason also served as Communications Director and Counsel to Representative Porter J. Goss. Earlier in her career, she served as Governmental Affairs Counsel at Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. Ms. Nason received her bachelor's degree from the American University and her Juris Doctor from Case Western Reserve.

Worthy Mention.

The President also nominated Roger Shane Karr, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation. Karr will replace Nason.