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This Surgeon General's Workshop marks the beginning of a coordinated campaign to save the 25,000 lives that are lost each year because Americans persist in drinking and driving. As with smoking, the issues are many and complicated, and even small steps toward alleviating the problem trigger emotions and controversy.

Coordination began with having five Federal Departments sponsor the workshop—Defense, Education, Justice, Health and Human Services, and Transportation. The experts who participated in the workshop represent the broad array of specialists who must work together to bring this pervasive behavior under control. The difficulties they face were immediately apparent in the number of invited experts who declined to attend.

The participants spent 3 days generating solutions in 11 interrelated areas and developing recommendations that affect the wide range of people—from beverage servers to carmakers, from legislators to treatment providers, from advocates to advertisers—who can play some role in alleviating this problem.

The participants also suggested strategies for implementing the recommendations and set up timeframes for their accomplishment. They are included in this volume. Now it is our turn to act to make the Nation safe from the tragedies precipitated by combining alcohol and motor vehicles.

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Abbreviations

402 Programs  23 U.S.C. 402 Highway Safety Programs. These formula grants to the States for highway safety programs are administered by the Governors’ Representatives for Highway Safety.

408 Programs  23 U.S.C. 408-I incentive grants to States for alcohol traffic safety programs

410 Programs  23 U.S.C. 410-I incentive grants to States for drunk driving prevention programs

ABC        Alcohol Beverage Control
ADAMHA    Alcohol, Drug Abuse and Mental Health Administration
ASAP       Alcohol Safety Action Projects
ASTHO     Association of State and Territorial Health Officers
BAC        Blood Alcohol Concentration
BIA        Bureau of Indian Affairs
CDC        Centers for Disease Control
CPL        Certified products list
DHHS       Department of Health and Human Services
DOJ        Department of Justice
DOT        Department of Transportation
DUI        Driving Under the Influence
DWI        Driving While Intoxicated
            The terms DWI and DUI are synonymous, meaning either driving while intoxicated or driving while under the influence. These are general terms referring to the criminal action of driving a motor vehicle either (1) while “illegal per se” or (2) while impaired, under the influence, or intoxicated by alcohol or other drugs.

FMS        Emergency Medical Systems
FARS       Fatal Accident Reporting System
FBI        Federal Bureau of Investigation
FCC        Federal Communications Commission
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<td>International Association of Chiefs of Police</td>
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<td>IHS</td>
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<td>Illegal per se</td>
<td>Refers to State laws that make it an offense to operate a motor vehicle while at or above a specified blood alcohol level.</td>
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<td>MADD</td>
<td>Mothers Against Drunk Driving</td>
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<td>MCD</td>
<td>Multiple Cause of Death file taken from death certificate data by National Center for Health Statistics</td>
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<td>NAGHSR</td>
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<td>NCADD</td>
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