

*Highway accidents*

The Board has recommended to the Federal Highway Administration that it work with State highway departments to examine the need for and feasibility of developing methods and procedures for advance warning to motorists of areas of reduced visibility.

The Board recommended to the Department that it undertake an augmented program to:

1. Inform and instruct shippers and manufacturers of the requirements of the regulations concerning the proper packaging of dangerous cargo.
2. Include on the shipping documents proper identification and certification of dangerous cargo offered for shipment.
3. Pursue a vigorous enforcement program against those persons who fail to comply with such regulations.
4. Continue their efforts to develop improved methods for more clearly setting forth on shipping documents the degree of hazard connected with the cargo being shipped.
5. Continue to work toward improving the content of the placard system for hazardous material shipments to impart to all concerned the nature and degree of danger involved, and especially to those who may, in case of an emergency, be called upon to undertake police and firefighting responsibilities.

It was recommended that the FHWA review the adequacy and goals of its accident investigation methods, techniques, and procedures, and in so doing give consideration to the establishment of a small corps of investigators trained to investigate accidents on a highly selective basis with the prime purpose of developing methods, techniques, and procedures for collection of data that will be helpful in accident prevention programs. This approach accepts the proposition that the basic responsibility for the overall investigative process in motor vehicle accidents is, and should continue to be, that of State and local enforcement officers.

The Board recommended that the FHWA (and other administrations in the Department) consider utilization of the facilities of the National Aircraft Accident Investigation School, and develop a training program and curriculum to provide basic training for FHWA accident investigators and for State and local enforcement officers at their option.