

Community Services) and other organizations in support of highway safety programs.

(5) *Associate Administrator for State and Community Services.* As the principal advisor to the Administrator on all matters as they relate to the NHTSA Regional Offices, directs the management of the State and community highway safety programs and the activities of the Regional Administrators in the provision of leadership, technical guidance and assistance to the States; assures coordination of field programs with the Federal Highway Administration; provides guidance to promote effective implementation of the State and community highway safety programs; participates in the development, review, implementation, and coordination of related programs, policies, and procedures.

(6) *Associate Administrator for Research and Development.* As the principal advisor to the Administrator on motor vehicle and highway safety research and development, directs and administers programs related to accident investigation and information collection, analysis and dissemination, and facilities requirements to support NHTSA research and development efforts.

(7) *Associate Administrator for Administration.* Acts as the principal advisor to the Administrator on all administrative and managerial matters as they relate to NHTSA missions, programs, and objectives; organization and delegations of authority; management studies; personnel management; training; logistics and procurement; financial management; accounting and data systems design; paperwork management; investigations and security; audits; defense readiness; and administrative support services.

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**§ 501.4 Succession to Administrator.**

The following officials in the order indicated, shall act in accordance with the requirements of 5 U.S.C. 3346-3349 as Administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, in the case of the absence or disability or in the case of a vacancy in the office of

the Administrator, until a successor is appointed:

- (a) Deputy Administrator;
- (b) Executive Director;
- (c) Chief Counsel;
- (d) Associate Administrator for Plans and Policy;
- (e) Associate Administrator for Safety Performance Standards;
- (f) Associate Administrator for Safety Assurance;
- (g) Associate Administrator for Traffic Safety Programs;
- (h) Associate Administrator for State and Community Services;
- (i) Associate Administrator for Research and Development; and
- (j) Associate Administrator for Administration.

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**§ 501.5 Exercise of authority.**

(a) All authorities lawfully vested in the Administrator and reserved to him/her in this Regulation or other NHTSA directives may be exercised by the Deputy Administrator and, in the absence of both Officials, by the Executive Director, unless specifically prohibited.

(b) In exercising the powers and performing the duties delegated by this part, officers of the NHTSA and their delegates are governed by applicable laws, executive orders, regulations, and other directives, and by policies, objectives, plans, standards, procedures, and limitations as may be issued from time to time by or on behalf of the Secretary of Transportation, the Administrator, Deputy Administrator and Executive Director or, with respect to matters under their jurisdictions, by or on behalf of the Associate Administrators, Regional Administrators, and Directors of Staff Offices.

(c) Each officer to whom authority is delegated by this part may redelegate and authorize successive redelegations of that authority subject to any conditions the officer prescribes. Redelegations of authority shall be in written form and shall be published in the FEDERAL REGISTER when they affect the public.

(d) Each officer to whom authority is delegated will administer and perform