

exemplary work in support of occupant protection enforcement, identified strong leadership as the critical component in their successes. Strong leadership within any law enforcement agency can result in various practices and methodologies that spotlight a program's importance and help to make occupant protection, as well as other traffic safety issues, an integral part of the agencies' culture. Regardless of whether the occupant protection program is organized as a specialized unit or broadly integrated within the routine operations of the law enforcement agency, key management and enforcement roles must be clearly defined and assigned to specific individuals by the executive staff.

NHTSA is undertaking a study to implement a leadership model framework within three law enforcement agencies selected by NHTSA, evaluate the process and determine if the traffic safety outcome of interest is realized, specifically the impact on increased seat belt use and reduction in unrestrained fatalities. To accomplish this, NHTSA will provide technical assistance to three law enforcement demonstration communities for the implementation of leadership frameworks in support of safety initiatives, specifically occupant protection. Evaluation measures will involve the independent identification, collection and evaluation of both qualitative and quantitative data that specifically document changes in enforcement activity and its effects on the surrounding communities' behaviors. Under this proposed effort, a total of 108 interviews of law enforcement personnel will be conducted over two time periods. Eighteen interviews will be conducted in each of the three demonstration sites, once during the demonstration implementation and once at the end of the demonstration project. Overall findings will be provided to other law enforcement agencies to use as a resource for improving occupant protection enforcement programs and efforts.

**Affected Public:** Interviewees will represent law enforcement leadership as well as line officers. Law enforcement leadership participants will include the top management in the agency (colonel, chief, etc.). The interviewees will either be self-selected or selected by the demonstration agency. The demonstration agency will have the best insights into individuals who best represent these three types for inclusion into the study and will assist in announcements of interview participation opportunities as well as

scheduling that is amenable to particular interviewees. NHTSA's contractor will work closely with the demonstration communities (well in advance of data collection) to provide them with the information they need to select interviewees who can provide the best data for the study. This will ensure that the right people are selected, have ample time to be provided information about the study, and are able to be replaced with another suitable participant if they choose not to participate. To get volunteers, the contractor will provide information to the demonstration sites about what types of volunteers they are seeking, but will ultimately rely on each site to disseminate that information to officers. If officers do not volunteer for interviews, the contractor will work with the site to explore additional ways of disseminating information about the interviews and/or encouraging participation; if necessary, the site will be asked to select additional participants for interviews.

**Estimated Total Annual Burden:** 135 hours (108 interviews, averaging 1.25 hours).

**Comments are invited on the following:**

(i) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(ii) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection;

(iii) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(iv) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

A comment to OMB is most effective if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### Advisory Committee on Disability Compensation, Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under the Federal

Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2, that the Advisory Committee on Disability Compensation (Committee) will meet on January 26-28, 2015, at the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20420. The Committee will meet in Room 730 each day. The sessions will begin at 8:30 a.m. and end at 4:30 p.m. each day. The meeting is open to the public.

The purpose of the Committee is to advise the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on the maintenance and periodic readjustment of the VA Schedule for Rating Disabilities. The Committee is to assemble and review relevant information relating to the nature and character of disabilities arising during service in the Armed Forces, provide an ongoing assessment of the effectiveness of the rating schedule, and give advice on the most appropriate means of responding to the needs of Veterans relating to disability compensation.

The Committee will receive briefings on issues related to compensation for Veterans with service-connected disabilities and other VA benefits programs. Time will be allocated for receiving public comments. Public comments will be limited to three minutes each. Individuals wishing to make oral statements before the Committee will be accommodated on a first-come, first-served basis. Individuals who speak are invited to submit 1-2 page summaries of their comments at the time of the meeting for inclusion in the official meeting record.

The public may submit written statements for the Committee's review to Nancy Copeland, Designated Federal Officer, Department of Veterans Affairs, Veterans Benefits Administration, Compensation Service, Regulation Staff (211D), 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20420 or email at [nancy.copeland@va.gov](mailto:nancy.copeland@va.gov). Because the meeting is being held in a government building, a photo I.D. must be presented at the Guard's Desk as a part of the clearance process. Therefore, you should allow an additional 15 minutes before the meeting begins. Any member of the public wishing to attend the meeting or seeking additional information should email Mrs. Copeland or contact her at (202) 461-9685 or alternatively email Mr. Brendan Sheedy at [brendan.sheedy@va.gov](mailto:brendan.sheedy@va.gov) or call him (202) 461-9297.

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