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Biographies

Larry W. Minor
Director, Office of Bus and Truck Standards and Operations
Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

Mr. Minor is Director of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's Office of Bus and Truck Standards and Operations. His office is responsible for policy and program development activities concerning driver qualifications, hours of service, truck and bus safety standards and inspection, repair and maintenance requirements for commercial vehicles. He began his Federal career in 1989 as a Mechanical Engineer responsible for developing truck and bus safety regulations for the Federal Highway Administration's Office of Motor Carriers. He served as Chief of FMCSA's Vehicle and Roadside Operations Division from 1999 through February of this year, when he was appointed Director of the Bus and Truck Standards and Operations Office. He was appointed to the Senior Executive Service in February, 2005.

He holds a B.S. in Physics from the American University and an M.S. in Mechanical Engineering from the George Washington University.

Mary D. Gunnels, PhD
Chief, Physical Qualifications Division
Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

Dr. Gunnels joined the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration in 2004 as Chief, Physical Qualifications Division. She began Federal service with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Washington, DC in 2002. She is appointed as Adjunct Clinical Assistant Professor, Department of Emergency Medicine, Oregon Health and Science University School of Medicine (OHSU) in Portland, Oregon. Doctoral studies in Public Policy and Administration culminated in pedestrian safety research using GIS methods to explore the environmental factors that make these road users vulnerable, and she has keen interest in emergency medicine, EMS, injury prevention, health and safety policy and highway and traffic safety. She has served as a contributing editor and reviewer to professional journals, written several book chapters and authored more than fifty scientific publications.

Dr. Gunnels was a volunteer rescuer at Ground Zero in New York City on September 11, 2001. She and her family reside in southern Maryland.



Linda Phillips
National Registry of Certified Medical Examiners
Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

Linda Phillips joined the U.S. Department of Transportation in 2001. She is a senior expert with the Physical Qualifications Division of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration. She is agency co-leader of the National Registry of Certified Medical Examiners program and leader of the rulemaking team for the National Registry. She is the project leader to two major medical research studies, one on medical examiner performance and the other on medical exemption programs. Before coming to FMCSA, she was a management auditor with the U.S. General Accountability Office. She graduated from Western Maryland College with honors in economics.

Glenna Tinney
Project Consultant
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Ms. Tinney is the project manager for the National Registry of Certified Medical Examiners program. She is a senior executive with hands-on experience in program and project management. As a senior policy analyst with the Department of Defense (DoD), Family Violence Policy Office, she implemented sweeping policy changes to improve prevention and response to domestic violence, create a safer environment for families, and use limited resources more efficiently. Ms. Tinney is an experienced public speaker, trainer, and facilitator and has managed senior-level DoD task forces and commissions.

Ms. Tinney retired from the U.S. Navy in 2004 with the rank of Captain. She holds both a BS and MS in social work from the University of Alabama.

Carmen Truesdale
Project Consultant
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Ms. Truesdale is a Research Analyst for the National Registry of Certified Medical Examiners program. She maintains the NRCME Listserv of stakeholder contacts, developed and maintains the News and Audience Analysis Databases and compiles data on Audience Analysis for the NRCME communications plan. Ms. Truesdale assists with meeting and event planning for the NRCME program.

Ms. Truesdale is nearing completion of a BA in Communications from Madison University and Event Management Certification from George Washington University.



Margo Weeks
Project Consultant
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Ms. Weeks is the Communications Campaign Manager for the National Registry of Certified Medical Examiners program. She recently completed the development, security certification and accreditation, and launch of the NRCME Web site. She plans all public meetings, interacts with media and manages all aspects of stakeholder communication. Ms. Weeks has previous experience as a Public Affairs Specialist and Project Manager with the Department of Defense, TRICARE Management Activity. Ms. Weeks holds national awards for excellence with the National Association of Government Communicators and the Public Relations Society of America. She also received the 2003 Innovator Award from the Communications & Customer Service Directorate, TRICARE Management Activity, for conceptualizing, developing and publishing the TMA Evening Edition News, a daily e-newspaper for Department of Defense (DoD) and Tricare Management Activity (TMA) leadership and staff.

Ms. Weeks holds a BA in Art History from George Mason University and is nearing completion of a MA in American Studies at the University of Maryland.