

# Louisiana Highway Safety Commission

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## Gov. Edwards Appoints New Head of the Louisiana Highway Safety Commission

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Today, Gov. John Bel Edwards announced that Attorney Lisa Freeman has been appointed to serve as the new executive director of the Louisiana Highway Safety Commission.

“Lisa brings a wealth of experience that will further advance our overall mission of keeping Louisiana drivers safe,” said Gov. Edwards. “We have had great success in educating the public and increasing awareness about many important issues, including seatbelt safety and not being distracted while driving. I’m confident that under Lisa’s leadership those gains will continue, and I look forward to working with her.”

Lisa Freeman is a native of Louisiana. She received her Bachelor of Arts and Master’s Degree in Criminal Justice at Louisiana State University and received her Juris Doctorate from Columbus School of Law at Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. Lisa worked in the Baton Rouge City Prosecutor’s Office as an assistant prosecutor for 24 years, then as first assistant prosecutor and then as chief prosecutor in Baton Rouge City Court, during which time she was named “Prosecutor of the Year” by the Louisiana Highway Safety Commission. She has served as a senior special assistant parish attorney for East Baton Rouge Parish and has most recently served as legal advisor to the Baton Rouge Police Department.”



“I am humbled by the opportunity to join the Department of Public Safety family as the executive director of the Highway Safety Commission,” said Freeman. “What a profound way to enter my 29<sup>th</sup> year in public service by working with the talented staff at Highway Safety to reduce deaths and injuries resulting from traffic crashes on Louisiana’s roadways. I look forward to the challenge and appreciate the support of Gov. Edwards and State Police Col. Kevin Reeves.”

“I am excited to have Lisa join our team and our critical mission of ensuring the safety of Louisiana’s citizens and visitors,” said Col. Reeves. “I look forward to her leadership at the Commission which provides many valuable enforcement and educational resources to law enforcement agencies across our state.”

The Louisiana Highway Safety Commission (LHSC) is part of the Dept. of Public Safety and administers the state's highway safety grant program. The program is designed to reduce traffic crashes and the resulting deaths, injuries and property damage.