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Commander Bill Tower is the Law Enforcement Liaison for Region 3 of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in Baltimore, since October 2003. He is a 28-year veteran of the Maryland State Police and completed his career as a First Lieutenant and Commander of the Rockville Barrack. Prior to that, he was Commander of the Traffic Operations Section, Commander of the Chemical Test for Alcohol Unit, Special Traffic Enforcement Unit, Alcohol Speed Enforcement Unit and Assistant Director of the Public Affairs Unit. For nearly 15 years he directed the Department's DUI enforcement and legislative efforts as coordinator of the Sobriety Checkpoint and Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) programs.

Commander Tower has a Bachelor's Degree in Sociology and Psychology from West Virginia University and has served honorably as a U. S. Army Captain in the Military Intelligence Branch. He is also regarded as a national expert in the fields of DUI detection/prevention and the effects of alcohol and other drugs. During the year 2000, he was General Chairman of the International Association of Chiefs of Police Drug Recognition Expert Section. Bill has served as a faculty member at many colleges and universities and served on several committees. Bill has received some of the nation's highest honors for leadership and development of numerous programs relating to drugs, alcohol and traffic safety, including "2002 Law Enforcement Officer of the Year" (National Commission against Drunk Driving) and the "J. Stannard Baker Award" (IACP, 1998). Commander Tower serves on the Board of Directors of the Washington Regional Alcohol Program and the American Trauma Society. He has worked as a traffic safety consultant and part-time reporter for WBAL TV in Baltimore.