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Dr. Baker has been involved with highway safety since 1980, when she began teaching driver education while pursuing a Master's Degree at The Ohio State University. After several white-knuckle years of teaching, she moved on to the University of Maryland, teaching health and safety education courses while continuing her graduate studies. After receiving a doctorate in Health and Safety Education in 1989, she joined Maryland's State Highway Safety Office and eventually became Chief of the Maryland State Highway Administration's Traffic Safety Division and served as Maryland's Highway Safety Coordinator. Beth has been with NHTSA as Regional Administrator since 1998, where she focuses on NHTSA's mission of saving lives, preventing injuries, and reducing traffic-related health care costs by promoting her philosophy that people make this program work. Implementing effective and efficient highway safety programs through a close partnership with the seven states in Region 3 is the cornerstone of her work.