Welcome!
Please join us in welcoming Jeannine Childers to the HSRG team. At the HSRG Jeannine is an outreach coordinator for the Strategic Highway Safety Plan. Her goal is to support stakeholders served by the HSRG. Jeannine received her MBA degree from LSU-Shreveport and has a diverse background that includes roles in business consulting and operations management. Her current role at the HSRG includes communicating data needs to various stakeholders, strategic planning, and project management.

HSRG IN THE NEWS

- “When, where, and how fatal traffic accidents occur in Louisiana,” nola.com
- “Officials: Thanksgiving week is one of the busiest and most deadly for holiday travel,” KLFY.com
- “La. Highway Safety Commission says roads are more dangerous on Halloween than New Year’s Eve,” KSLA News 12
- “Our opinion: Traffic study presents a mixed picture,” Houma Today
- “Highway Safety Research Group releases 2017 traffic figures,” Gonzales Weekly Citizen
- “Bicyclists struck by hit-and-run drivers face long road to justice,” nola.com
- “Distracted drivers trigger double-digit hikes in auto insurance premiums, La. insurance commissioner says,” The Livingston Parish News
**CMV Summit**

In late October, staff members Jeff Dickey, Sara Graham, and Mary Churay attended the Southeast Commercial Motor Vehicle Summit hosted by the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa. At the summit, Graham and Dickey gave a presentation entitled “LSU’s Contribution to ‘Green’ SafetyNet Reporting.”

**Tableau**

Cory Hutchinson, Mark Verret, and David Whitchurch recently attended the 2019 Tableau conference in New Orleans. Tableau, a visualization software, is used by the HSRG to create interactive dashboards that stakeholders can access on the HSRG website to get information that allows them to target safety in specific emphasis areas as well as highlight new emphasis areas.

**FARS**

Staff members Sara Graham and Denny Silvio recently returned from Anaheim, CA where they attended an annual system-wide training for the national Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS).
The Craziest Crash of 2018!

Back in January, a crash in California marked what is likely the craziest crash of the year. While traveling at a high rate of speed, the vehicle narrowly missed hitting several other vehicles, but managed to go airborne and crash into the SECOND story of a dentist’s office!