

Underride victim families joining the News Conference will include:

Lois Durso Hawkins of Florida. On November 24, 2004, her daughter, Roya Sadigh, was traveling through Indiana in snowy road conditions. Her part of the car slid under the side of a trailer and she died instantly.

Eric Hein of Portland, Oregon. On November 13, 2015, Eric Hein's 16-year old son, Riley, burned to death on his way to High School in Albuquerque when a semi truck driver caused his Honda Civic to become pinned underneath the semi trailer.

Jay Rosenberg of Austin, Texas. On October 15, 2018, his wife, Leslie, and daughter, Sophie (19), died as a result of an underride collision with a tractor-trailer.

Cathy Forman of Bloomfield, Connecticut. Her sister, Leslie, and niece, Sophie, Rosenberg were killed instantly when a tanker pulled onto an unlit highway. They were traveling in the right lane and the tanker crossed over three lanes of highway and their car went under the tanker. Leslie never saw the dark blue tanker at night on an unlit highway.

Laurie Higginbotham of Memphis, Tennessee. On November 18, 2014, her son, Michael Higginbotham, was killed when his car crashed into the side of a truck that had made an illegal U-turn across all lanes of traffic on a poorly lit road and was blocking the roadway near I-240 in Memphis.

Jerry and Marianne Karth of Raleigh, North Carolina. On May 4, 2013, their daughters, AnnaLeah and Mary Karth, were killed when they were sitting in the back seat of a car which was hit by a tractor-trailer and spun around backward into the back of another tractor-trailer so that the back of the car went under the truck. Marianne survived because her part of the car did not go under the truck.

Additional Underride Victim Families available for interviews include:

Katie Strader of Loveland, Colorado. Her father, Rod Cota, was one of four men killed in an underride crash on NYS Interstate 81 in July 2017 involving a jackknifed tanker.

Christa Hammack of Jeffersonville, Indiana. On May 4, 2018, She lost her daughter, Erin, when a tractor trailer on a wet four (4) lane highway crossed over sideways killing her and her friend Jordan as the trailer collided over top of the car and dragged them underneath simultaneously.

Sarah Jo Wright of Middletown, Ohio. On August 7, 2018, she was broadsided by a semi at an intersection half a block from her house as she was driving to work at 5:30 in the morning. Sarah survived and was left with debilitating injuries.

Michael Hawkins of Travelers Rest, South Carolina. In 2004, A tractor-trailer rear ended his SUV and crushed it into an RV. His driving compartment was crushed to 16".It took first responders 45 minutes to pull him out. He survived and was left with debilitating injuries.

Rebekah Chojnacki of Arlington, Texas. On May 4, 2013, her sisters, AnnaLeah and Mary Karth, were killed when they were sitting in the back seat of a car which was hit by a tractor-trailer and spun around backward into the back of another tractor-trailer so that the back of the car went under the truck.

Roy Crawford of Whitesburg, Kentucky. His 16 year-old son, Guy, was almost completely decapitated when he was surprised by, and ran into the rear of, a very slow moving overweight coal truck that had grossly insufficient conspicuity, on January 12,1994. He has reconstructed dozens of fatal underride crashes and presented a technical paper, to the National Academy of Forensic Engineers and the American Academy of Forensic Science, on how he reconstructed those crashes.

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