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Joe Carra has held several senior executive positions at the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration [NHTSA], heading up the National Data Center, rulemaking, and strategic planning. His current position is director, strategic planning and domestic and global integration for vehicle safety. He is both an engineer and statistician by training and has over 30 years experience in the public health and safety field.

Prior to coming to NHTSA in 2000, Joe worked for EPA and the private sector. Appointed as a senior executive in 1987, he has extensive experience leading large multidisciplinary organizations. He has led the design and implementation of numerous national data collection and analysis efforts of all kinds. He also has many years experience leading the development and implementation of significant government standards, regulations and voluntary programs at the national and international levels. His responsibilities have required skill and expertise in dealing with the media, testifying before congress, and developing and negotiating new federal legislation.

In addition to receiving a meritorious executive award from the president of the united states, he is the recipient of two awards from the secretary of transportation, two gold, one silver and four bronze medals from EPA, A Centers for Disease Control [CDC] honor award, a management excellence award, an EEO award for recognition award from the secretary of health and human services.