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During his career, he has participated in a variety of experimental and epidemiological studies in traffic safety in Canada, the United States and the U.K. He has published numerous articles in the area of impaired driving, young drivers, the development of high-risk lifestyles, and the perception of intoxication and impairment. Doug is a member of numerous road safety committees and a referee for several journals. He is the principal investigator for TIRF's Road Safety Monitor, an annual public opinion survey on driver attitudes, opinions and practices – one of the reports from this survey examined Distracted Driving.