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Jane Stutts, Ph.D., is Associate Director for Social and Behavioral Research at the University of North Carolina Highway Safety Research Center (HSRC). In her 30 years at HSRC she has managed projects in a wide variety of highway safety areas. Recent research efforts have focused on distracted and drowsy driving, older driver safety and mobility, motorcyclist safety, and pedestrian and bicyclist safety. With regard to distracted driving, Dr. Stutts recently led the development of guidelines for state transportation departments to reduce crashes and injuries due to distracted and drowsy driving. The report is one of a series being developed by the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials to aid states in implementing the national Strategic Highway Safety Plan. Earlier, Dr. Stutts had completed major research projects for the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety on the role of driver distraction in traffic crashes and drivers' exposure to distractions in their everyday driving environment. In her own state of North Carolina, she has studied cell phone use while driving, and participates on the state's Executive Committee for Highway Safety working group charged with recommending strategies for reducing distracted and drowsy driving crashes. Dr. Stutts received her undergraduate degree in psychology from Wake Forest University and her Ph.D. in epidemiology from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.