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Profile: CBS 46 Meteorologist Laura Huckabee



Most people who know CBS 46 meteorologist Laura Huckabee may not realize that her concerns about the air extend well beyond temperature.

"Air quality is an issue that affects everyone, and I want to make people care about it," says Huckabee. "Because when people care about it, they see that what they do can make a difference."

Laura's stories have focused on a wide range of air-related topics, including:

- Smog season: When is it and why should I care?
- Incentives: You mean they'll pay me to start carpooling and taking transit?
- Health: Does smog impact Atlanta's Hispanic population disproportionately? How about children as compared with grown ups?

Beyond these reports, Huckabee emceed The Clean Air Campaign's [PACE Awards](#) in both 2005 and 2006, and will host this year's awards on October 18. She holds degrees in elementary education and broadcast meteorology and is a member of the National Weather Association and American Meteorological Society. An avid runner, Laura just completed a marathon in Scotland.

"Her reporting on air quality is a true public service," says Michael Halicki, communications director for The Clean Air Campaign.

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BTS reports that when examining the rate of traffic fatalities per 100 million passenger-miles, transit is clearly safer: motor vehicles account for 0.93 fatalities per 100 million passenger-miles; rail rapid transit (metro) has a 0.55 fatality rate; commuter rail has a 0.05 fatality rate; bus has a 0.10 fatality rate; and light rail has a 0.00 fatality rate or too few deaths to be statistically significant.

The bottom line is that while saving time and money is important, transit can help preserve something even more valuable – your life.



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