Mark Rosenker
Commissioner of the Washington Metrorail Safety Commission, Former Chairman of National Transportation Safety Board; Transportation & Safety Analyst for CBS News

When a plane crash captivates the nation, Mark Rosenker is one of the few people who can claim an informed understanding of what went wrong and what could have been done to prevent it. As two-time chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB), he led the investigations that follow any civil aviation accident in the nation, as well as significant accidents involving highway, railroad, marine, and pipeline. It is a stressful role, but Rosenker calls his time at the NTSB “the best job I ever had” because of the opportunity to recommend and implement safety regulations that save lives and prevent more accidents from happening. A compelling storyteller, Rosenker uses his background with the NTSB to present an insider’s perspective on current safety precautions for the aviation, automobile, and railroad industries.

Called the “Master of Disaster,” he is currently the transportation and safety analyst for CBS news and radio. Prior to this, he was a contributor to NBC News, appearing on programs like TODAY, Nightly News with Brian Williams, and MSNBC. Rosenker is a firm believer in the power of technology to prevent accidents and tells gripping tales of aviation accidents that could have been prevented by the implementation of new software or technology. He is also a staunch spokesman for the benefits of thorough preparation and training and discusses balancing safety and quality with an inventory of illuminating stories that tell these lessons well. With incredible callback for accidents’ facts and figures, he is a lively and animated speaker and exclusively represented by Leading Authorities speakers bureau.

Air Force One. Before the NTSB, Rosenker’s life was no less active. From 2001–2003, he was the head of the White House Military Office, responsible for all military support for the president, vice president, and White House functions. He was with President George W. Bush on September 11, and implemented continuity of government operations following the attacks. With a staff of 2,250, he was also responsible for Air Force One, Marine One, Camp David, and the White House Mess. Rosenker’s credentials for the job included a 37-year Air Force career, retiring as a decorated major general, and senior positions with the United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS), and the Electronic Industries Alliance. He was a member of the American Battle Monuments Commission (ABMC), and received their highest honor, the ABMC Meritorious Service Medal.

Safety First. Rosenker speaks with the same love of trains, planes, and automobiles shared by most Americans. As head of the NTSB, he had amazing opportunities to helm ships, fly aircraft, and conduct railroads, and he has got tales to tell. But he also has firm recommendations and a strong vision for preventative measures that can save tens of thousands of people a year. With the charm of a natural storyteller, and a head for the details that matter, Mark Rosenker’s presentations are a dynamic mixture of fascinating transportation stories and practical safety solutions.