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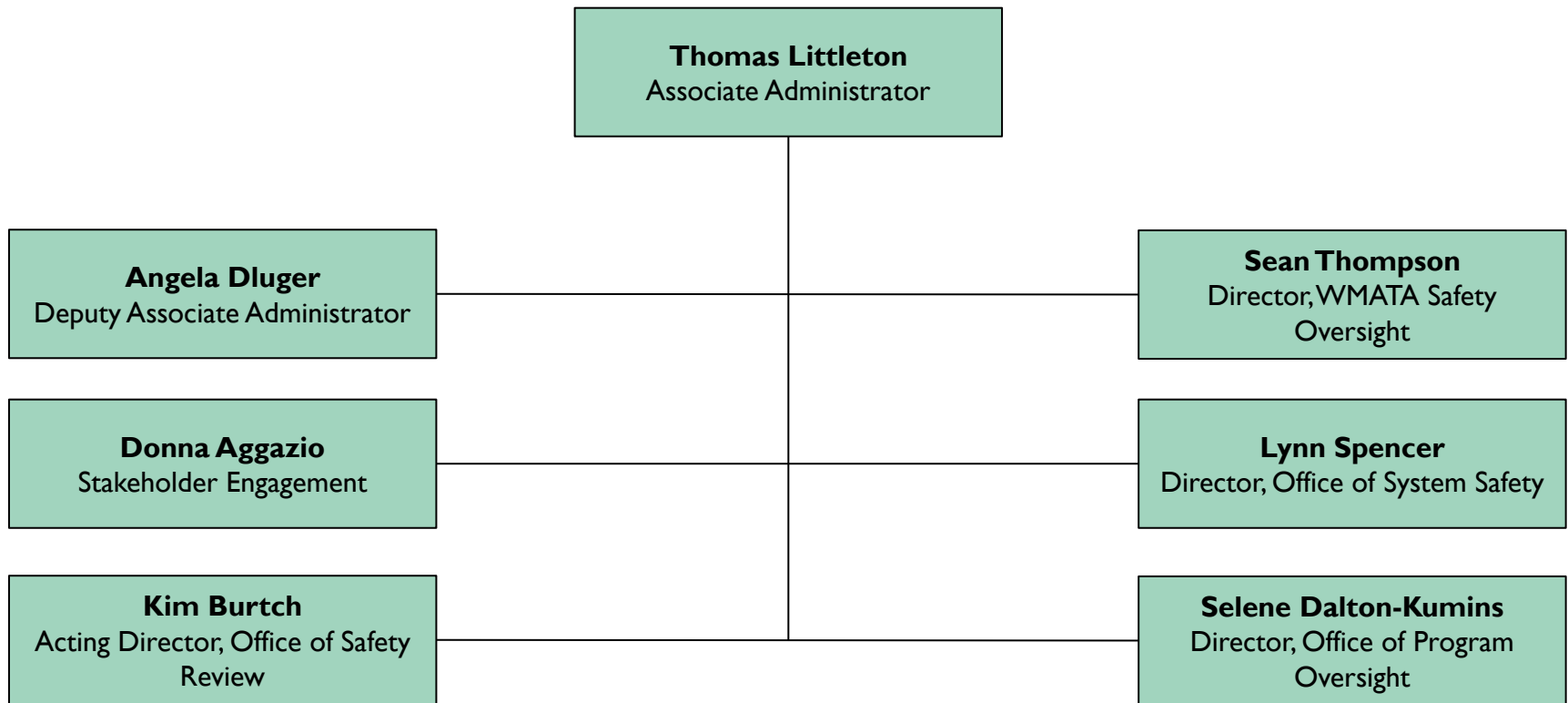
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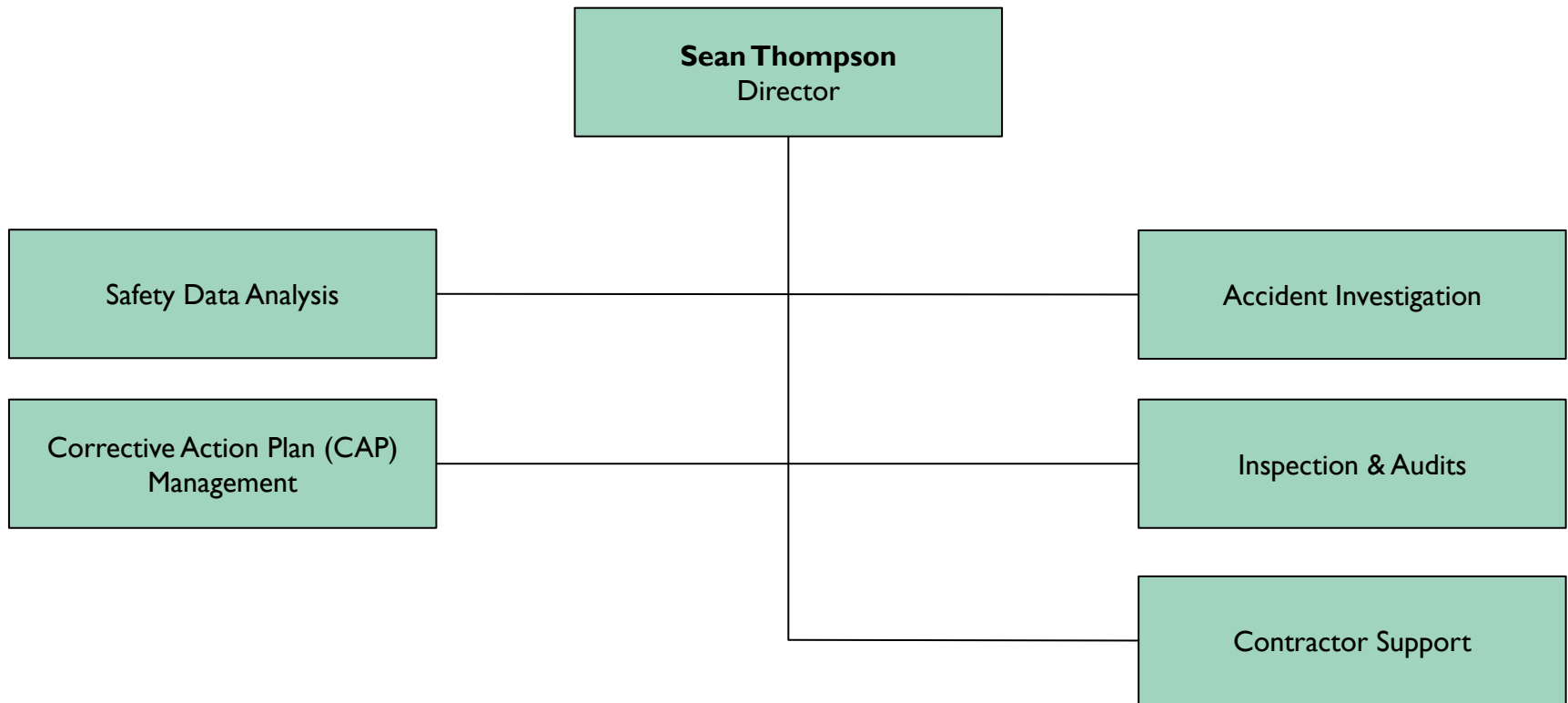
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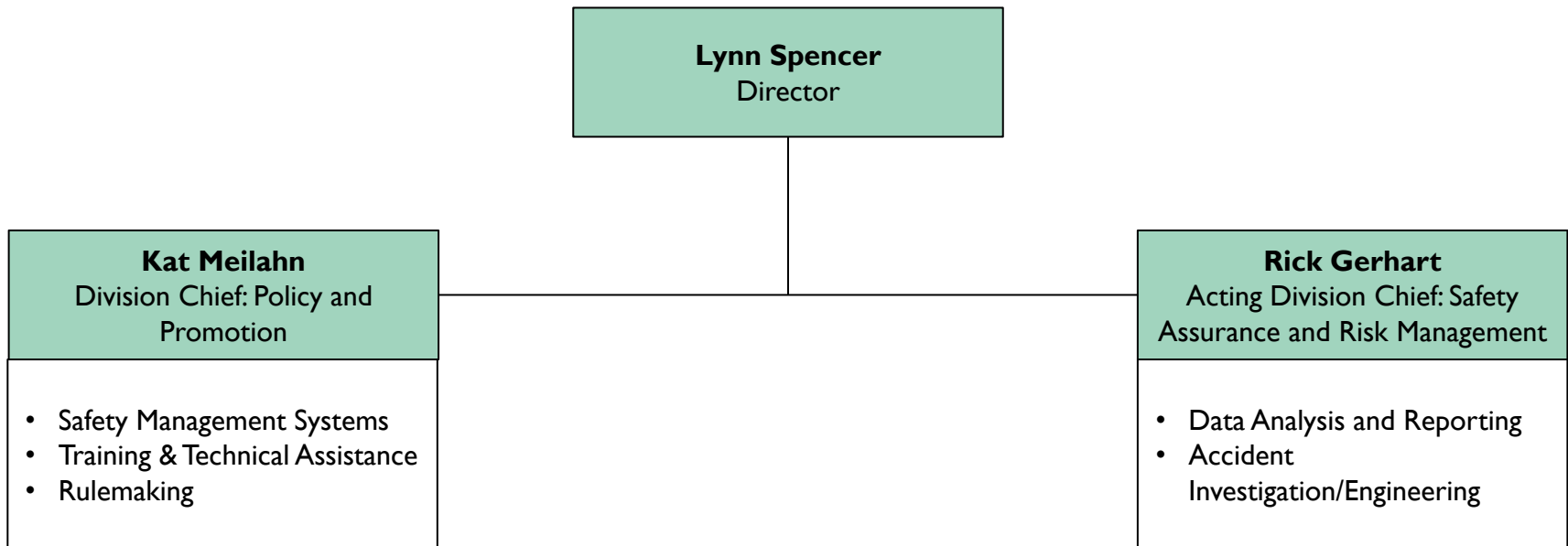
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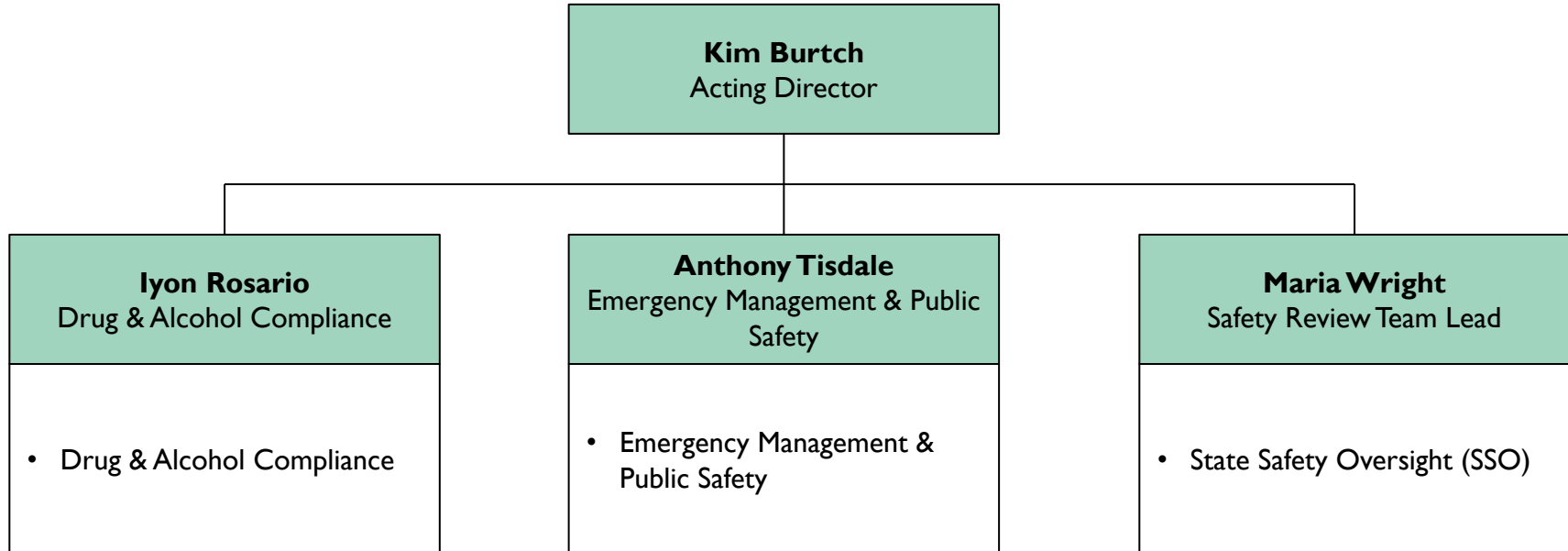
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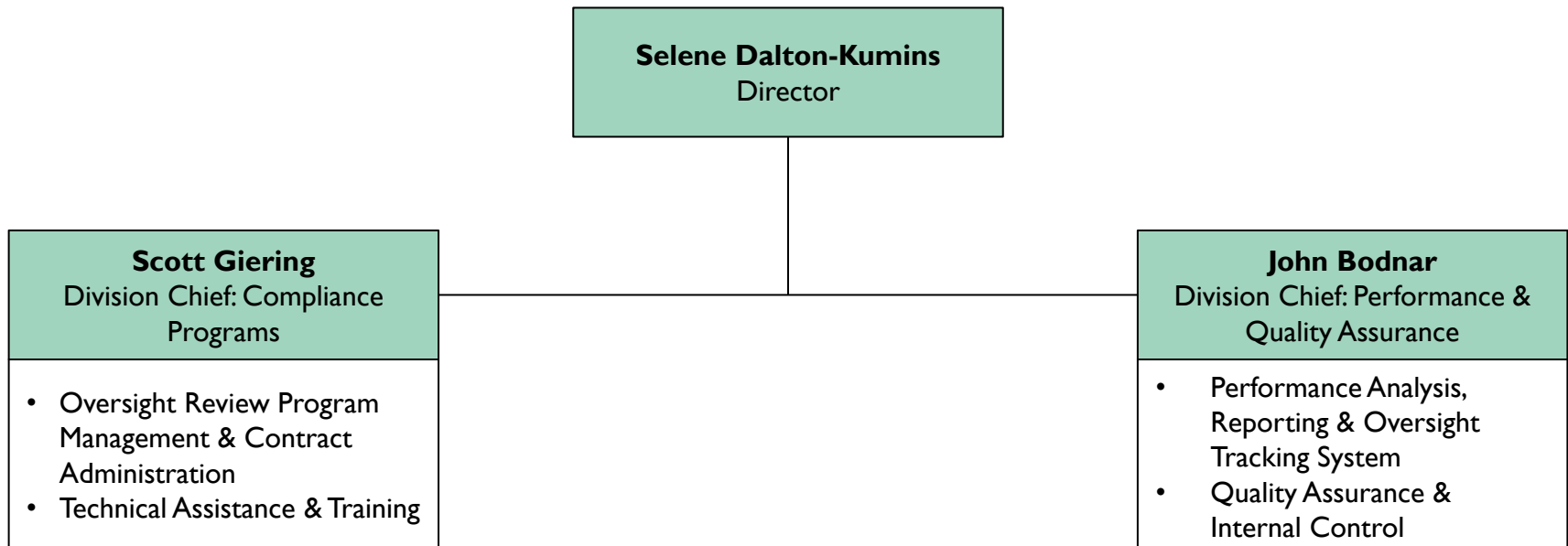
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Office of Program Oversight (TSO-30)

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Recent FTA Safety Activities

- Conducted First Safety Management Inspection at WMATA and Released Findings and Required Actions (June 2015)
- Issued Dear Colleague Letter on Investigative Authority (July 31, 2015)
- Secretary Foxx directed the FTA to exercise our authority under law and assume temporary and direct safety oversight of Metrorail from the Tri-State Oversight Committee (TOC) (October 9, 2015)
- Ready the release of upcoming guidance and rulemaking documents (Ongoing)

FTA Oversight of WMATA Safety

Background

- WMATA's Metrorail system has experienced a number of safety lapses resulting in serious incidents, injuries and fatalities.
- The TOC lacks sufficient resources, technical capacity and enforcement authority to provide the hands on safety oversight needed.
- In October 9, Secretary Foxx directed the FTA to exercise our authority under law and assume temporary and direct safety oversight of Metrorail from the TOC.

FTA WMATA Safety Oversight

- FTA bridges gap while MD,VA and DC are responsible under federal law for reestablishing a new SSO for Metrorail.
- FTA's three goals in assuming direct safety oversight responsibility
 - 1) Improve Metrorail safety;
 - 2) Direct the TOC in its core safety oversight duties while assuming the lead role for key functions of the Metrorail State Safety Oversight Program and
 - 3) Support an expedited effort led by VA, MD and DC to establish a new, fully compliant, staffed, resourced and capable SSOA to replace the TOC, asap.

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Washington Post Op-Ed by Secretary Foxx:

We all want Metro Fixed – and fast

- https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/we-all-want-metro-fixed--and-fast/2015/10/29/92d39df6-7cdd-11e5-beba-927fd8634498_story.html

WMATA Corrective Action Plan (CAP) Tracking Table

- http://www.fta.dot.gov/tso_16628.html

FTA Investigative Authority

Statute allows us to:

- Investigate, inspect, examine, audit and test
- Obtaining factual information
- Issuing reports and directives
- Issuing subpoenas and taking depositions; requiring production of documents

How investigators interact with the transit industry

How different from the NTSB

Public Transportation Safety Program

- Establishes FTA's Safety Oversight Authority and program of requirements for most recipients of FTA funding
- Establishes FTA's commitment to a Safety Management System (SMS) approach
- Requires FTA to create National Public Transportation Safety Plan to communicate with public transit industry
- Formalizes a comprehensive framework for safe public transportation through 4 program components:

National Public Transportation Safety Plan

- Safety vision, mission, goals
- Performance management criteria and guidance
- Safety Risk Management practices and procedures
- SMS implementation guidance
- Best practices and safety plan templates
- Top Safety Priorities
- Safety Standards

GUIDANCE

National Public Transportation Safety Certification Training Program

- Federal/State employees (or their designees) who conduct audits and examinations of public transportation systems
- Personnel of public transportation systems who have direct responsibility for safety oversight at their system

Public Transportation Agency Safety Plans

Identifies:

- Methods for identifying and evaluating safety risk
- Framework for agencies to identify strategies for minimizing public exposure to unsafe conditions
- Performance targets and criteria based on criteria established in the National Safety Plan
- Requires training for personnel responsible for safety

TRANSIT AGENCIES

State Safety Oversight (SSO) Program

- Oversees the agency safety plan for the rail transit systems
- Investigates and enforces plan
- Audits rail transit systems
- Reports on safety status of each transit rail agency

Safety Rulemaking Timeline

MAP-21 Requirements	Federal Register Publication
Transit Asset Management NPRM	Published 9/30/15
Public Transportation Safety Program NPRM	Published 8/14/15 Reviewing Comments
National Public Transportation Safety Plan	Early 2016
Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan NPRM	Early 2016
Safety Certification Training Program NPRM Interim Provisions	Published 12/3/15 Effective 5/28/15
Bus Testing NPRM	Published 6/23/15
State Safety Oversight Final Rule Proposed Rule	Early 2016 Published 2/27/15

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Questions?

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