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GOVERNOR'S TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMISSION
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MICHAEL L. PRINCE
CHAIRPERSON

Horatio S. Earle Learning Center
Friday, December 9, 2011
8:30 a.m.

MEETING MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT	REPRESENTING
Sheriff Allen Byam	Local Representative (Michigan Sheriffs Association)
Ms. Anne Corgan	Michigan Department of State (MDOS)
Mr. Lawrence Hummel	Local Representative (Van Buren County Road Commission and the County Road Association of Michigan)
F/Lt. Thad Peterson (Alternate)	Michigan Department of State Police (MSP)
Mr. Kevin McNeilly	Governor's Office
Mr. Kenneth Micklash	Michigan Department of Education (MDE)
Ms. Tari Muniz	Office of Services to the Aging (OSA)
Mr. Michael Prince (Chair)	Office of Highway Safety Planning (OHSP)
Ms. Linda Scapetta	Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH)
Chief David Stamm	Local Representative (Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police)
Mr. Randy VanPortfliet	Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT)

STAFF SUPPORT	REPRESENTING
Ms. Janet Hengesbach	Office of Highway Safety Planning (OHSP)

GUESTS	REPRESENTING
Ms. Kathy Farnum	Office of Highway Safety Planning (OHSP)
Ms. Charlotte Kilvington	Office of Highway Safety Planning (OHSP)
Mr. Jason Hamblen	Office of Highway Safety Planning (OHSP)
Ms. Alyson Kechkaylo	Office of Highway Safety Planning (OHSP)
Mr. Jerry Byrne	Kent County Road Commission (KCRC)
Dr. Daniel Blower	University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute (UMTRI)
Mr. Tom Bruff	Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG)
Ms. Kayal Patel	Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG)
Mr. Dean Kanitz	Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT)
Mr. Brandon Boatman	Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT)
Mr. John Wallace	Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA)
Mr. Peter Savolainen	Wayne State University (WSU)
Mr. Renordo Bezati	Wayne State University (WSU)
Ms. Ramona Putnam	Michigan Department of State (MDOS)
Ms. Carol Reagan	Michigan Department of State (MDOS)
Sgt. Brody Boucher	Michigan State Police (MSP)
Mr. Mark Bott	Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT)
Mr. Bob Felt	Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT)
Ms. Kim Lariviere	Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT)

Michael L. Prince, Chair, Office of Highway Safety Planning • Kevin McNeilly, Governor's Office • Anne Corgan, Department of State • Randy VanPortfliet, Department of Transportation • Linda Scapetta, Department of Community Health • Kenneth Micklash, Department of Education • Capt. Kari Kusmierz, Department of State Police • Tari Muniz, Office of Services to the Aging • Lawrence E. Hummel, Local Representative • Chief David Stamm, Local Representative • Sheriff Allen Byam, Local Representative

Mr. Jeff Baydeck	Citizen-at-large
Mr. Dave Morena	Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)
Mr. Pat Muinch	Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA)
Ms. Jill Skutar	Michigan Center for Truck Safety (MCTS)

CALL TO ORDER

The GTSAC meeting was called to order by Chair Michael Prince at 8:30 a.m. A quorum was present for today's meeting.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Mr. Prince welcomed everyone to today's meeting. Self-introductions of those attending today's meeting was made.

PUBLIC COMMENT/ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Mr. VanPortfliet requested a minor change to the minutes regarding the grant received by the city of Manistique. The grant is a part of the "Safe Routes to School" program.

Chief Stamm made a **MOTION** to approve the minutes of the October 28, 2011, meeting with the above-noted change. Sheriff Byam supported. The **MOTION** carried.

STANDING REPORTS

Commissioner Reports

Michigan Department of Education – Mr. Kenneth Micklash

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) is finalizing the School Bus Driver Safety Education and Recertification program updates. This program is required by statute and requires returning bus drivers to recertify themselves every two years. They are also completing the Student Management Program for bus drivers and hope to have this completed by February 2012. This program pertains to student behavior management on school buses.

Local Representative – Chief David Stamm

The Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police (MACP) will host their Winter Conference in Grand Rapids on Feb 8-10, 2012. The MACP Traffic Safety Committee is also reviewing the changes that the Michigan Liquor Control Commission is looking at and how that will affect traffic safety.

Local Representative – Mr. Larry Hummel

The County Road Commissioners recently held their Southeastern Council Meeting. Discussions during the meeting included the possible elimination of local road commissions and the upcoming winter road conditions. Mr. Hummel also reported that training regarding safety around plow trucks on roads and at bus stops is now taking place in different schools around the state.

Governor's Representative – Mr. Kevin McNeilly

The road construction season is ending for another year. MDOT is looking at a program where they could change the messages on the road message boards directly from their facilities without having to physically go out to the individual locations.

Michigan Department of Transportation – Mr. Randy VanPortfliet

MDOT is working on a scorecard to support the Governors Dashboard program. MDOT has developed eight measures/objectives with two of those being safety and reduction of statewide crash fatalities by 5% over five years.

Mr. Kurt Steudel has been appointed as President of the American Association of State Highway Transportation Officials (AASHTO).

Office of Services to the Aging – Ms. Tari Muniz

OSA is working on improving communications with all area agencies regarding the elderly. Some ideas are options for transportation, including the role that transportation provides to allow the elderly to be independent, legal services for the elderly, and the ability to locate housing, etc.

Michigan Department of Community Health – Ms. Linda Scapetta

MDCH is continuing the Child Safety Seat coalition and the Teen Driving Initiatives with no new updates on those programs at this time.

Local Representative - Sheriff Al Byam

The major firearms deer hunting season in Lower Michigan is continuing along with the cooperative effort between law enforcement agencies and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) regarding Drug Trafficking. Law enforcement is being encouraged to look at tailgating and speed. If someone is stopped and there is a large amount of drugs, the IRS will step in and research the origin of the drug traffic. Sheriff Byam also noted that Michigan has 3,198 less officers on the road this year.

Michigan State Police - F/Lt. Thad Peterson

The MSP Traffic Services Section recently consolidated with the Precision Driving Unit. This move will integrate driving skills with other components of traffic safety. The new Datamaster/DMT (breathalyzer) rollout is more automated and will take less time. They are currently working on a test group of counties including Ingham, Eaton, Livingston, and Jackson. Officers from those counties will be trained first before the program will be used throughout Michigan.

Secretary of State – Ms. Anne Corgan

They are one year into the Basic Driving Improvement Course. This is a program for eligible drivers permitting them to take a driver improvement course, either online or in a classroom, to ultimately remove points from their driving record. Thus far, 21% of those eligible have taken advantage of the program. The Secretary of State launched the Express SOS online where citizens can change their address, renew D/L, purchase plates, etc.

Office of Highway Safety Planning – Mr. Michael Prince

OHSP staff members attended the NHTSA Regional Leadership meeting in Chicago December 6-8, 2011. On a national level, funding is a big issue along with the Transportation Reauthorization Bill. The bill is delayed due to the election-year cycle. Based on that information, OHSP will operate based on previous years' funding levels.

Holiday Crackdown

The annual holiday impaired driving crackdown will take place from December 16 through January 2. Participation includes 168 agencies in 29 counties. News events will take place on December 16 in Lansing and West Michigan to kick off the crackdown.

2012 Safety Belt Campaign

OHSP has recruited General Motors to be a partner on the summer 2012 Click It or Ticket Safety Belt campaign. Planning meetings are continuing to discuss possible concepts. Colonel Etue will be invited to speak along with Ms. Gay Kent, GM's Director of Safety, and the Chief from Sterling Heights.

Strive for a Safer Drive Project

Sixteen schools around Michigan have signed up to participate in the Strive for a Safer Drive project. This is a partnership between AAA, Ford, and OHSP to address teen traffic safety. Checks for \$2,000 will be disseminated to those schools by AAA Michigan for the purpose of developing and implementing teen traffic safety programs in their schools and communities.

Data Driven Approaches to Crime and Traffic Safety (DDACTS)

OHSP has received a grant from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to implement an 18-month pilot project to address teen safety belt use and crime using the DDACTS philosophy. DDACTS is a law enforcement operational model that integrates location-based crime and traffic crash data to determine the most effective methods for deploying law enforcement and other resources. Based on an analysis of crime and crash data, Macomb County was chosen as the site for this pilot.

Earlier this month, OHSP hosted a DDACTS workshop for those agencies participating in this project. The Macomb County Sheriff's Office, City of Sterling Heights, and the MSP Metro Post will be participating. The next step for this project is the identification of "hotspots" to determine where the enforcement will be taking place. This is not an overtime enforcement grant. The hotspots are used to identify where law enforcement can most efficiently and effectively assign their regular patrols to have an impact on teen crime and unbelted teen fatalities and serious injuries. A news event kicking off this project will take place around the end of January or the beginning of February. Enforcement will begin in February and will last for 12 months. Michigan is the only state in the country receiving funding for this project.

Also, OHSP will continue to move forward with plans to assist other law enforcement agencies with the opportunity to learn more about DDACTS through an informational webinar this spring and by offering another DDACTS workshop later in the summer for those agencies interested in implementing this model. To date, 16 agencies in 10 counties have expressed interest.

Michigan Traffic Safety Summit

There will be an update on the Summit and the GTSAC awards by OHSP staff later in the meeting.

Legislative Summary – Sgt. Brody Boucher - MSP

Sgt. Boucher presented an overview of current legislation relating to traffic safety issues. A copy of the prepared summary is available on the GTSAC Web site.

ACTION ITEM

GTSAC Award Nominations – Mr. Jason Hamblen

The awards committee, which includes: Ms. Linda Scapetta, Ms. Carol Reagan, Ms. Dierdre Thompson, Chief David Stamm, Capt. Matt Saxton, Sgt. Michelle Hernandez. and Mr. Hamblen voted on five recipients this year for the Traffic Safety Achievement Award and one recipient for the Richard H. Austin Long-Term Safety Achievement award. These people will be notified and the awards will be distributed at the GTSAC Awards Luncheon on Wednesday, March 21, 2012.

Mr. Micklash made a **MOTION** to approve the committee recommendations, Ms. Muniz, supported. The **MOTION** carried.

Traffic Safety Summit Update – Ms. Alyson Kechkaylo

Ms. Kechkaylo reminded the members the Annual Traffic Safety Summit is scheduled for March 20-22, 2012 at the Kellogg Center. She is working to have the registration process totally on-line this year. The registration is \$75.00 for the three-day session with speakers still being confirmed.

PRESENTATIONS

Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP) Revision Update – Dr. Peter Savolainen, Wayne State University (WSU)

Dr. Savolainen discussed the role that WSU will have in the SHSP Revision project.

For this project, WSU representatives will conduct a detailed investigation of safety-related data along with identifying overall goals for the updated report. A survey tool will be administered to the safety partners. WSU will also conduct regional SHSP planning meetings to further identify emphasis areas. Once those items have been completed, Dr. Savolainen and his group will present a draft to the GTSAC for their review and approval. Periodic updates will be presented to the GTSAC during this time.

Winter Road Maintenance – Mr. Larry Hummel/Mr. Jerry Byrne, Kent County Road Commission

Mr. Byrne gave an overview of winter road maintenance and the partners who together keep the roads clear and safe.

County Road Commissions are responsible for over 91,000 miles of roads and their first priority is to maintain the state trunk lines which are Michigan highways or other main arteries throughout the state, county primary roads are next with county local roads the last to be maintained. MDOT assists in road maintenance along with this task.

There are millions of dollars in specialized equipment to assist in this task. The County Road Commissions are included in NOAA weather webinars. When the weather is expected to change, NOAA will host a webinar and invite MDOT and County and local entities among others to participate. This allows the entities to learn what to expect with the upcoming weather changes and how to prepare accordingly. This allows everyone to work together to get the roads maintained for safe travels.

When salt or other materials are used on the roads ahead or during a storm, the main roads are concentrated on first and also curves, hills, stops, and shady spots. County Road Commissions work with law enforcement and will also respond to the scene of an accident if it is determined there is further danger to others as a result of the road conditions. County Road Commissions also share the same radio frequencies and in some cases have developed a mutual aid pact to share resources.

Citizens expect to have the same level of service as they did many years ago, but service has been reduced in recent years because of budgetary considerations.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:47 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 6, 2012 at the Horatio S. Earle Learning Center.