

MICHIGAN TRUCK SAFETY COMMISSION **MTSC**

March 9, 2011

DRAFT Meeting Minutes

Commissioners Present

Mr. Fred Bueter – Chair
Mr. Walter Heinritz – Vice Chair
Dr. Jacqueline El-Sayed
Mr. Timothy Kaltenbach
Capt. Harold Love
Mr. Paul Millenbach
Mr. Thomas O'Brien
Mr. James Parrinello
Mr. Michael Prince
Mr. James Scalici
Mr. David Zick

Guests

Ms. Jill Skutar - MCTS
Ms. Lisa Atwell - MCTS
Lt. Ron Crampton – MSP/TSD
Mr. Alex Young – Teamsters Union
Ms. Lacey Latimore – MPSC
Mr. Dan Blair – MPSC
Mr. Jeff Stevens – Maner Costerisan
Ms. Kim LaViviere- MDOT
Ms. Pat Muinch -FMESA

OHSP Staff

Ms. Kathy Farnum
Ms. Kim Kelly
Ms. Julie Roth
Ms. Janet Hengesbach

CALL TO ORDER

The MTSC meeting was called to order by Mr. Fred Bueter, Chair, at 9:00 a.m.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Mr. Bueter welcomed everyone and introduced the newest commissioner, Capt. Harold Love, who is succeeding Capt. Monica Yesh of the MSP Traffic Safety Division and Ms. Janet Hengesbach, who is succeeding Ms. Deb Sonnenberg from the Office of Highway Safety Planning as Executive Secretary.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken and a quorum was present for today's meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Alex Young, from the Michigan Teamsters Union discussed concerns among the union members regarding a report from 2010 Law firm of Sullivan and Lovett, indicating CSA of 2010 Safety Measurements and in particular, the dramatic point system and the vehicle maintenance portions of the report. It is understood that drivers who receive 40 points within a 36 month period, are in jeopardy of having their license suspended. The driver could personally accrue points for items out of their control such as brakes or broken windshields. Mr. Young indicated that his group is going to send letters to MDOT and other federal agencies.

Dr. El-Sayed inquired what can be done to make the trucks safe to drive and safe to be on the highways. Mr. Young feels as though more inspections of the trucks before they hit the road. This measure should not be against the driver. Mr. Pat Muinch advised the group there is no point system against the driver. The carrier is the one responsible. He offered to speak to the union and noted there is a web site available to confirm the information that Mr. Young is presenting is not correct. There are opportunities to look at the drivers first before they go out on the road. Mr. Young and Mr. Muinch will speak about this in greater detail following today's meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A **MOTION** to accept the minutes of the November 3, 2010, meeting was made by Dr. El-Sayed and supported by Mr. O'Brien. The **MOTION** carried.

STANDING REPORTS

Chair's Report – Mr. Fred Bueter

Mr. Bueter reported on changes in CDL program. By January, 2012, the CDL drivers' medical information must be submitted to the Secretary of State so it can be kept on file and made available to law enforcement if necessary. Mr. Young indicated there are no concerns regarding this new process from the Teamsters Union. Mr. Heinritzi inquired if drivers have been notified of this change. Mr. Bueter confirmed that letters will be sent out to all drivers.

Mr. Bueter also reported the recent MTA Banquet went well. Ms. Ruth Johnson, Secretary of State, attended and attendance seemed high this year.

Financial Report – Ms. Kim Kelly

Ms. Kelly presented an overview of the financial statement as of January 31, 2011. She noted that through January 2011, Secretary of State revenue is down 1%. But overall it is down approximately ½% from last year. There is some excess however, as the collection dues are heaviest in February.

Due to an agreement between MDOT, MSP and the OHSP, surplus UCR fees at MDOT were again placed in the Michigan Truck Fund with the understanding that they would be released to MSP for commercial vehicle enforcement in FY 11. This will require an upward revision to the current MSP Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Grant in the amount of \$273,389.

Dr. El-Sayed made a **MOTION** to approve the MSP Grant revision. Mr. Scallici supported. The **MOTION** carried by roll call vote. Capt. Love abstained.

Education Grant Activity Report – Ms. Jill Skutar

Ms. Skutar gave a report highlighting the fourth quarter activities and accomplishments of the Center including the recent Safety Management Symposium. She briefly discussed an on-site training simulator at Baker College in Flint.

Enforcement Grant Activity Report – Lt. Ron Crampton

Lieutenant Crampton reported on the fourth quarter activities and statistics of the Traffic Safety Division's commercial vehicle safety enforcement and education efforts.

ACTION ITEM(S)

APPROVAL OF RFP COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

Mr. Bueter reported on the recent RFP regarding the Michigan Truck Education Grant. Every five years this grant goes out to bid. Two RFP's were received by J. J. Keller and Associates and Michigan Center for Truck Safety. The deadline for receipt has passed and a recommendation has been made to move forward with awarding the Grant.

Dr. El-Sayed inquired about past years grants going to the Michigan Truck Association and now it is called the Michigan Center for Truck Safety (MCTS)? It was explained that the MCTS is a subsidiary organized under a charity, with a separate corporation, board, and accounting. The subsidiary has no assets; but has to be funded by another entity. The Michigan Truck Association provides the capital for them to operate. Mr. Jeff Stevens from Maner Costerisan, explained that he did not know why it was decided to use a charity rather than a non-profit when this entity was formed. By being a charity, items such as trucks can be donated. Following discussions, Dr. El-Sayed made a **MOTION** to MCTS supports the recommendation of the RFP committee. Mr. Zick supported. The **MOTION** carried by roll call vote. Mr. Heinritzi abstained.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS

Virginia Tech Transportation Institute– Mr. Mike Prince

There is a recent report discussing the current risks of commercial truck and bus driver's activities or actions that distract their attention away from driving. This data is based on information from 2009. When

the 2010 report is issued, it will be distributed to the commission members. He also reminded the members that the current Strategic Plan has expired. The Planning and Evaluation committee will reconvene and look at updating the Plan once the 2010 data is released.

OHSP Staff Update – Mr. Mike Prince

There are new staff members and assignments in the Office of Highway Safety Planning. Ms. Charlotte Kilvington is the new Data Analyst and Evaluation Coordinator, and Ms. Alyson Kechkaylo from the OHSP Communications Section is now serving as the Workplace Outreach Program Coordinator. Ms. Kechkaylo has undertaken a series of webinars for employers with the first one discussing Distracted Driving. There are two more webinars scheduled for this year, one discussing Medical Marijuana and one discussing Ignition Interlock.

2011 Michigan Traffic Safety Summit – Mr. Mike Prince

The Michigan Traffic Safety Summit is being held March 22-24, 2011, at the Kellogg Center in East Lansing. Governor Snyder is scheduled to address at the GTSAC Luncheon on Tuesday.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 9:55 a.m.