



STATE OF MICHIGAN

GOVERNOR'S TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
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VACANT
CHAIRPERSON

Horatio S. Earle Learning Center
Friday, April 15, 2011
8:30 a.m.

MEETING MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT	REPRESENTING
Vacant	Governor's Office
Sheriff Allen Byam	Local Representative (Michigan Sheriffs Association)
Ms. Anne Corgan	Secretary of State
Mr. Mark Bott	Department of Transportation
Mr. Kenneth Micklash	Department of Education
Mr. Michael Prince (Chair)	Office of Highway Safety Planning
Mr. Lawrence Hummel	Local Representative (Van Buren County Road Commission and the County Road Association of Michigan)
Ms. Linda Scapetta	Department of Community Health
Chief David Stamm	Local Representative (Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police)
Capt. Harold Love	Michigan Department of State Police

MEMBERS ABSENT	REPRESENTING
Ms. Lauren Swanson	Office of Services to the Aging

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

GUESTS	REPRESENTING
Kathy Farnum	OHSP
Frank Vandeputte	O/E Learning
Brian Mankowski	O/E Learning
Peter Savolainen	Wayne State University
Melody Kindraka	OHSP
Tracie Leix	MDOT
Ramona Putnam	MDOS
Carol Reagan	MDOS
Lori Howard	OHSP
Mark Ferrell	WATS
Alicia Sledge	OHSP
John Wallace	FFMCSA
Bob Morris	SEMCOG
Dan Petterson	SMARTER
Jason Hamlin	OHSP
Jill Skutar	MCTS
Bob Felt	MDOT
Gary Bubar	
Sgt. Brody Boucher	Michigan Department of State Police

- VACANT, Chair, Governor's Office • Anne Corgan, Department of State • Michael L. Prince, Office of Highway Safety Planning
- Mark Bott, Department of Transportation • Linda Scapetta, Department of Community Health • Kenneth Micklash, Department of Education
- Capt. Harold Love, Department of State Police • Lauren A. Swanson, Office of Services to the Aging
- Lawrence E. Hummel, Local Representative • Chief David Stamm, Local Representative • Sheriff Allen Byam, Local Representative

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. He began by introducing the newest members of the GTSAC, Mr. Lawrence Hummel, replacing Mr. Steve Puuri, Capt. Harold Love, replacing Capt. Monica Yesh, and Mr. Mark Bott, replacing Mr. John Friend. At this time, the Governor's representative will remain vacant. Mr. Prince also advised the members that he has been appointed as the Chair of the GTSAC.

Mr. Prince thanked Mr. Bob Morris for his leadership as the outgoing chair of this commission and advised of a special presentation later in today's meeting.

Self introductions of the guests present were made.

PUBLIC COMMENT/ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Sheriff Byam made a **MOTION** to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2010, meeting. Ms. Corgan supported. The **MOTION** carried.

STANDING REPORTS

• Chair's Report – Mr. Michael Prince

Mr. Prince presented Mr. Bob Morris with a plaque and recognized him for his work and contributions as Chair of the GTSAC from 2003 - 2011. In appreciation for the plaque, Mr. Morris thanked the commission for the opportunity and expressed what a great experience it was to serve as Chair.

Mr. Prince discussed the Strategic Plan which was intended to be used through 2012, will be reviewed and updated to reflect the recent 2010 data recently received by the OHSP. A close-out document will be developed to reflect the current activities, and then new strategies will be developed based on the updated 2010 crash data.

The 2010 Annual Evaluation Report has been included in today's packets. Next year, all reports that OHSP is responsible for will be distributed electronically. The reports will also be published on the OHSP website. This will be a significant cost savings in the future.

Beginning May 23, 2011, the Safety Belt mobilization will begin. There will be media events in six markets in Michigan. This will begin the summer events regarding Traffic Safety.

This week the House passed H.R. 1473, the appropriations bill for the remainder of FY 2011. The bill rescinds \$76 million in Section 406 safety belt incentive funding for the states, leaving \$48.5 million for states that enact a primary safety belt law this fiscal year.

The Traffic Safety Summit was a success. Thanks to Ms. Kathy Farnum and her staff for all of their hard work, specifically Ms. Lynn Sutfin who chaired the GTSAC awards, Ms. Alyson Kechkaylo and Ms. Melody Kindraka for Media and other coordination, and Mr. Jason Hamlin for his assistance with IT work. The 2012 Summit is in its planning stages now and the dates will be announced soon.

GHSA Awards: The Governor's Highway Safety Association out of Washington D.C. is accepting award nominations to recognize outstanding individuals and organizations for achievements in highway safety. Further information, is available on the GHSA web site at www.ghsa.org

2014 GHSA Annual Meeting: Michigan will host the 2014 Annual Meeting of the GHSA in September 2014 in Grand Rapids. More information will be forthcoming.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

- **Local Representation – Chief David Stamm (MACP)**

Chief Stamm gave an update regarding speed limits on the west side of the state. He reminded the members the DRE class is coming up along with ARIDE - the Advanced Roadside Impairment Driving Enforcement program and thanked OHSP and the Federal Government for monies they have distributed for highway traffic safety.

- **Local Representation – Sheriff Al Byam (MSA)**

Sheriff Byam thanked Mr. Morris for his time as Chair of the GTSAC. He discussed local programs going on currently including a program being utilized on I-94 which is a cooperative effort between law enforcement agencies and the Internal Revenue Service. IRS is paying overtime for drug interdiction with intentions of following any monies seized upward to larger dealers and applying tax laws. The result has been increased traffic enforcement as well.

He also discussed the STOPPED program. (Sheriffs Telling Our Parents and Promoting Educated Drivers). STOPPED was recognized by the Ash Center for Democratic Governance at Harvard University recognized the STOPPED program with a Bright Idea in Government Award. The STOPPED program was also recently recognized by being featured on the national Association of Counties website.

- **Local Representation – Mr. Lawrence Hummel (CRAM)**

Mr. Hummel shared his background with the members. Mr. Hummel shared his background and current position with the members. He discussed the projects that the VBCRC is preparing for this upcoming summer in their county.

- **Department of Community Health (MDCH) – Ms. Linda Scarpetta**

There is a new website - www.saferdrivingforteens.org where parents can get information regarding safe teenage driving. This program has been rolled out in 3 phases - currently they are in Phase 2 where bookmarks and posters will be delivered to high schools. In July, Phase 3 will begin where this topic will be discussed via PSA's and social media. On April 14, Injury Violence Protection program was held at the Capitol.

- **Department of Education (MDOE) – Mr. Kenneth Micklash**

The National Association of Pupil Transportation is doing a Bus Stop Arm survey - looking at illegal passing in bus stop zones. They are working collecting data from 15 different regions on a national basis. On May 5, information will be collected on cars illegally passing school buses.

School Crossing Guard program is working on being updated. That information is on the Dept of Ed's website.

- **Office of Services to the Aging (OSA) – Ms. Lauren Swanson**

Absent

- **Department of State (DOS) – Ms. Anne Corgan**

Motorcycle Safety Month kick-off is May 3 at the State Capitol. There are new statutes reflecting texting, high blood alcohol, traffic credentials. There have been some updates to the "What Every Driver Must Know" booklet. O/E Learning is the newest opportunity through the Secretary of State for drivers who have 2 points or less on their driving records. Approximately 4,900 have taken and passed the course since mid-March. This course can be taken in a classroom or online.

- **Department of Transportation (MDOT) – Mr. Mark Bott**

This time of the year is one of the busiest because of the orange construction barrels going up around the state. Mr. Bott reminded members that since there will be lane closures; driver safety is a large concern of theirs. He briefly discussed that one of their larger projects is pothole reporting. MDOT has posted a pothole video on You Tube. He also discussed their projects regarding roundabouts; rumble strips and road diets - where a 4 lane road is reconfigured to 3 lanes.

- **Department of State Police – Capt. Harold Love**

Capt. Love discussed current activities in the Traffic Services Division including the current traffic safety initiatives currently taking place in Wayne County. Traffic Services Division was recently awarded the Data Quality award for achievements regarding the lowest commercial vehicle fatality rates being the lowest amongst the larger states in the US.

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 TEAM REPORTS

The following Action Teams reported on their activities and accomplishments to date. Copies of the reports are available on the GTSAC Web site, or by contacting the OHSP office.

- **Young Drivers - Ms. Melody Kindraka - OHSP**

Ms. Kindraka introduced herself as the newest Chair of this program. She discussed the new driving restrictions under the Graduated Drivers License (GDL) program for teen drivers. The GDL coalition championed this bill which includes items such as giving suggestions as what messages to give to the constituents and identifying issues and concerns to parents. On March 23, a press event was held during the Traffic Safety Summit, the Director of MSP and OHSP along with local media attended. A GDL campaign included billboards, posters and a website dedicated to this effort. The law regarding passengers and night time driving needs to be identified before the posters will be delivered to the schools.

- **Occupant Protection – Ms. Alicia Sledge - OHSP**

Ms. Sledge began by introducing Ms. Lori Howard who will be the lead on this effort in the future.

Ms. Sledge discussed recommendations that her team will be working on regarding Occupant Protection this upcoming reporting period. Those recommendations are: Increases and strengthen the capacity of the Child Passenger Safety network to conduct training, to develop and deliver CPS training to law enforcement, to increase enforcement of occupant protection laws, not just during campaigns, to assist hospitals adopting a discharge policy and address liability concerns, to develop a stand-alone centralized, easy to remember occupant protection/CPS website, to integrate CPS education into local health department programs that will include

information on obtaining child restraints for their clients, and to conduct annual or biennial observational studies to monitor use of children.

ACTION ITEM

None

PRESENTATIONS

- Roundabout Education – Mr. Bob Felt/ Dr. Peter Savolainen discussed research on Roundabouts and educating citizens on how and why they are used and the pertinent safety issues. They also discussed the materials (internet, brochures) available that show how roundabouts are used. More information is available at www.michigan.gov/roundabouts
- Basic Driver Improvement Course - Mr. Frank VanDeputte/Mr. Brian Mankowski discussed the basic driver improvement course that citizens can take, if they are eligible, for a fee, to have points violations removed from their driving record. The program is effective January 1, 2011 and eligible drivers (3 points or less) will be notified and given a 60-day period to complete the course. More information is available at www.midrivesafe.com
- Efforts to retain current Michigan all-rider motorcycle helmet law – Dan Peterson discussed the research based on information regarding motorcycle safety issues. Skilled Motorcyclist Association, Responsible, Trained and Educated Drivers (SMARTER) is a group who advocates for Helmet Laws in Michigan. More information is available at www.smarter-usa.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS

Mr. Prince acknowledged that June 16, 2011 will be the 70th anniversary of the creation of the Traffic Safety Commission in Michigan. The OHSP is working on a proclamation and media recognizing this milestone.

He also suggested ways in the future to make the GTSAC more valuable to the citizens of Michigan such as web conferencing. Other ideas are welcome.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Next Meeting – June 24, 2011 – Horatio S. Earle Learning Center