



STATE OF MICHIGAN

GOVERNOR'S TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMISSION  
LANSING

RICK SNYDER  
GOVERNOR

MICHAEL L. PRINCE  
CHAIR

Horatio S. Earle Learning Center  
Tuesday, June 4, 2013  
9:00 a.m.

MEETING MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT	REPRESENTING
Sheriff Matt Saxton	Local Representative (Michigan Sheriffs Association)
Lawrence Hummel	Local Representative (Van Buren County Road Commission and the County Road Association of Michigan)
Lt. Gary Megge	Michigan Department of State Police (MSP)
Tari Muniz	Office of Services to the Aging (OSA)
Michael Prince (Chair)	Office of Highway Safety Planning (OHSP)
Ramona Putnam	Michigan Department of State (MDOS)
Ms. Jennifer Shea	Governor's Office
Chief David Stamm	Local Representative (Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police)

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT	REPRESENTING
Kenneth Micklash	Michigan Department of Education (MDE)
Randy VanPortfliet	Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT)
Linda Scarpetta	Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH)

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

GUESTS	REPRESENTING
Kathy Farnum	Office of Highway Safety Planning (OHSP)
Alicia Sledge	Office of Highway Safety Planning (OHSP)
Dianne Perukel	Office of Highway Safety Planning (OHSP)
Lynn Sutfin	Office of Highway Safety Planning (OHSP)
Alyson Kechkaylo	Office of Highway Safety Planning (OHSP)
Anne Readett	Office of Highway Safety Planning (OHSP)
Linda Fech	Office of Highway Safety Planning (OHSP)
Sgt. Dwayne Gill	Michigan State Police
Pat Muinch	Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration
John Wallace	Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration
Dave Morena	Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration
Patrick Bowman	UMTRI
Jim Santilli	Traffic Improvement Association (TIA)
Bob Felt	Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT)
Mark Bott	Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT)
Angie Kremer	Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT)
Deidre Thompson	Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT)
Tracie Leix	Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT)
Kim Lariviere	Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT)
Gary Bubar	Michigan Association of Pupil Transportation
Dave Morena	Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)

Michael L. Prince, Chair, Office of Highway Safety Planning • Jennifer Shea, Governor's Office • Ramona Putnam, Department of State • Randy VanPortfliet, Department of Transportation • Linda Scarpetta, Department of Community Health • Kenneth Micklash, Department of Education • Lt. Gary Megge, Department of State Police • Tari Muniz, Office of Services to the Aging • Lawrence E. Hummel, Local Representative • Chief David Stamm, Local Representative • Sheriff Matt Saxton, Local Representative

## **CALL TO ORDER**

The GTSAC meeting was called to order by Chair Michael Prince at 9:00 a.m. A quorum was present for today's meeting.

## **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Mr. Prince welcomed everyone to today's meeting. He introduced Lt. Gary Megge of the MSP Training Division, Ms. Jennifer Shea from CS Mott Hospital and Sheriff Matt Saxton as the newest commissioners.

## **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

Mr. Hummel made a **MOTION** to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2012 meeting. Ms. Muniz supported. The **MOTION** carried.

## **STANDING REPORTS**

### **Legislative Summary – Sgt. Dwayne Gill, Michigan State Police**

Sgt. Gill reviewed recent legislation relating to current traffic safety issues including a bill promoting red light cameras and bills which would maintain a BAC of .08 while operating a motor vehicle. A copy of the prepared summary will be posted on the GTSAC Web site.

### **Commissioner Reports**

#### **Local Representative – Chief David Stamm**

Chief Stamm reported that he attended the Traffic Safety Summit in March. He commented on what a good event it was. He also attended the Traffic Incident Management presentation in Genesee County recently. This is good information which should be shared with Law Enforcement. Chief Stamm mentioned that he spoke with Ken Stecker recently regarding the Supreme Court ruling regarding marijuana use. He suggested Mr. Stecker make a presentation at a future meeting regarding this information.

#### **Office of Services to the Aging – Ms. Tari Muniz**

OSA is finalizing their three year plan that includes living choices for older adults. The local Area Agencies on Aging are finishing their three year plans. Ms. Muniz will have more information about older drivers when they are complete. They are working with the Senior Mobility workgroup on the conference and the planning the Your Driving Retirement campaign.

#### **Local Representative – Mr. Larry Hummel**

Mr. Hummel also attended the Traffic Safety Summit and was pleased with the event. Their annual County Road Association of Michigan (CRAM) conference was held in March with funding as the main topic. He will be attending the Region 5 Safety Peer Exchange conference in Columbus Ohio in the next few weeks.

#### **Michigan State Police – Lt. Gary Megge**

Lt. Megge reported the MSP Training Academy has been busy with many recruit schools and training. The Summer Teen Driving Program is scheduled to begin at the Precision Drive Track in the next few days. They are also hosting Datamaster Training in different locations in the state. The MSP Training Division would like to have all Michigan officers trained on this new equipment by Spring 2014.

### **Michigan Department of State – Ms. Ramona Putnam**

Ms. Putnam reported that recently enacted legislation brought changes to the Basic Driver Improvement Course Sponsor requirements. Letters were sent to current sponsors about two weeks ago informing them of the new requirements and a deadline to comply.

The Department of State is working with Senators Green and Hune to implement a package that will allow for electronic verification for insurance. Auto insurance policy holders would be permitted to utilize an electronic device to show their proof of insurance if they are stopped by law enforcement, or at an MDOS branch office.

The SOS is working to reduce the number of Temporary Instructional Permits that motorcyclists are allowed to obtain, before requiring them to receive a motorcycle endorsement. Under current statute there is no limit on TIPs, so individuals can continually ride on a TIP without ever having to earn an endorsement

They are in the process of setting up workgroups on the graduated driver license (GDL) education requirements. While the plan is still in the early stages, it is their goal to determine where best to increase opportunities to expand learning programs.

Regarding the requirement for standardized endorsement and restriction codes on CDLs and Commercial Learner's Permits by July 8, 2014, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration has recognized a discrepancy in the actual compliance date of July 2015, and pushed back the date states must be compliant to July 8, 2015. Michigan, along with other states, would have had an issue in meeting the programming deadline.

On May 31st the Department of State entered into a contract with Safe Roads Alliance for the purpose of printing The Parent's Supervised Driving Guide. The publication will be provided at no cost to parents, guardians or drivers applying for a Level 1 license in Secretary of State Branch offices, as a tool to work with teens on driving concepts in a module-based program. A release date has not been set but discussions are starting with the vendor now to develop the Michigan version based upon our graduated driver licensing program.

### **Local Representative – Sheriff Matt Saxton**

The Michigan Sheriff's Association Summer Conference is being held next week. They are working on the STOPPED (Sheriff's Telling Our Parents and Promoting Educated Drivers) program throughout all of the counties in Michigan. Calhoun County is part of the state purchase program for the new TOTAL stations. The technology in these stations will assist in accident reconstruction.

### **Michigan Department of Transportation – Mr. Mark Bott in Mr. VanPortFliet's absence**

MDOT was one of 11 agencies invited to a FHWA PEER exchange regarding how they set their fatality and serious injury goals in their SHSP. On February 21, MDOT and the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) program issued 17 mini grants to schools in 6 different counties, Dickinson, Genesee, Ingham, Oakland, Washtenaw and Wayne counties. MDOT is completing its annual Safety Call for Projects soliciting safety focused road improvements from the Regions for its FY 2014 to FY 2018 program. MDOT has adopted a new policy to incorporate the safety edge into its road projects. The safety edge is a simple but extremely effective solution that can help save lives by allowing drivers who drift off highways to return to the road safely.

### **Governor's Representative – Ms. Jennifer Shea**

Spring has been busy with car seat check stations. The concentration has been on 4-7 year olds. This is the age group that suffers the most with abdominal injuries. CS Mott Children's Hospital would like to increase the number of child passenger safety technicians in the state of Michigan. National Seat Check Saturday will be held in September.

### **Office of Highway Safety Planning – Mr. Michael Prince**

Mike briefly discussed the recent Supreme Court decision regarding medical marijuana and using a motorized vehicle. He also reviewed the recent Memorial Day fatalities.

Sergeant Gill spoke about the electronic verification of insurance certificates. Law Enforcement is concerned about this because citizens would be surrendering their personal device/phone to the officer. If the officer were to drop the personal device/phone, who is responsible? Would some law enforcement officers scroll through to see what else is on the phone? MSP Legislative Services will look into these items.

#### **May Click It or Ticket**

New TV and radio ads developed for the 2013 Memorial Day CIOT campaign introduced motorists to a make believe health-related condition known as "Buckle-phobia." The only clinically proven solution to this condition is to wear a seat belt, otherwise motorists will suffer the side effects of a \$65 ticket. The campaign began on May 20 and ended June 2. Law enforcement agencies from 155 agencies in 26 counties participated in the campaign. The most current number of fatalities is 11 compared to 9 in 2012. These included one on an ORV, one pedestrian, and two motorcyclists.

#### **Motorcycle Campaign**

Motorcyclists were once again urged to make themselves more easily seen by wearing high-visibility riding gear through the "Ride Safe to Ride Again" campaign sponsored by OHSP. Federally funded cable, television, radio, and internet ads took place in Metro Detroit and West Michigan April 8-21. Post phone survey results indicate that 50 percent reported seeing messages for motorcycle safety which is up nearly 4 points from last year.

OHSP is providing federal funding to help pay for RiderCoach training updates and additional motorcycle safety classes offered through the Michigan Motorcycle Safety Program's public providers. Federal funding is also being provided to purchase 20 new training motorcycles for the program along with high visibility gear to be used as a teaching tool in the motorcycle safety classes. OHSP will also be exhibiting at the Muskegon Bike Time event in July.

#### **DDACTS**

OHSP will be hosting a DDACTS training workshop in Ann Arbor June 11-14, 2013. Representatives attending are from the MSP – Caro, Lansing, Metro, Monroe, Tri-City Posts, Kentwood, Novi, Marquette City, and Flint Township Police Departments and the Washtenaw County Sheriff Office. OHSP is planning on hosting another DDACTS class in the fall.

#### **DRE Class**

OHSP hosted the third Michigan Drug Recognition Expert training class earlier this year. Sixteen law enforcement officers and three prosecutors successfully completed the class. This has increased the number of trained DREs in Michigan to 50. DREs increase the ability to detect and better prosecute drivers suspected to be under the influence of drugs.

#### **Ford Driving Skills For Life**

For the second year, OHSP partnered with AAA Michigan and the Ford Driving Skills for Life program to conduct the "Strive for a Safer Drive Program" for teen drivers. This program provides funding and resources to help teens talk to teens about safe driving in the hopes of reducing serious traffic crashes, injuries, and fatalities among Michigan's most inexperienced drivers.

During the 2012-2013 school year, more than 30 Michigan high schools in the top counties for teen traffic fatalities and serious injuries each received \$2,000 from AAA. This funding was used by the students to create peer-to-peer traffic safety-related campaigns. The schools conducted activities for three months and submitted a final report. These campaigns were judged based on creativity, execution, and compliance with the S4SD participation requirements. The schools were organized into three divisions. The top school in each division was Vandercook Lake High School in Jackson County, Lake Orion High School in Oakland County, and Swartz Creek High School in Genesee County.

The program ended with an event at the Ford Proving Grounds that enabled students to learn and practice advanced driving skills from a professional driver. This year, nearly 400 teens from 22 schools took part in this event.

#### Saved by the Belt Program

To help promote seat belt use and reward motorists for buckling up, AAA Michigan and OHSP are continuing to coordinate the "Saved by the Belt" program. The program honors motorists who have been involved in a crash for their decision to buckle up or use child safety seats. To be eligible, the crash must be more than a minor fender-bender and the seat belt or car seat must have eliminated or reduced injury or prevented a fatality. Saved by the Belt recipients receive a certificate and a travel mug provided by AAA. Recipients are also provided the option of sharing their story to help promote the use of seat belts and child safety restraints through media releases provided to local media by OHSP. Nomination forms can be downloaded at [Michigan.gov/ohsp](http://Michigan.gov/ohsp) under the Law Enforcement Programs tab.

#### 2014 Traffic Safety Summit

The dates for the 2014 Michigan Traffic Safety Summit are March 24-27, 2014. Call for agenda items will go out in July with a deadline of mid-September.

#### GHSA Conference

Michigan will be hosting the national conference of the Governor's Highway Safety Association scheduled for September 7-10, 2014, at the Amway in Grand Rapids. The GHSA is a nonprofit association that provides leadership and representation for the state highway safety offices to improve traffic safety, influence national policy, enhance program management, and promote best practices.

### **PRESENTATIONS**

#### Traffic Incident Management Train the Trainer - Ms. Angie Kremer

Ms. Kremer reviewed MDOT's Traffic Incident Management System (TIMS) and how it works on Michigan roads. The goal is to have this plan rolled out to every state in the US. A national webinar will be held on June 19 at the Horatio Earle Center for those interested.

#### Alcohol/Distracted Driving CD - Mr. Jim Santilli – TIA /Ms. Lynn Sutfin- OHSP

The Traffic Improvement Association (TIA) and OHSP partnered to develop this CD which focuses on underage and distracted driving. The CDs are for Driver's Education instructors, Law Enforcement and are focused towards young drivers.

#### 2012 Traffic Crash Updates - Mr. Patrick Bowman

Mr. Bowman reviewed the injuries and fatalities in Michigan from 2008-2012. Items which cause injuries and fatalities include lane departures, alcohol impaired, drug impaired, young drivers and intersection accidents among others.

#### Update on 2014 Senior Mobility Conference - Ms. Kim Lariviere

The 2014 North American Conference on Elderly Mobility is scheduled to be held May 11-14, 2014 at the Marriott Renaissance Center in Detroit. The group is still working on the presentations, workshops, exhibits, etc.

#### Update on GTSAC Action Teams - Ms. Kim Lariviere

All 11 of the action teams have met since Governor has approved the Strategic Highway Safety Plan in February. Chairs/Vice Chairs of the Action Teams have been elected with a meeting scheduled for June 25. Action Plans need to be completed by September 10.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Jim Santilli reminded the group that the Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) World Congress will be held in 2014 in Detroit.

Pat Muinch mentioned that Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration recently presented MSP with a recognition of the lowest bus/truck crashes in United States for the 4<sup>th</sup> year in a row.

Mark Bott reported that MDOT will be placing information on their electronic signs reflecting the latest fatalities over holiday weekends. They will continue to place real-time travel time on the boards across the state.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 10, 2013, at the Horatio S. Earle Learning Center.

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