

MICHIGAN TRUCK SAFETY COMMISSION **MTSC**

July 13, 2011
MEETING Minutes

Commissioners Present

Mr. Fred Bueter – Chair
Mr. Walter Heinritz – Vice Chair
Dr. Jacqueline El-Sayed
Mr. Timothy Kaltenbach
Capt. Harold Love
Mr. David Zick

Commissioners Absent

Mr. Paul Millenbach (w/notice)
Mr. Michael Prince (w/notice)
Mr. James Scalici (w/notice)
Mr. Thomas O'Brien
Mr. James Parrinello

Guests

Ms. Jill Skutar - MCTS
Ms. Lisa Atwell - MCTS
Insp. Brenda Dietrich – MSP/TSD
Ms. Lacey Latimore – MPSC
Mr. Jeff Stevens – Maner Costerisan
Ms. Kim LaViviere - MDOT
Ms. Pat Muinch - FMCSA
Mr. Dan Blair - MPSC
Mr. Kirk Forbes - MPSC
Mr. John Wallace – FMCSA
Mr. Jason Firman - MDOT

OHSP Staff

Ms. Kathy Farnum
Ms. Kim Kelly
Ms. Charlotte Kilvington
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

Self introductions were made of those present today.

ROLL CALL

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A **MOTION** to accept the minutes of the March 9, 2011 meeting, was made by Dr. El-Sayed and supported by Capt. Love. The **MOTION** carried.

STANDING REPORTS

Chair's Report – Mr. Fred Bueter

Mr. Bueter reported on legislative initiatives regarding CDL. These initiatives include changes to medical certifications for CDL and implementing crimes for texting. It is looking good thus far and they would like this completed year's end.

Mr. Bueter also discussed the new customer service mainframe updates. It is expected to be online this summer and will enable citizens to purchase plates, duplicate titles, change their address, etc.

Financial Report – Ms. Kim Kelly

Ms. Kelly presented an overview of the financial statement as of May 31, 2011. The Secretary of State revenue is up 5% compared to May 2010, and overall revenue (including UCR fees which are constant) is up 3.68%. The statement currently shows an excess of revenue over expenditures, mostly due to timing of the receipt and expenditure of funds. (77% of expected revenue has been received for the year, but only 47% of budgeted expenditures have been completed.) This usually evens out by the end of the year.

Education Grant Activity Report – Ms. Jill Skutar

Ms. Skutar gave a report highlighting the recent activities and accomplishments of the Center. She noted there are increases in the safety programs with special interest in the truck simulator. Insp. Dietrich inquired of use of the simulator for the upcoming Motor Carrier school enrollees. Ms. Skutar suggested the possibility of a one or two-day demo.

Enforcement Grant Activity Report – Insp. Brenda Dietrich

Insp. Dietrich reported that Traffic Safety Division (TSD) recently developed the Spring Commercial Motor Vehicle Enforcement Quarterly. The format was changed from previous years to better highlight their efforts and other pertinent information relative to commercial motor vehicle safety.

Insp. Dietrich also reported to the group that Lt. Crampton has taken a position with FMCSA in Washington DC.

She advised the members that since the state of Minnesota has shut down operations because of a budget stalemate, the IRP plates cannot be renewed. Michigan is honoring those expired IRP plates from Minnesota until such time the drivers can get them renewed.

The 3rd quarter report shows a special focus on seat belt enforcement during that time. Activity increased from 97 to 209 seat belt offenses in the 3rd quarter.

Mr. Muinch commented that the newsletter is very informative. Members discussed increase in motor coach crashes and fatalities around the county and the USDOT policy changes regarding motor coach enforcement. Mr. Muinch commented that the feds can interview and check motor coach company operations to be sure the motor coaches are safe to operate.

ACTION ITEMSFY 12 MSP TSD ENFORCEMENT GRANT REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Insp. Dietrich discussed a recent program which they are implementing based on Desert Snow. This program is being held in Battle Creek in October 2011, TSD is going to try to send 11 motor carrier officers to this program.

Capt. Love also spoke briefly about the recent CARE conference. It was noted that only 1/3 of CMV operations in the US are within state police operations. This seems to cause a big disconnect nationwide with this type of operation and enforcement.

He briefly spoke of the current MSP Regional Policing Plan which will close some MSP posts around the state. The old buildings that some MSP posts are currently operating out of are in need of much work and rather than spend money repairing those buildings and the possibility of laying off troopers and other staff, this will keep all current staff intact. This change will not diminish service as MSP officers and motor carrier patrols will be placed strategically around the state.

Insp. Dietrich reviewed the MSP/TSD FY 12 Grant. Additional objectives have been added for this year's grant including conducting STET operations for all TSD districts, publish and distribute quarterly bulletins for criminal justice and enforcement personnel, conduct CMV awareness classes in 2012, provide Distracted Driving Awareness and Enforcement training to TSD commercial vehicle enforcement personnel. Distracted Driving is a big issue currently and that is something they can focus on. Training for that objective will be conducted at the district level.

Mr. Kaltenbach inquired about distracted driving in regards to the CMV drivers because of the dispatch radios and phones, etc. located within the trucks. The drivers are required to do several things while they are driving. Perhaps CMV drivers could attend a distracted driver training course.

Mr. Bueter initially suggested the vote for this grant be postponed until the next meeting, but further discussion revealed that this grant is not much different than in past years. The budget is very close to the same amount and additional objectives have been added, but those are very basic.

Dr El-Sayed made a **MOTION** to approve the FY 12 MSP/TSD ENFORCEMENT GRANT, Mr. Heinritzi supported.

YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Bueter			Millenbach
Heinritzi			O'Brien
Kaltenbach			Parrinello
El-Sayed			Prince
Zick		Love	Scalici

The **MOTION** carries by roll call vote.

FY 12 MCTS EDUCATION GRANT REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Ms. Skutar outlined the MCTS FY 12 Grant noting that it contains 5 goals including, increasing participation of drivers in the MCTS Fatigue Awareness education program, strengthening the CDL programs, increase the knowledge of MCTS "Are You Truck Smart" campaigns by 2% by September 2012, increase participation in the MCTS Heavy Truck Maintenance programs, and promoting the trucking industry safety programs. They will upgrade their computer system to accommodate videos and online quizzes. She noted the budget for this grant shows an increase of \$120,000 from last year. This accounts for Public Information and Education, Truck Driver Guidebooks, vehicle replacement and computer replacement.

Dr El-Sayed offered to bring the Research, Planning and Evaluation subcommittee together to research driving records, specifically, before and after training by the center. Mr. Bueter thinks this would be a good idea. Dr El-Sayed will also consult with UMTRI with focus on enforcement activities. Ms. Kilvington will provide data for the past 6 years.

Mr. Zick made a **MOTION** to approve the MCTS FY 12 EDUCATION GRANT, Mr. Kallenbach supported,

YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Bueter		Heinritzi	Millenbach
Kaltenbach			O'Brien
El-Sayed			Parrinello
Love			Prince
Zick			Scalici

The **MOTION** carries by roll call vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS

Mr. Bueter reported to the members that MSP recently received 2 USDOT Motor Carrier Safety Leadership Awards. The 2011 Leadership Award was given to TSD in recognition of Michigan's low commercial vehicle fatality rate from 2007-2009. They were also awarded the 2011 Leadership Award for data quality.

Mr. Muinch discussed the leadership conference held each year to recognize these types of achievements. Capt. Love acknowledged that many people worked hard for these awards. It's nice to recognize Michigan for having low crash statistics. Capt. Love noted that MSP's Criminal Justice Information Center (CJIC) assured that the crash reports were timely and accurate.

Dr. El-Sayed made a **MOTION** that the MTSC commends MSP and all traffic safety partners for outstanding performance in commercial vehicle safety. Mr. Bueter supported. The **MOTION** carries.

Mr. Bueter reported that the current MTSC strategic plan is being updated by OHSP for consideration by the Commission. This plan will be distributed when the updates are complete

The Federal Motor Carriers have supported placement of test kiosks in Secretary of State branch offices for commercial truck drivers to take required written tests. This method will allow the drivers to know how they scored and if they passed. It is getting great response thus far.

Ms. Kathy Farnum reported that OHSP has received two grants which were applied for in October 2010. At that time the Commission, during their November 3, 2010 meeting, approved the use of truck safety funds to be used as match for the grants. Wayne State University was going to be conducting the CMV Direct Observation Survey and OHSP will be putting out an RFP to conduct the data analysis for the TACT grant.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Jeff Stevens inquired whether the agreement with MCTS is a grant or a contract. OHSP's position is that this is and always has been a grant. The original project posting specifically noted it as a grant. The proposal submitted included \$108,000 fee as an indirect cost. It was understood that this is to be supported by documentation. This is done to show these costs are legitimate.

Mr. Stevens insists that it is an imposition to support this amount with documentation. Ms. Kelly noted that all federal and state grants costs are supported with back up documentation – it is a standard process. She also discussed this issue with the MSP Internal Auditor who agrees with the documentation request.

Mr. Stevens requested that OHSP seek legal guidance regarding this inquiry.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.