

MICHIGAN TRUCK SAFETY COMMISSION **MTSC**

September 21, 2016

Meeting Minutes

Commissioners Present

Dr. Dan Blower, Chair
Tim Yungfer, Vice Chair
Fred Bueter
Sharon Conklin
Dave Goller
Walter Heinritzi
Capt. Mike Krumm
Tom O'Brien
Michael Prince

Commissioners Absent

Charles Moser
Robert Ramels

Guests

Al Newell
Chuck Simmons
Michelle Zemla
Pat Muinch
Dan Haggerty
Mary Lynn Pattal
Marie Barrett
Bill Kotynski

OHSP Staff

Janet Hengesbach Bawol
Charlotte Kilvington
Heidi Ruis
Spencer Simmons

ROLL CALL

The Michigan Truck Safety Commission meeting was called to order by Dr. Dan Blower, Chair, at 9:10 a.m.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Self-introductions were made by those present.

Dr. Blower thanked Ms. Conklin for inviting him and organizing the event yesterday at the Ionia scales.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A **MOTION** to accept the July 13, 2016 minutes was made by and supported by Mr. Tim Yungfer, supported by Capt. Mike Krumm. The **MOTION** carries.

STANDING REPORTS

A. Chair's Report – Dr. Dan Blower

Dr. Blower briefly discussed the "Inspection Jamboree" held at the Ionia Scales. He observed a hazmat inspection being made of a CMV. He was hoping to view a Level I inspection of a brake system as he uses much of this type of data for his research. He is on the committee that is reviewing CSA for FMCSA so the data is critical and understanding how they are collected is helpful.

Dr. Blower reported that he has been invited to speak in Commercial Vehicle Safety Research Summit in Massachusetts in November regarding MTSC. This event is sponsored by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA). There is interest in exploring partnerships between states and universities to enhance truck safety. The organizers are very interested in the MTSC program. Dr. Blower will prepare his discussion to talk about Michigan Center for Truck Safety and Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division. He requested help from the MCTS and CVED in preparing the presentation.

COMMISSIONER'S PERSPECTIVES

Ms. Sharon Conklin, Private Motor Carriers

There continues to be confusion regarding the 34-hour restart on hours of service. This is still being addressed with a report coming soon which will include some provisions to this program. The FMCSA has more information on their website.

Mr. Dave Goller, Organized Labor – No report

Mr. Tom O'Brien, Michigan Community Colleges – No report

Mr. Tim Yungfer, General Public – No report

Mr. Mike Prince, Office of Highway Safety Planning

The Michigan fatality rate is at 706, this is up from 2015. There does not seem to be a downturn quite yet. Serious injuries are at 3,475 – up 133 from last year.

The GTSAC Awards Nomination forms are in the mail and the website. Nomination forms are due November 4, 2016.

From the GHSA Annual Meeting in Seattle: Mike Prince indicated the emphasis of discussions were around fatalities. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) administrator indicated that there are variables at play, many of which there is no control over, which are driving the increase in fatalities. Those include employment, fuel costs, weather, etc.

Full automated vehicles are many years away. The newer vehicles being produced have better safety technology. The average age of a vehicle on the road now is 11 years old.

Another issue heavily discussed was marijuana legalization. Based on presentations at the GHSA Conference, Mr. Prince reported that states where it has been legalized, they were not prepared. CVED has its first Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) in Motor Carrier Officer Chris Keller and he is doing an outstanding job.

Capt. Mike Krumm, Michigan State Police – No report

Mr. Fred Bueter, Michigan Department of State

The FMCSA comes in annually and performs a performance review regarding procedures for CDL drivers. There were no findings for Michigan. There are still some old files from years ago which need to be cleaned up.

The comment period is over regarding the proposed rule for minimum training requirements for CDL drivers.

Mr. Walt Heinritzi – No report

B. Financial Report – Mr. Spencer Simmons

Mr. Simmons reviewed the most recent financial report through August 24, 2016 including revenue and expenditure projections, UCR and carryforward monies.

C. Enforcement Grant Activity Report – Capt. Mike Krumm, MSP, Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division

Captain Krumm reported that all objectives are in line to be met this quarter.

D. Enforcement Grant Activity Report- Mr. Al Newell – Michigan Center for Truck Safety

Mr. Newell reported that all objectives have been met with the exception of the Driver Measurement. There was no experience from the past to base this objective on. They have been getting good

responses to simulator demos. Recently in St. Ignace, people waited in line to demo the truck simulator. It is scheduled for an event every day until December. Dr. Blower echoed the comments around the simulator demos and training. Mr. Kotynski from Ryder Trucks commented that the skid pad was good training for his drivers.

PRESENTATIONS

Dr. Blower commented that he believes presentations during each meeting are very informative and asked for suggestions for future presentations.

Mr. Prince indicated there will be a DRE presentation during the November meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

A. Review and Approval of the 2016/2017 Education Grant

Mr. Newell reviewed the eight goals and objectives they have set in place for the next grant cycle. These include hosting training on driver fatigue; increasing their social media presence, and hosting outreach seminars to name a few. There was brief discussion regarding the maintenance warranty for the simulator. Mr. Yungfer made a **MOTION** to approve the MCTS Education Grant as presented, Ms. Conklin supported. Following roll call vote, the **MOTION** carried.

Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Blower		Heinritzi	Moser
Yungfer			Ramels
Bueter			
Conklin			
Goller			
Krumm			
O'Brien			
Prince			

B. Review and Approval of the 2016/2017 Enforcement Grant

Captain Krumm reviewed the objectives they have set in place for the next grant cycle. These include dedicating 11,000 regular hours to conduct STET operations, continuing to support the Drive to Zero campaign and partially funding a Motor Carrier Recruit school in FY 2017.

Mr. Heinritzi made a **MOTION** to approve the CVED grant as presented, Mr. Yungfer supported. The **MOTION** carries,

Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Blower		Krumm	Moser
Yungfer			Ramels
Bueter			
Conklin			
Goller			
Heinritzi			
O'Brien			
Prince			

C. RFP Process for hosting the MI Center for Truck Safety Grant

Mr. Prince explained that the last RFP to host the education projects was sent out approximately 5 years ago. During the previous meeting, this was extended for one more year. OHSP will put together a package to send out in next few weeks to the RFP Committee. Once proposal responses are received, the RFP committee will review and forward their recommendation to the Commissioners for final approval during the March 2017 meeting. Dr. Blower requested volunteers for the RFP Committee. Those will include Dr. Blower, Mr. O'Brien, Ms. Conklin, Captain Krumm and Mr. Bueter. Mr. Simmons would be a non-voting technical advisor member.

- D. Election of MTSC Chair/Vice Chair – 2016-2018
Mr. Prince nominated Dr. Blower and Mr. Yungfer for another term as Chair/Vice Chair respectively. Mr. Heinritzi made **MOTION** to approve, Mr. Bueter supported. The **MOTION** carries.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Updates on Skid Pad project
Mr. Prince discussed the meeting with DTMB representatives which he and Mr. Yungfer participated in recently. DTMB believes they can find some land out near the State Secondary complex. Before they draw up plans, etc., they want to determine the degree of intent by the MTSC.

More recently, Mr. Heinritzi, Captain Krumm, Dr. Blower and Mr. Prince met with John Maddox, Director of American Center for Mobility. An area of the property has been identified which would fit the MTSC requirements for a skid pad and any buildings necessary. It would fit the public image which Mr. Maddox's company is looking for and the test facilities they are looking for. The legal ramifications are they are a non-profit. So there are only certain organizations they can make contract with. Construction of the pad could be upwards of 5 million dollars and this does not include any storage buildings for the equipment. It would be necessary to have a separate entrance as well. Dr. Blower is hoping we can partner with them to help bring construction costs down.

Mr. Yungfer believes the MTSC should move forward with exploring the DTMB plan. It would be necessary to find out what the costs/constraints would be and it would also be necessary to find realistic sources of funding and how to secure those funding sources for a project such as this.

Dr. Blower would like to meet with DTMB to further discuss this idea. Janet will schedule a meeting for Mr. Prince, Mr. Yungfer and Dr. Blower.

Dr. Blower would also like to stand up a committee to come up with funding opportunities. That group will include himself, Mr. Prince, Mr. O'Brien, Ms. Conklin and Mr. Heinritzi. They will get together and brainstorm on some funding opportunities for this project.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the MTSC is scheduled for Wednesday, November 2, 2016.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.