



STATE OF MICHIGAN

GOVERNOR'S TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMISSION
LANSING

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MICHAEL L. PRINCE
CHAIRPERSON

Horatio S. Earle Learning Center
Friday, October 28, 2011
8:30 a.m.

MEETING MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT	REPRESENTING
Sheriff Allen Byam	Local Representative (Michigan Sheriffs Association)
Ms. Anne Corgan	Secretary of State
Mr. Lawrence Hummel	Local Representative (Van Buren County Road Commission and the County Road Association of Michigan)
Capt. Kari Kusmierz	Michigan Department of State Police
Mr. Kevin McNeilly	Governor's Office
Ms. Tari Muniz	Office of Services to the Aging
Mr. Michael Prince (Chair)	Office of Highway Safety Planning
Ms. Linda Scapetta	Michigan Department of Community Health
Chief David Stamm	Local Representative (Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police)
Mr. Randy VanPortfliet	Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT)

MEMBERS ABSENT	REPRESENTING
Mr. Kenneth Micklash	Michigan Department of Education

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

GUESTS	REPRESENTING
Ms. Kathy Farnum	OHSP
Ms. Tracie Leix	MDOT
Ms. Ramona Putnam	MDOS
Sgt. Brody Boucher	Michigan Department of State Police
Sgt. Michele Hernandez	Michigan Department of State Police
Mr. Mark Bott	Michigan Department of Transportation
Mr. Bob Felt	Michigan Department of Transportation
Ms. Kim Lariviere	Michigan Department of Transportation
Mr. Jim Santilli	TIA
Ms. Marie Hansen	Michigan Alcohol Policy
Mr. Jeff Baydeck	OPUS
Ms. Katy Gonzales	Michigan Department of Community Health
Mr. Dave Morena	FHWA
Mr. Pat Muinch	FMCSA
Ms. Jill Skutar	Michigan Center for Truck Safety

Michael L. Prince, Chair, Office of Highway Safety Planning • Kevin McNeilly, Governor's Office • Anne Corgan, Department of State • Randy VanPortfliet, Department of Transportation • Linda Scapetta, Department of Community Health • Kenneth Micklash, Department of Education • Capt. Harold Love, Department of State Police • Tari Muniz, 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. Self-introductions of those attending today's meeting was made. He also welcomed the new commission members, Mr. McNeilly - Governors Office, Mr. VanPortfliet - MDOT, Ms. Muniz - Office of Services to the Aging and Capt. Kusmierz - Michigan Department of State Police.

PUBLIC COMMENT/ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Hummel made a **MOTION** to approve the minutes of the August 26, 2011, meeting. Chief Stamm supported. The **MOTION** carries.

STANDING REPORTS **Commissioner Reports**

Secretary of State – Ms. Anne Corgan

Since the Department of Education's Stop Arm survey this past spring, the Secretary of State's office is making revisions to the "What Every Driver Must Know" booklet addressing the stop arm on school buses. There is some confusion as to what drivers are to do when red lights are flashing and the stop arm is down on school buses.

Secretary Johnson is looking at an election reform package and has been traveling around the state discussing this. The Express SOS project is online and will allow residents to renew or replace their driver's licenses, renew plates, update addresses, etc. There was brief discussion regarding the mobile Secretary of State office. Since it is now a truck/trailer, it can get to locations with more ease to allow more transactions. In years past, the mobile SOS was a large trailer.

Local Representative – Chief David Stamm

There continues to be concern on the west side of the state regarding speed limits. The question seems to be does the data support the amount of accidents on that side of the state. Mr. Prince mentioned that OHSP can assist any organization needing data regarding speed-related crashes.

Chief Stamm thanked OHSP for hosting the first DRE program in the state of Michigan. Because DDACTS and DRE are national programs, they are working on getting them up and running in their area.

Local Representative - Sheriff Al Byam

Budgets are down in all aspects of law enforcement. The Albion DPS just received a reduction of 5 which will take them to 16 in their public safety department.

This past week Mr. Terry Jungel and Sheriff Mike Oltersdorf from Leelanau County attended the Michigan School Districts conference in Traverse City and discussed the STOPPED (SHERIFF'S TELLING OUR PARENTS AND PROMOTING EDUCATED DRIVERS) program with school board members represented there. The Michigan Sheriff's Association recently partnered with the

Secretary of State to give out awards for this program. Secretary of State Johnson attended as presenter as well.

Calhoun County officials are working with MSP officials regarding the new MSP facility to be built in their county. It will house the MSP post, Calhoun County Sheriff's Office, Marshall PD and other agencies.

Michigan Department of Community Health – Ms. Linda Scapetta

September 18-24 was National Child Passenger Safety Week. SafeKids USA along with General Motors hosted a multi-day event at EPCOT center Disney World. Children were assessed for size, height and weight and a customized printout was generated for parents to take home to use to assist them with their child's safety seat.

The Teen Driver program is working with the UMTRI to promote their Check Points Program to help parents set and reinforce limits on high risk driving conditions for new teen drivers.

MDCH continues to assist in the roll out saferdrivingforteens.org in phases. This will continue until February 2012. They are working with the driving schools, state police, Secretary of State and others.

Local Representative – Mr. Larry Hummel

Van Buren County Road Commission will be ready by late October/early November for the upcoming winter snow and ice events. They are going into schools and talking about the plow trucks and safety while waiting for the bus or walking home from school.

Many of the current projects are being wrapped up or will be discontinued for 2011.

Michigan Department of Transportation – Mr. Randy VanPortfliet

The GLRTOC (Great Lakes Regional Transportation Operations Coalition) is a consortium of neighboring states that is looking at the U.S. 2 corridor from Toronto to Minnesota and to improve travel reliability, safety, etc. On November 7, they will have their first meeting bringing all of the representatives together in one room to further discuss their findings.

It was just announced that Manistique has received a \$260,000 grant to repair the sidewalks as part of the "Safe Routes to School" program.

Governor's Representative – Mr. Kevin McNeilly

Mr. McNeilly is working with MITA (Michigan Infrastructure Transportation Association) regarding what can be done to improve roads and make them safer. They work a lot with the message boards that are placed along the major highways regarding the time it takes to go through construction zones. They are also trying to establish a policy where when signs are being placed along the roads, the staff stays in or close to the trucks to avoid injuries.

Office of Services to the Aging – Ms. Tari Muniz

They continue to administer programs in an effort to keep the elderly drivers safe. There are agencies that are doing testing on drivers who are no longer able to drive as a result of age such to determine what their options are such as access to public transportation, etc.

Department of State Police – Capt. Kari Kasmierz

The regional policing plan has begun and continues to go forward.

Traffic Services Section has been relocated to the Training Division effective October 1, 2011. The Precision Driving Unit will now be part of Traffic Services Section. It has been a good fit thus far.

The Precision Driving Unit completed the Police Vehicle Evaluation in September. The MSP Training Academy participated in the 2011 Police Tire Evaluation in June. Datamaster and SFST Refresher Training is beginning on November 14.

Office of Highway Safety Planning – Mr. Michael Prince

Thank you to Mr. Jim Santilli for a meeting which he set up with Ford Motor Company. The meeting allowed Mr. Santilli and Mr. Prince to meet with Ford Motor Company representatives and to have a hands-on demo with the “Smart” vehicle.

The GTSAC should have received information on the Traffic Safety Summit, to be held on March 20-22, 2012. OHSP sponsors the members to attend this event. On March 21, the Governors Traffic Safety Awards lunch is held. Last year, Governor Snyder attended this event so it is hoped that he is able to attend again in 2012.

The Labor Day DUI Crackdown was significant this year with 11 fatalities over the Labor Day Holiday compared to 21 in 2010. The Crackdown was held from August 19 – Sept 5 and over 200 law enforcement participated.

The Electronic Crash, Capture and Submission grant program is in its 5th year. This program provides a grant to law enforcement which will enable them to send their crash reports electronically. When the program started approximately 2.6% of the reports were submitted electronically. At the end of this year, approximately 75% of law enforcement agencies will be submitting electronically.

The DRE School is now taking applications for the 2012 school. It will be the 2nd year of the program and is scheduled to begin in January 2012.

Strive for a Safer Drive – This is a new program which OHSP is partnering with Ford Motor Corporation and AAA of Michigan. The top 11 counties in Michigan with teen fatalities and injuries were chosen. Schools will receive \$2,000 to conduct a teen driver safety campaign in their school. They will then submit a report about their campaign. A panel will review each report and the winning school receives a Teen Driving event with Ford Motor Corporation at their school. The deadline for submission has been extended to November 11.

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 ITEM

2012 Proposed GTSAC meeting schedule

This proposed schedule was sent to the members in advance of today’s meeting. Hearing no objections, Sheriff Byam made a **MOTION** to approve the 2012 GTSAC meeting schedule, Ms. Muniz supported. The **MOTION** carries.

PRESENTATIONS

SHSP Revision Update – Ms. Kathy Farnum/ Ms. Kim Lariviere

Request for Proposals (RFPs) were sent to universities and non-profits to assist OHSP with this project. OHSP received three proposals and a review committee chose Wayne State University for

the project. Michigan is the pilot state for the Federal Highway Administration's Evaluation Process Model. Kim/Kathy visited Washington D.C. to learn what the expectations are of the state participation. The purpose of this is to provide tools to build on the strengths and successes of the SHSP. This is a three-month process with 10 states participating. Wayne State will do some work on the Evaluation Planning portion, but OHSP will focus on the Performance Evaluation portion. There will be four planning sessions around the state with many opportunities for participation and to provide input. Representatives from Wayne State University will make a presentation at the December GTSAC meeting. The finished product will come to the GTSAC for approval before it is presented to the Governor.

Liquor Control Advisory Rules Committee – Ms. Katy Gonzales, MDCH

Ms. Gonzales discussed binge drinking and impaired driving in Michigan, who does it, age group, gender, income, where the episodes occur, etc.

There are 21 members on this committee from industry, retail, legal, state and public safety. The Liquor Control Advisory Rule Committee wants to help business growth and job creation and will identify obsolete rules and regulations, but their decisions could impact public safety and the citizens of Michigan. Many regulations have been stripped away already. One concern is this committee's recommendations are more oriented to helping business. It may be appropriate at some point that the GTSAC weigh in on this topic and to provide input and recommendations in the future.

Michigan Wrong-Way Freeway Crashes – Ms. Tracie Leix, MDOT

This data is based on crashes where a vehicle enters a highway going the wrong way. It did not include vehicles that lost control and crossed the median going in the wrong direction. MDOT officials looked at crashes that were indicated on the UD-10 report and found 228 crashes in 5 years. Different types of crashes, by severity, lighting conditions, time of day, impaired driving, types of highways, cloverleaf, partial cloverleaf, etc were all taken into consideration when developing this data. There are some locations where there seems to be higher incidences of crashes so at some time an audit may be performed of those locations. Some countermeasures that MDOT is looking at include lowering sign heights at ramps where there are more crashes, and a reflective sheeting to the light posts, placement of stop bars, etc. MDOT wants to approach this in a systematic way.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS

Mr. Pat Munich noted that Michigan recently received two grants relating to commercial vehicles. One is for a seat-belt observation survey of commercial vehicles and the other is called the TACT Grant (Ticketing Aggressive Cars around Trucks). This latter program focuses on aggressive/dangerous driving around commercial vehicles such as improper lane changes, following too closely and others. The first year of the program will be a TACT Readiness Project to prepare for what is hoped will be a full TACT enforcement campaign the following year.

The Institute of Transportation Engineers of Michigan is having a one-day conference on November 10 in Howell, Michigan.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, December 9, 2011 at the Horatio S. Earle Learning Center.
