

MICHIGAN TRUCK SAFETY COMMISSION **MTSC**

November 2, 2011
Meeting Minutes

Commissioners Present

Mr. Fred Bueter, Chair
Mr. Walter Heinritz, Vice Chair
Capt. Harold Love
Mr. Dave Goller
Dr. Dan Blower
Mr. Ken Houck
Mr. Charles Moser
Mr. Tom O'Brien
Mr. Mike Prince
Mr. Robert Ramels

Commissioners Absent

Mr. David Zick

Guests

Ms. Jill Skutar, MCTS
Ms. Lacie Latimore, MPSC
Mr. Dan Blair, MPSC
Mr. Pat Muinch, FMCSA
Mr. Kirk Forbes, MPSC
Sgt. Sue Fries, MSP

OHSP Staff

Ms. Kathy Farnum
Ms. Janet Hengesbach
Ms. Kim Kelly

CALL TO ORDER

The MTSC meeting was called to order by Mr. Fred Bueter, Chair, at 9:00 a.m.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Mr. Bueter welcomed the new commissioners. He also thanked the previous commissioners for their service to the MTSC. Mr. O'Brien has been reappointed for another term on the Commission. Self introductions were made of those present today.

In recognition and appreciation for her years of service, Mr. Bueter presented Dr. Jackie El-Sayed with a commemorative clock. Dr. El-Sayed thanked the members present and reflected back on her years with the Commission.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A **MOTION** to accept the minutes of the September 14, 2011 meeting was made by Mr. Prince and supported by Dr. Blower. The **MOTION** carries.

STANDING REPORTS

Chair's Report – Mr. Bueter

The Secretary of State will be placing new federal requirements for truck drivers on line in January 2012. Also, starting in January, the CDL drivers are to present their medical credentials and certify if they are in-state or out-of-state drivers. This can be done on line, by fax, or at a SOS branch and needs to be updated every two years.

The Senate Transportation Commission was looking for a \$10.00 fee increase on CDL license fees to offset the programming and data entry. It passed house and senate, but was removed at the last minute.

Mr. Bueter also attended the House Appropriation General Government Subcommittee regarding the proposed \$10.00 increase seeking support via another bill. At this session a counter proposal was also made by a Representative to modify the amount of funding that the Secretary of State directs to the Truck Safety Fund. Mr. Bueter noted that \$15.00 of a CMV plate currently goes to the Truck Safety Fund which totals approximately \$1.8 million dollars. He is not sure where the Appropriation Subcommittee is going to go with this but no action has been taken thus far.

(Captain Love arrived at 9:15 a.m.)

Financial Report – Ms. Kim Kelly

Ms. Kelly presented an overview of the financial statement as of October 31, 2011. These are the final numbers for the year, but there could be some minor adjustments as the state is still closing out their books for the fiscal year. She does not know at this juncture what the revenue will be for the fiscal year; overall, the revenue is up from this time last year. There was inquiry regarding the carry forward monies, most of those are from when the MTSC was first established.

Education Grant Activity Report – Ms. Jill Skutar

Ms. Skutar gave a report highlighting the recent activities and accomplishments of the Center. She indicated there are at least 20% increases in the goals identified. She noted that the Center for Truck Safety staff have been out visiting with the public and hosting sessions, etc. She expects good things for the next year.

Ms. Skutar also briefly discussed the symposium scheduled for February 14-15, 2012. There are sessions for company officials, safety officials, small companies, as well as new drivers, student drivers, etc. The Annual Safety Awards Banquet will be held during this time as well.

Enforcement Grant Activity Report – Sgt. Sue Fries

Sgt. Fries discussed their objectives for this year. One of those objectives was to conduct Special Transportation Enforcement Team (STET) operations. STET operations were set up in the high crash areas in each district. The other objective for FY 11 was to publish the Commercial Vehicle Quarterly. This publication contains information which addresses new laws, regulations, enforcement, including identifying problem crash areas so locals can identify those as well. For FY12, three additional objectives were added including Commercial Vehicle awareness for locals, a Distracted Driving enforcement program which will be implemented in all districts and distribution of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration Regulations to all judges and magistrates.

ACTION ITEMS

a. 2012 Proposed MTSC Meeting schedule

Mr. Goller indicated that he has a conflict with two of the meetings in 2012. Otherwise, the Commissioners are in agreement with the proposed meeting schedule.

b. TACT Grant Approval

TACT (Ticketing Aggressive Cars and Trucks) Readiness Grant will assist with the pre-implementation and planning phase of conducting a TACT program. The primary purpose of this grant will be to hire a contractor to conduct research into the traffic crash data surrounding crashes and unsafe violations committed by both passenger and commercial motor vehicles. This information is important since it will drive the enforcement, communication, and evaluation components required for implementing a TACT program in Michigan.

Because there is 20% match of truck safety funds for this grant, it is important the Truck Commission review and approves this request.

Roll call vote was taken.

YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Bueter		Blower	Zick
Heinritzi			
Ramels			
Houck			
O'Brien			
Goller			
Prince			
Moser			
Love			

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

c. CMV Grant Approval

The CMV Direct Observation Grant is to conduct a direct observation of safety belt use by commercial motor vehicle operators. This is a statistical look at population and high traffic areas, including certain intersections and highways.

Again, because Truck Safety monies are being used as 20% match, the Commissioners need to review and approve this grant request.

Roll call vote was taken.

YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Bueter			Zick
Heinritzi			
Ramels			
Houck			
O'Brien			
Goller			
Prince			
Blower			
Moser			
Love			

The **MOTION** carried by roll call Vote.

PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS

a. CMV Data Analysis

Ms. Charlotte Kilvington presented information regarding CMV crash analysis. The idea is to reduce the number of commercial truck crashes and fatal truck crashes.

There were many variables examined when determining this data, lighting, intersections, crash type, night-time, passenger-data, etc. She looked through many UD-10's as this document is used by law enforcement at the time of a crash to describe all of the variables involved such as what type of crash, passenger info, etc. Charlotte went on to review examples of different crashes during different types of weather, intersections, time of day, etc. Janet will forward this presentation to the Commissioners following today's meeting.

Mr. Bueter briefly discussed the 2011 MTSC Annual Report. Mr. Prince pointed out that the crash data contained in the report is the most recent data available and also the carry forward balance is not yet finalized, so there could be a minor change in the final amount.

This report will be forwarded to the Legislature on November 15. It will be delivered via e-mail as to allow for savings so the reports will be printed. It will be placed on the MTSC web site in color this year.

Dr. Blower made a **MOTION** to approve the report, Mr. O'Brien supported. The **MOTION** carries.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The Motor Carrier School is graduating its current class on Wednesday, November 23, 2011. If any of the Commissioners would like to attend, they are to contact Captain Love for information.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:47 a.m.

The next meeting of the MTSC is scheduled for Wednesday, March 14, 2012.