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GOVERNOR'S TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMISSION
LANSING

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GOVERNOR

MICHAEL L. PRINCE
CHAIR

Horatio S. Earle Learning Center
Tuesday December 11, 2012
9:00 a.m.

MEETING MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT	REPRESENTING
Sheriff Al Byam	Local Representative (Michigan Sheriffs Association)
Lawrence Hummel	Local Representative (Van Buren County Road Commission and the County Road Association of Michigan)
F/Lt. Thad Peterson (Alternate)	Michigan Department of State Police (MSP)
Kenneth Micklash	Michigan Department of Education (MDE)
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)
Linda Scarpetta	Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH)
Chief David Stamm	Local Representative (Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police)
Randy VanPortfliet (by conference bridge)	Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT)

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)
Tpr. Amy Dehner	Michigan State Police
Pat Muinch	Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA)
Patrick Bowman	UMTRI
Dr. Dan Lee	MSU
Carol Reagan	Michigan Department of State (MDOS)
Mark Bott	Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT)
Angie Kramer	Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT)
Deirdre 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)

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. Self-introductions were made.

- Michael L. Prince, Chair, Office of Highway Safety Planning • Vacant, Governor's Office • Ramona Putnam, Department of State •
- Randy VanPortfliet, Department of Transportation • Linda Scarpetta, Department of Community Health • Kenneth Micklash, Department of Education
- Capt. Kari Kusmierz, 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

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Micklash made a **MOTION** to approve the minutes of the September 11, 2012 meeting. Ms. Scarpetta supported. The **MOTION** carried.

In recognition of his retirement from the Calhoun County Sheriff Department and the GTSAC, a certificate of appreciation was presented to Sheriff Al Byam. Sheriff Byam thanked everyone for their support through the years.

Chair Prince reported there are two vacancies currently on the GTSAC. Hopefully, these positions will be filled by the March 2013 meeting. He also inquired of the members present, if they have any concerns with the meeting schedule of GTSAC and the new meeting date and time.

STANDING REPORTS

Commissioner Reports

Michigan Department of Education – Mr. Ken Micklash

Mr. Micklash reported that in October 2013, Michigan will be host of the National Association of Pupil Transportation workshop/conference in Grand Rapids. Many of the presentations from last year regarding pupil transportation may be presented during this conference.

Local Representative – Chief David Stamm

Chief Stamm reported the MACP conference is scheduled for February 6-8, 2013. He also noted that he attended the recent DDACTs seminar hosted by OHSP. He felt it was well attended and very interesting.

Chair Prince noted that OHSP recently hosted the DDACTs conference with Ms. Alicia Sledge as the coordinator. Ms. Sledge noted there is a high degree of interest regarding this program. She also reported the instructors that present at this conference are from around the United States. They are impressed with the work that the state of Michigan has done with this program. The agencies that attend the Michigan conference are well versed and ready to start the project in their jurisdiction.

Michigan Department of Community Health – Ms. Linda Scarpetta

Ms. Scarpetta noted that the University of Michigan received funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for an Injury Control Research Center. This project is moving forward and will be funded for five years. MDCH is working with the Injury Center to plan a statewide injury conference in the fall of 2013 and will include involvement of other states from the U.S. Public Health Service Region 5.

Local Representative – Mr. Larry Hummel

Mr. Hummel again thanked the Southwest and South Central TSC Chairs/Vice Chairs for another informative and well attended meeting. He reported the Road Commission is working with state of Michigan to get prepared for winter operations. The County Engineers workshop will be held on February 12, 2013 and Annual CRAM meeting will be held March 5-7, 2013 in Lansing.

Office of Services to the Aging – Ms. Tari Muniz

Ms. Muniz thanked everyone for the opportunity to participate on the GTSAC awards committee. She also confirmed that her organization supports the SHSP that will be voted on later in this meeting.

Michigan Department of State – Ms. Ramona Putnam

Ms. Putnam reported that the Department of State will be rolling out a new standard license plate. Early next year the current blue bar plates will be discontinued in favor of a Pure Michigan design. The SOS is also working on legislation that would apply a set lifespan for all passenger plates to remove rusted or faded plates from circulation.

The Department is working to adopt program efficiency changes to the Basic Driver Improvement Course within a Vehicle Code bill moving in the Senate. House Bill 5841 would modify eligibility requirements, allow the SOS to revoke a sponsor's approved status and expand approved sponsor requirements, to include obtaining a \$20,000 security bond. It sets a minimum 4 hours of instruction as well. This is also new language being worked into the same bill pertaining to CDL cell phone ban that would codify the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration rule as a specific offense in Michigan law, effective with the CDL texting ban in October of 2013.

During the September Commission meeting, it was reported that approximately one third (120,000) of Michigan's 300,000 drivers with active commercial driver's license status had presented their self-certification information to the SOS as required by no later than January of 2014. As of last week, that number is now over 62%, or nearly 187,000 drivers being compliant. Additionally as of this week, information about the self-certification and medical certification status of CDL holders is now being added to their driving records. New fields will show which type of commercial vehicle operation drivers selected when self-certifying and any CDL medical restrictions. Additionally the Department is supporting legislation embodied in HB 5936 that will allow recently returned military personnel seeking a CDL to be exempt from the CDL skills test requirement.

Senate Bill 1369 passed the Senate last week. This bill would allow for individuals with any existing Driver Responsibility Fee assessment for a now eliminated former DRF offense (prior to October 1, 2012) to utilize community service in lieu of payment. The Secretary of State will be approving those community service programs, and the courts will grant the individuals request to participate. At the end of 6 months, the court will notify the Department of Treasury of the person's completion or failure to complete the community service.

Tie-barred Senate Bills 402 and 403 were ordered enrolled recently. These bills would allow but not require a physician or optometrist to report to the Secretary of State a patient's mental and physical qualifications to operate a motor vehicle. If they report, they must recommend a period of license suspension, and would be immune from criminal or civil liability. SB 403 allows for the report and recommendation to be considered confidentially in a reexamination regarding the applicant's qualifications to operate a motor vehicle.

This past Fall, the Department of State was the 19th state to contract with Motor Vehicle Network for digital communication services in the 131 branch offices. MVN is a communication services provider that works with DMV offices across the country and is seen by millions of citizens who visit those offices. They use propriety software and a digitally advanced visual format viewed on high definition televisions. The format is different from the Digital 10 system that many people are familiar with, although it does not include sound, therefore traditional PSAs are not possible, however, video clips can be utilized with accompanying text. MVN provides segments including local news updates, live traffic reports, weather reports, automotive tips and trivia. The amount of time allotted for state content is flexible and provided at no cost to SOS and its partnering agencies. In early 2013, they will be providing additional information to their partners including the process for submitting content as well as creative requirements such as image and video resolution specifications.

The Department of State has received new shipment of What Ever Driver Must Know publication. Some highlights of the revisions include changes regarding traffic control devices, driving in intersections and the motorcycle helmet law

Local Representative – Sheriff Al Byam

Sheriff Byam thanked Chair Prince for his support through the years regarding the Secondary Road Patrol.

He briefly discussed a program in which Calhoun County and others would partner with the IRS. This would allow them to monitor the interstate highways for large drug seizures. This partnership would pay for overtime for officers to monitor the interstates which would add officers to the roads.

There will be 16 new sheriffs effective in 2013 with three of those having no Law enforcement background.

The Michigan Car/Deer crash coalition continues to do its part for traffic safety. They would be interested in anyone who would like to volunteer.

Michigan State Police – F/Lt. Thad Peterson

F/Lieutenant Peterson reported on an electronic stability control option which is available on the newer cars. The MSP Precision Driving Unit tested cars with this option and found that it has contributed to reduction in crashes. They found out while testing the cars, it is significantly more difficult to end a chase by using PIT maneuvers with an electronic stability control vehicle.

Michigan Department of Transportation – Mr. Randy VanPortfliet (by conference bridge)

Mr. VanPortfliet deferred his report to Mr. Mark Bott.

Mr. Bott reported the American Transportation Research Institute has released a Truck Overturn Study. This organization investigated the top intersections in 31 states where trucks are involved in crashes and has encouraged states and agencies to look at these intersections. The MDOT safety staff looked at 10 years of crash data and tried to compare a common cause. They noted high speed as the top cause for crashes.

MDOT officials were contacted by the Bay Mills Indian Community to look at traffic safety in these areas of the state. It has been a long-time concern for MDOT regarding traffic safety in the Indian communities.

Office of Highway Safety Planning – Mr. Michael Prince

Labor Day Mobilization Results

Law enforcement from 160 agencies representing 26 counties took part in the Labor Day mobilization which began August 16 and ran through Labor Day. Officers made 10,855 traffic stops resulting in 283 arrests for drunk driving which includes 52 drivers arrested for a blood alcohol content (BAC) of .17 or higher under Michigan's High BAC Law. This year's crackdown also included seat belt enforcement during which officers issued 3,246 seat belt and child restraint citations. In addition, officers made 65 drug-related arrests, 133 other alcohol-related arrests, issued 702 speeding citations, and cited 590 uninsured motorists.

Holiday DUI Enforcement

Law enforcement officers in 22 counties will participate in OHSP-funded DUI patrols December 27 through January 1, coinciding with the New Year's holiday. Officers from local police departments, sheriff's offices, and the Michigan State Police will take part. They will be focusing their efforts on when the greatest number of fatal and serious injury crashes involving alcohol occurs in their specific area.

Law Enforcement Conferences

OHSP hosted Traffic Enforcement Training Conferences in Lansing and Marquette in September. The three-day events provided training to nearly 250 law enforcement officers about conducting complete traffic stops, officer safety, legal issues, portable meth labs, and commercial motor vehicle enforcement. The purpose of the conferences was to offer information that will benefit officers in their everyday duties while patrolling Michigan roadways. Attendees provided feedback via evaluations that the training was beneficial to their traffic enforcement efforts.

U.P. Winter Driving Campaign

Paid advertising began on TV and radio following the November election messaging. A news event took place in Marquette in conjunction with the launch of the TV ad campaign on November 13 at the 8th District in Marquette. There was a very good turnout and a good response to the new ad.

DDACTS

OHSP hosted a DDACTS training workshop in Lansing on November 27-29. Representatives from the Michigan State Police - Metro Post, Flint Post, and 3rd District, Grand Blanc Township, Flint, Portage Police Department, Royal Oak, Port Huron, Wyoming, Troy and Michigan State University.

OHSP is planning a survey of all agencies that have attended DDACTS training to determine which agencies have followed through on implementing DDACTS within their agency.

OHSP is also exploring the possibility of hosting another DDACTS class next year.

DRE Class

A Drug Recognition Expert Instructor Development Class will take place at the MSP Training Academy on January 7 in preparation for moving some of the experienced DREs into roles as instructors for the DRE course at the end of January. After two weeks in the classroom, this group will be sent to Arizona in February for a full week of training in the Maricopa County Jail. For the first time, participant prosecutors will travel to Arizona for hands-on experience in evaluating drug-impaired drivers

UMTRI Pilot

OHSP is piloting a project with the University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute for a part-time statistician to be housed at OHSP on a part-time basis. The statistician will provide assistance with the traffic crash data analysis needs for the office in the areas of planning, evaluation, and ad-hoc requests for analysis on traffic safety issues.

Patrick Bowman is the statistician who will be working with our office. He performs statistical analyses and supports XML schema development for the Center for the Management of Information for Safe and Sustainable Transportation (CMISST) at UMTRI. As part of CMISST, he is working to find new ways to use motor vehicle crash data in combination with other types of data, such as injury data, for innovative research. He holds a Master's Degree in Biostatistics and a Bachelor's Degree in Biology from Grand Valley State University. He is also a member of the National Statistics Honorary Society Mu Sigma Rho.

Michigan Traffic Crash Facts Website

The Michigan Traffic Crash Facts (MTCF) Web site was recently selected as the winner of the Best Traffic Records Web Page award by the Association of Transportation Safety Information Professionals. The site, collaboration between the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning and the University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute, was honored at the annual Traffic Records Forum in October. In addition, the home page of the MTCF site was recently redesigned to provide a new look and feel while helping users more easily locate crash data. Additional improvements coming to the Web site will include allowing map overlays and customizing geographical boundaries by drawing on the map itself.

Legislative Summary – Tpr. Amy Dehner - MSP

Tpr. Dehner reviewed recent legislation relating to current traffic safety issues. A copy of the prepared summary will be posted on the GTSAC Web site.

Chair Prince briefly discussed a letter which has been drafted and based on approval of the GTSAC will be forwarded to the Governor in support of Kelsey's Law. This law would prohibit a level 1 and 2 driver from using a cell phone while driving.

Sheriff Byam made a **MOTION** to forward this letter to the Governor, Chief Stamm supported. The **MOTION** carries. This letter will be sent to the Governor's office tomorrow.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of Proposed GTSAC Meeting Dates – Chair Prince

Members were presented the dates for 2013 GTSAC Meetings. The meetings will be held in the same location and begin at the same time as the 2012 meetings. There were no objections to these dates. The information will be posted on the GTSAC website and sent out via ListServ.

GTSAC Award Nominations – Ms. Janet Hengesbach

In the absence of Ms. Kindraka, Ms. Hengesbach presented the Award Nominations to the Committee members. Mr. Hummel made a **MOTION** to approve these nominations, Ms. Putnam supported. The **MOTION** carries. Letters will be sent out to the award winners advising them of their nomination.

Aging Driver Guidebook – Ms. Kim Lariviere

Ms. Lariviere presented a book which the state of Florida publishes for senior citizens. They would like to do a similar version for the state of Michigan. She is requesting the GTSAC logo be used for the Michigan version of this book and would like to have this published in time for the Traffic Safety Summit. Ms. Muniz made a **MOTION** to allow the GTSAC Logo into this book, Mr. Hummel, supported. The **MOTION** carries.

Approval of the SHSP – Ms. Kathy Farnum

The GTSAC has been presented with updates throughout the past year regarding the SHSP. Currently the Plan is in its final stages of being approved. Ms. Farnum noted that comments/suggestions received from the GTSAC are included. Once the Plan is approved, it will then be forwarded to the Governor's Office. Chief Stamm made a **MOTION** to approve the SHSP. Mr. Micklash supported. The **MOTION** carries. Chair Prince thanked Ms. Farnum and Ms. Lariviere for their hard work getting this Plan updated.

PRESENTATIONS

Fatigue and Traffic Safety- Dr. Dan Lee

Dr. Lee reported on statistics, effects, and factors which could be responsible for fatigue driving based on his attendance at the National Transportation Safety Board Training on this topic in November.

FY 2013 OHSP Programming – Mr. Mike Prince

Mr. Prince reported updates in traffic crashes and fatalities along with seat belt use, child passenger restraints, motorcycle safety programs, impaired driving and some new programs to be rolled out in 2013.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

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

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 6, 2013, at the Horatio S. Earle Learning Center.