

MICHIGAN TRUCK SAFETY COMMISSION **MTSC**

March 14, 2017
Meeting Minutes

Commissioners Present

Dr. Dan Blower, Chair
Fred Bueter
Sharon Conklin
Dave Goller
Capt. Mike Krumm
Charles Moser
Tom O'Brien
Michael Prince
Robert Ramels

Commissioners Absent

Tim Yungfer, Vice Chair
Walter Heinritzi

Guests

Lawrence Archer
Ron Edwards
Mary Lynn Fattel
MC Lt. Susan Fries
MC Lt. John Holder
Carissa McQuiston
Pat Muinch
Chuck Simmons
Jill Skutar
John Wallace
Don Willcutt
Michelle Zemla

OHSP Staff

Janet Hengesbach Bawol
Spencer Simmons

ROLL CALL

The Michigan Truck Safety Commission meeting was called to order by Dr. Dan Blower, Chair, at 9:00 a.m.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Self-introductions were made by those present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A **MOTION** to accept the January 17, 2017 minutes was made by Mr. Bob Ramels, and supported by Ms. Sharon Conklin. The **MOTION** carries.

STANDING REPORTS

A. Chairs Report – Dr. Dan Blower

Dr. Blower discussed the 34-hour restart study. The report showed no greater safety levels than those operating under less restrictive hours regulations. Mr. John Wallace from FMCSA indicated that they did not find any safety benefits, so they will only enforce the less restrictive hours of service rule.

The National Academy of Sciences Review of Compliance, Safety and Accountability is looking at the metrics FMCSA uses to identify unsafe motor carriers to determine better ways for safety. Dr. Blower will share and discuss this report when it comes out.

B. Commissioners Perspectives

Sharon Conklin – Private Motor Carriers. Last week the Annual Safe Driver Mechanic and Safety Professional Dinner was held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel with Secretary of State Ruth Johnson as the featured speaker. Very nice event.

Fred Bueter – Michigan Department of State. Mr. Bueter discussed the minimum CDL training requirements for new drivers which goes into effect in 2020. The prospective new drivers must train with a FMCSA approved company and report results electronically to FMCSA which will then be reported to the state system. There is classroom training with approved curriculum and actual road training as other mandatory training components. Certain new endorsements such as hazmat, etc. will also apply.

Capt. Mike Krumm – Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division, Michigan State Police. Captain Krumm reported that the recent Motor Carrier School graduates are doing well. He is hoping there will be another recruit school beginning in August.

Bob Ramels – General Public. No Report

Mike Prince – Office of Highway Safety Planning. Mr. Prince discussed the impaired driving campaign which is scheduled for March 16-29. This goes along with March Madness, Spring Break, and St. Patrick's Day. The campaign is targeted to young males 21-34 ages with the campaign being targeted to sports outlets and digital media outlets to further capture this group.

The Michigan Traffic Safety Summit is scheduled for March 21-23 at the Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center. OHSP anticipates approximately 600 to attend.

Tom O'Brien – Michigan Community Colleges. No report

Dave Goller – Organized Labor. He has developed a program with the Holland Freight company for people trying to get hired to drive CMVs. This will allow people to be trained with no previous experience. The students would then go to Indianapolis for 6 months to one year for more extensive training.

Chuck Moser – Michigan Department of Transportation. No Report

C. Financial Report – Mr. Spencer Simmons - Office of Highway Safety Planning

Mr. Simmons reviewed the most recent financial report through February 28, 2017 including revenue and expenditure projections, UCR and carryforward monies.

D. Enforcement Grant Activity Report – MC Lt. Susan Fries – Michigan State Police

MC Lt. Fries reviewed the first objective where districts are to conduct STET operations. The total STET hours for this quarter are 4,102. Objective 1b is Drive to Save Lives effort. CVED will utilize 750 hours overtime to patrol during peak travel times for this portion of the objective. MC Lieutenant Fries reported they are right on target for this objective. The second objective is to partially fund a Motor Carrier Recruit School in 2017. There is nothing new to report with this objective.

E. Education Grant Activity Report - Mr. Chuck Simmons – Michigan Center for Truck Safety

Mr. Simmons reported that they have set nine goals and currently they are ahead on 4 out of 9 – which are the core goals of the project. They have achieved 46% of the goal regarding the Simulator training, 11% achieved to provide presentations, 23% achieved regarding entrance safety audits, 41% achieved regarding the driver performance measurement and 49% achieved with the national safety council defensive driver training. Regarding the other goals, they are somewhat difficult to manage. They are doing ok with each one at this juncture. He anticipates hitting each goal by the end of the fiscal year.

F. Michigan Center for Decision Driving (Skid Pad) update

Mr. Prince gave a quick update on the planning portion of the Michigan Center for Decision Driving. Commissioners at the last meeting gave approval to go forward with DTMB to look at parcels of property near the state secondary complex for possible development of a skid pad. There is a meeting scheduled for later today to review some detailed information on the planning process and perhaps visit the sites available. The goal is to get a recommendation from DTMB for an optimal site and a plan that would detail any environmental concerns. Dr. Blower indicated that the other proposed property was the American Center for Mobility in Willow Run. It would be a joint venture at this facility which does testing of all autonomous vehicles. They are still interested in a truck skid pad and perhaps see us as part of their portfolio. The difficulty is that this would be an expensive venture.

PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS

A.CVIEW-Plus Demonstration – MC Lt. John Holder – Michigan State Police Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division

MC Lieutenant Holder gave a presentation and explained the new Commercial Vehicle Information Exchange Window (CVIEW) Plus technology used in CVED. It assists officers with focusing enforcement on high-risk motor carriers, and provides officers a real time snapshot of a carriers status among other components. He provided a demo of this program and answered questions following the presentation.

ACTION ITEM

A. Truck Driver Education RFP

One proposal was received at OHSP under this RFP. Dr. Blower felt there were a few minor items to be resolved, mostly clarifications. One item was in regards to “compliance reviews”. Mr. Simmons explained the terminology should be changed, but it is what the MCTS considers a safety audit. This would be a review of programs and documentation. Dr. Blower also inquired about keeping the current staff and wondering if that was enforceable. The intent of this statement was to express the desire to keep the current employees of the MCTS. Mr. Prince indicated that the language was placed in the RFP based on a conversation from last year. The question was raised regarding what would happen to the current staff should the MCTS did not get the bid. They did not want to lose the staff and all of their expertise. So it was added specifically to indicate the staff could come along with the project if it were transferred to another grantee. This is not an effort make them state employees, etc. All employee/employer relationships would remain as is. One last inquiry was about the indirect cost line in the budget. Mr. Prince gave some examples and further explained the indirect cost portion of the grant. The RFP committee has recommended approval by the Commissioners.

Mr. Ramels made a MOTION to approve the RFP submitted, Mr. O'Brien supported.

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

The MOTION carries by voice vote.

B.Approval of 2016-2019 MTSC Strategic Plan

Dr. Blower explained this report was circulated earlier this year. All comments were assembled, and sent to Dr. Kwigizile who then drafted the report and sent it out to the Commissioners. Mr. Ramels said it is difficult to disagree with the information contained in the report. The implementation part is difficult. It drills down to what the MTSC should do – prioritize.

The plan was somewhat based on comments from Commissioners. Dr. Blower feels as though some of the items need to be better explained. One chart in particular which talks about fatigue and distraction - the data quoted in the report does not seem to be clear as it is somewhat misleading. He found the driver survey very helpful.

Dr. Blower recommends this not be approved until the Commissioners are completely satisfied with the contents of the report. Janet Hengesbach Bawol will send the word version of the report to Dr. Blower. Once he makes his suggestions/corrections, it will be circulated around and then back to Dr. Kwigizile for redrafting then back to the Commissioners for possible approval.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Prince reminded everyone present that the Traffic Safety Summit begins next week.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the MTSC is scheduled for Wednesday, May 17, 2017 at the Center for Truck Safety.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.