



STATE OF MICHIGAN

GOVERNOR'S TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMISSION
LANSING

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GOVERNOR

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CHAIR

**Horatio S. Earle Learning Center
Tuesday, June 5, 2018
9:00 a.m.
MEETING MINUTES**

MEMBERS PRESENT	REPRESENTING
Jennifer Shea	Governor's Office
Sheriff Matt Saxton	Local Representative
Chief Ron Wiles	Local Representative
Michael Prince (Chair)	Office of Highway Safety Planning (OHSP)
Carol Reagan	Michigan Department of State (MDOS)
F/Lt. Jim Flegel	Michigan Department of State Police (MSP)
Tari Muniz	Aging and Adult Services Agency (AASA)
MEMBERS ABSENT	REPRESENTING
Lawrence Hummel	Local Representative
Kim Avery	Michigan Department of Transportation
Kenneth Micklash	Department of Education
Linda Scarpetta	Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS)
STAFF SUPPORT	REPRESENTING
Mallory Fox	Office of Highway Safety Planning (OHSP)

GUESTS	REPRESENTING
Ron Tennant	Grand Rapids Fire Department
Charlotte Kilvington	Office of Highway Safety Planning (OHSP)
Alicia Sledge	Office of Highway Safety Planning (OHSP)
Emily Shinevar	Office of Highway Safety Planning (OHSP)
Brandon Cannon	Michigan Department of State (MDOS)
Bobby Gwizdz	Michigan Department of State (MDOS)
Anne Readett	Office of Highway Safety Planning (OHSP)
Steve Shaughnessy	Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT)
Rachel Telder	Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS)
David Thompson	Lowell Police Department

CALL TO ORDER

The GTSAC meeting was called to order by Chair Michael Prince at 9:02 a.m. A quorum was present for today's meeting.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Mr. Prince welcomed everyone to today's meeting.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Sheriff Saxton made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 5, 2017, GTSAC meeting, F/LT. Jim Flegel supported, the motion carries.

STANDING REPORTS

Legislative Summary

Mike Prince gave a brief update of current activity at the Capitol on items related to the GTSAC.

- Michael L. Prince, Chair, Office of Highway Safety Planning • Jennifer Shea, Governor's Office • Carol Reagan, Department of State • Kimberly Avery, Department of Transportation • Linda Scarpetta, Department of Health and Human Services • Kenneth Micklash, Department of Education • F/Lt. Jim Flegel, Department of State Police • Tari Muniz, Aging and Adult Services Agency
- Lawrence E. Hummel, Local Representative • Chief Ronald Wiles, Local Representative • Sheriff Matt Saxton, Local Representative

Possible vote in legislation today regarding the passing of recreational marijuana use in the State of Michigan. If the legislature passes the bill, then they will only need 1/3 vote to make a change to the law. If it is not put up for a vote in the legislature, it will go to the November ballot and Michigan citizens will make the decision.

GHSA will be hosting a webinar today at 1:00pm covering drugged driving.

Commissioner Reports

Michigan Department of State Police – F/Lt. Jim Flegel

The recruit school which started January 14th is scheduled to graduate on July 12th with 107 recruits. The Traffic Safety Initiative-Operation CARE- has 7 initiatives scheduled for the year: super bowl, St. Patrick's Day, Memorial Weekend, 4th of July, Labor Day Weekend, Thanksgiving, and Lifesavers Weekend. There were 15 fatalities over the Memorial Day Weekend, last year only being 10. It is the highest fatality rate since 2014. Operation CARE has partnered with IECF and includes other local agencies. The State Trooper Project includes 6 states and have proposed 7 campaigns that they will focus on this summer. The states include IN, KY, MI, OH, PE, and WV- they will be focusing on speeding, seat belts, drugs, distracted driving and enforcement and education on the move over law. The CVS Alliance International Road Check will conduct inspections at weigh stations on commercial vehicles and will be targeting I-94 as the crashes have increased 7% in 2017. Aggressive, distracted, and impaired driving will be the focus. The oral fluid program which started on November 8th has been a success thus far in its pilot stage. There are many ARIDE and MI TIME training classes being held in the Lansing area that law enforcement should be aware of.

Governor's Office – Jennifer Shea

In 2018, there have been 9 confirmed child deaths due to hypothermia, though none of those were here in Michigan. Reminder to tell your friends and family to always check the back seat now with the warm weather. Jennifer attended the CPS Conference that was put on by OHSP. The session topics were great and informative, and the attendees all seemed very pleased with the event.

Michigan Department of State - Carol Reagan

With summer coming, large numbers of teens will begin driver education and graduated driver licensing. The Michigan Graduated Driver Licensing Parent Checklist is a free resource intended to assist parents with the multi-step process. Instructions for ordering copies are at www.Michigan.gov/teendriver.

The Michigan Department of State organized a Motorcycle Safety and Education Awareness Planning Committee to recommend how revenue from the new Motorist Awareness and Education Fund will be allocated. The group considered motorcycle crashes involving another motorist and related research and has concluded that drivers age 20 to 29 that do not ride a motorcycle pose the greatest threat to motorcyclists' safety and are involved in the largest number of crashes with motorcyclists. The proposal recommends that focus groups be held with this target audience to determine what will best resonate with them and increase their awareness of motorcycles. The motorcycle safety action team will be given an opportunity to review and provide input on the proposal once it has been cleared by MDOS management.

Secretary of State, Ruth Johnson, held three news events in May for Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month. The theme was "Boomers on Bikes". Crash data shows that "baby boomers" represent the largest demographic of all people involved in motorcycle crashes. Secretary Johnson's final event, as Michigan Secretary of State, was held in Lansing at the Capital.

The MDOS has a new additional sponsor going through the review/approval process for The Parent's Supervised Driving Guide which will bring additional funds to the program and for the development of an Android driving log App. An Apple App has been available for several years. In addition, a new on-line html version is underway.

Through a partnership with the Department of Treasury, Secretary of State branch offices are providing postcards to customers requesting additional information about recent changes to Driver Responsibility Fees. The cards highlight that payment plan and workforce development training options are available to regain driving privileges suspended due to DRF before October 1 and additional information is available at www.Michigan.gov/driverresponsibility.

The MDOS, Traffic Safety Section will be participating at three events in June with traffic safety outreach materials:

- Macomb County Office of Senior Services 29th Annual Senior Fun Festival, June 12, Utica
- Western Michigan University Transportation Research Center for Livable Communities Conference, June 21-22, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo
- Michigan Teen Conference, June 20-21, Saginaw Valley State University

Aging and Adults Services Agency – Tari Muniz

May 16, 2018, was Older Michiganian Day and was a success, having over 1,000 in attendance. Tari introduced Rachel Telder, who will be replacing Ms. Muniz on the Commission.

Local Representative – Sheriff Matt Saxton

Strong position against the recreation marijuana ballot initiative and hoping it won't make the ballot because if it does, fatalities and injuries will go up in Michigan with drugged drivers on the road. The House Bill that will change the tinted window laws will be up for a vote soon and Mr. Saxton hopes that does not go through as it will negatively impact law enforcement ability to monitor distracted driving.

Local Representative – Chief Ronald Wiles

Attended the SHSP Meeting and believed there was great information that was shared, though shocked to see very few law enforcement people at the meeting. As law enforcement is torn in different directions, some agencies across the state have a lack of interest in traffic safety but hopefully that will change soon. There has been a significant increase in the number of ARIDE and SFST trainings in the state of Michigan and reports given out by GHSA seem to correlate directly with what officers are seeing on the road in regard to mixing drugs then getting behind the wheel.

Chair's report / Office of Highway Safety Planning - Michael Prince

The Office of Highway Safety Planning has placed impaired driving as its highest priority for the 2019 fiscal year. Because the medical marijuana law changed the per se law that was in effect previously, it is crucial for law enforcement to become ARIDE trained. MSP Troopers are almost all ARIDE trained and that will be very important as time moves forward with the recreation marijuana ballot proposal—planning on fully funding the DRE and ARIDE programs in the fiscal year 2019. Education will have to play a key role with the general public since as of right now, they do not see passing recreational marijuana as a threat to the public's safety. Education and messaging to relay the negative effects of marijuana use is what many agencies will need to focus on moving forward. In a focus group, 39% of the people that it was only a minor risk to drive under the influence of marijuana and 42% said it has no effect. Because OHSP cannot lobby, there needs to be more creative ways to educate the public.

MTSC meeting was held on May 8th and there were some funding changes made. Approved funding for MSP, CVED, and MCTS to initiate ticketing aggressive truck drivers between Jackson and Detroit on I-94. The SRP and AER reports are out and available on our website.

Action team Updates – Emily Shinevar

Emily discussed what grants her program is funding throughout the state of Michigan in regard to pedestrian and bicycle safety. With more federal funding available, there has been an increase in grant proposals. The Ped/Bike Assessment took place in February and the result was 15 priority recommendations and an additional 33 to incorporate into the action plan going forward. OHSP partnered with other agencies and groups around Michigan for the Rolling Forward Bike Conference that was held in Grand Rapids on June 1-2. It was a successful event, though hoping they will have more attendees in the future.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Steve Shaughnessy- MDOT- He attended a conference in Chicago where 30 other states were present. He wanted to make known that compared to other states, Michigan seems to be ahead of the curve, especially on crash data and preventive crash measures such as rumble strips and cable barriers. Some states said they were 3 years behind on their data entry and some have just started using strips and barriers. Marijuana seems to be a concern for many states around the country, some even stating their state will never have it as an option. Still, education seems to be the hardest piece for all states when it comes to traffic safety.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:18 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 11, 2018, at the Horatio S. Earle Learning Center.
