

MICHIGAN TRUCK SAFETY COMMISSION **MTSC**

July 13, 2016

Meeting Minutes

Commissioners Present

Dr. Dan Blower, Chair
Tim Yungfer, Vice Chair
Fred Bueter
Sharon Conklin
Walter Heinritzi
Capt. Mike Krumm
Tom O'Brien
Robert Ramels

Commissioners Absent

Dave Goller
Charles Moser
Michael Prince

Guests

Al Newell
Chuck Simmons
Michelle Zemla
John Wallace
Bobby Gwizdz
Valerian Kwigizile
Carol Heinowski
Lawrence Archer
Abiola Akammu
Cole Villalosos
Patrick Bowman
Jan Ramels

OHSP Staff

Janet Hengesbach
Charlotte Kilvington
Anne Readett
Heidi Ruis

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 May 11, 2016 minutes was made by and supported by Capt. Mike Krumm, supported by Mr. Bob Ramels. The **MOTION** carries.

STANDING REPORTS

A.Chair's Report – Dr. Dan Blower

Dr. Blower reported that the Michigan Center for Truck Safety (MCTS) was chosen for a Defensive Driving Course (DDC) award recipient through the National Safety Council for their training efforts in 2015. Congratulations to the MCTS staff!

Dr. Blower updated the Commissioners regarding his participation with the National Academy of Sciences which is doing a review of Compliance Safety and Accountability Program (CSA) for the Federal Motor Carrier Administration. The group has had their first meeting. The idea is to review CSA and give a hard look at measures and data to calculate and identify unsafe carriers and how to improve those carriers. A continuing theme is to get a wide range of perspectives of CSA – how it is working and how it is not. Also, how well it identifies the smaller carriers which may need interventions. If anyone has comments, thoughts, etc. please speak with Dr. Blower.

(Mr. Bueter arrived at 9:10 a.m.)

COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS

Capt. Mike Krumm, Michigan State Police – No report

Mr. Tim Yungfer – General Public – No report

Mr. Fred Bueter, Michigan Department of State – No report

Mr. Bob Ramels, General Public – No report.

Mr. Tom O'Brien, Michigan Community Colleges – No report

Mr. Walt Heinritzi – No report

Ms. Sharon Conklin, Private Motor Carriers - She reminded the group that the West Michigan Safety Council will be hosting an event at the Ionia 1-96 Eastbound scales on September 20. There will be truck inspections with lunch and golf to follow.

B. Financial Report – Ms. Heidi Ruis

Ms. Ruis reviewed the most recent financial report through May 31, 2016 including revenue and expenditure projections, UCR and carryforward monies.

C. Enforcement Grant Activity Report –Lt. Susan Fries, MSP, Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division

Lieutenant Fries reported the year is going well so far. Regarding their Equipment objective, they have taken possession of the radar units which were ordered earlier this year. Those will be installed into their new fleet of vehicles in the next few weeks. Also, the in-car cameras have arrived, but those are taking a bit longer to install as they have to coordinate installation with the department radio technicians. The 21st MSP Motor Carrier Recruit School will start in August 2016. They recently graduated a total of 13. The CVIEW and INSPECT systems were rolled out in June to a test group and has been getting favorable reports.

D. Enforcement Grant Activity Report- Mr. Al Newell – Michigan Center for Truck Safety

Mr. Newell acknowledged their recognition from the National Safety Council. He discussed a slight problem with the new trailer – it was built on the wrong type of chassis so this caused a delay and cancellation of some training around the state. Demonstration numbers are down because they are concentrating on training drivers. The UP State Fair is coming up so they should catch up to reach their demo numbers. Overall, they have trained over 2000 people thus far. Social media is doing ok. They continue to work on the 17th Edition of the Truck Drivers Guidebook with completion scheduled for the end of July.

PRESENTATIONS

A. Michigan Traffic Crash Facts – Patrick Bowman reviewed the 2015 traffic crash numbers reported with emphasis on CMV crashes and fatalities. He discussed that the different environments, time of day, and locations are main causes for CMV crashes. He also reviewed the updated Michigan Traffic Crash Facts website and gave different examples of search mechanisms available in this program.

ACTION ITEMS

Extension of one year of grantee status for the current MTA Education Project – This grant was last bid in 2012 and was to be sent out for re-bid this year, but time got away so the commissioners need to approve this for one year only. Mr. Ramels made the **MOTION** to extend the grant, Mr. Bueter supported. Following roll call vote, the **MOTION** carries.

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

B. Approval of grant funding levels (CVED/MCTS) – The MTSC Budget Committee met recently to propose funding levels for FY17. The grants will be then be reviewed and approved during the September 2016 meeting. The Budget Committee is made up of Dr. Blower, Mr. Yungfer, Ms. Conklin, Mr. O'Brien, and Mr. Prince. Mr. Simmons serves as financial consultant. Mr. Yungfer made a **MOTION** to approve \$1,656,240 for CVED, Mr. O' Brien supported. Following roll call vote, the **MOTION** carries.

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

Captain Krumm made a **MOTION** to approve \$1,104,160 for MCTS, Mr. Yungfer supported. Following roll call vote, the **MOTION** carries.

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

These grants will be considered during the September 21 meeting.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

A.Skid Pad – Dr. Blower reported that he had a meeting recently with Mr. John Maddox, CEO of the Willow Run facility. Mr. Maddox listed items which he would like more information on including what kinds of maneuvers will be trained on this facility, etc. Mr. Heinritzi and Mr. Ramels assisted with collecting that information. Mr. Maddox indicated during the meeting that they are moving into the design or vehicle dynamic phase of the facility. They are considering the proposal which Dr. Blower made to them and how our needs would fit into the plans. Dr. Blower requested participation from a couple of the commissioners during the next meeting.

Mr. Yungfer reported that he and Mr. Prince met with DTMB Real Estate division. They were very open and interested in the possible skid pad plan. They are trying to get an idea of what our footprint would be and how much land would be needed. The best thing would be to focus on current vacant state property in areas with large population such as Grand Rapids, etc. They are willing and able to look at different arrangements, lease, transfer, etc.

B.MTSC Strategic Plan Focus Group – Dr. Valerian Kwizile updated the commissioners on the study progress and to gain perspectives regarding the update of the MTSC Strategic Plan. He reviewed some background on the project including crash statistics, outlined objectives and tasks. He discussed the need for ways to improve driver performance, reduce fatigue and distraction related crashes, and the need to strengthen CDL safety programs. The final report will be complete by December 31, 2016.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the MTSC is scheduled for Wednesday, September 21, 2016.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:26 p.m.