Governor's Traffic Safety Advisory Commission
Drivers Age 24 and Younger
Michigan State Police Headquarters, 333 South Grand Avenue, Lansing, MI
May 5, 2015
10:00 a.m.

Attendance	
Name	**Agency**
Al Newell	Michigan Center for Truck Safety
Christine Adams	Michigan Department of State
Kirk Ferris	Michigan Department of State
Sandra York	Michigan Parent Teacher Association
Jill Gleason	Michigan State Police
Linda Fech	Office of Highway Safety Planning
Mary Kay Relich	Michigan Driver and Traffic Safety Educators Association mkrelich@charter.net
Rhonda Thompson	Botsford Hospital Trauma Services
Prabha Narayanaswamy	University of Michigan Research Transportation Institute
Gary Bubar	Strive for a Safer Drive/AAA Michigan
Tom Artushin- via phone	Ford Motor Company
Mary Teachout-via phone	Michigan Department of Education
Keith Schultz-via phone	General Motors Corporation

Agenda Item: Approval of February 6, 2015 Meeting Notes

Discussion: The drafted meeting notes were reviewed and approved.

Action: N/A

Agenda Item: Technology Resources for Parents to Monitor Teen Drivers - Update

Discussion: Participants were provided with the most recent copy of list.

Action: Keith Schultz reported that he provided information regarding the 2015 Chevrolet Malibu and Teen Driver to be added to the list. The list will be updated with the new GM information and posted on the GTSAC DA24Y website.

Agenda Item: Data Subcommittee Report

Discussion: Prabha provided the following information regarding specific data requested from the subcommittee:

- Young driver alcohol involved crashes decreased but drug related crashes increased.
- In 2014, the numbers of young drivers 18-20 years being buckled up have decreased and have been involved in more crashes compared to 2013.
- Seat belt data indicates unbelted passengers - ages 21-24 were unbelted the most.
- Unbelted young drivers – age 19-21 had the most injuries and ages 21-22 had highest fatalities.
- Seating position – Highest number of unbelted passengers is the front passenger or right seat.

Kirk reported that MDOS is making progress on retrieving data for drivers age 14-17 required to go through GDL with regard to traffic crashes compared to drivers age 18-24 that do not go through GDL.

Action: Prabha will look at fatalities in 2014 compared to the previous years to try to determine what changed and why the increase in fatalities. MDOS will report further on GDL vs non GDL driver traffic crash data at the next meeting. There was no report regarding citation data. Carol or Linda will reach out to CJIC for an update.

Agenda Item: DA24Y Crash Data

Discussion: Prabha presented the 2014 crash data.

- The number of crashes has increased; the number of young driver crashes increased by 1%.
- The data will be broke out by age groups per request of the Data Subcommittee. New age groups are defined as 15-17, 18-20, and 21-24.
- Age 21-24 crashes have increased; the other two young driver age groups have remained the same.
- Young driver crashes are still highest among all age groups.
- In 2014, overall crashes have increased but fatalities have decreased but restricting to young drivers crashes, the total crashes and the fatalities in a young driver crash have increased.
- Fatal crashes for ages 21-24 increased. All other ages decreased.
- Incapacitating injuries were reduced by 22% compared to 2013.
- Incapacitating injuries have gone down for all ages.
- Crash rate – went up but a very small amount.
- Injured passengers went down; but riding with a young driver and killed went up.
- Seat belts: There was a 7% increase in young drivers buckling compared to 2013.
- Seat belts: unbuckled passengers have decreased.
- Young drivers – more males in crashes than females; Prabha will provide additional information.
- Alcohol: slight decrease in drinking involved crashes.
- Drugged driving: increased from 2013.

Action: Prabha will compare the number of male drivers to female drivers using the last 5 years of data. The number of licensed drivers compared to crashes will also be obtained and sent to group. Prabha will break down the Time of Day and Day of week data in the new age groups. The population information will be updated for next meeting.

Agenda Item: Team Discussion – DA24Y Action Plan Updates

Discussion:

- The question was raised "Do we need to add an education activity for 21-24 year olds because the fatalities have increased - maybe outreach at colleges? Decision was made to hold off on this and review further information from Prabha to determine fatality changes and because we should look at more than one year's worth of data.
- Decals on teen vehicles were discussed. Decision was made to add language to #6 – Continue to explore the decal system and the feasibility of implementing in Michigan.
- Commercial Motor Vehicles: We should add an activity related to truck safety under Strategy #4, Objective 7 – Ongoing activities – Outreach by the MI Truck Center by providing information to instructors regarding sharing the road. Outreach will include educational materials, attending safety fairs, and using simulator to teach CMV traffic safety and sharing the road.
- Committee members recommended adding information to the plan regarding the Nathan Bower Act – motorcycle/bike safety to be taught in drivers' education. This should be inserted in Strategy #4 – Objective #7 – Improve Younger Driver Training…i.e., Continue to teach about motorcycle and bike safety pursuant to the Nathan Bower Act.

Action:

- Is alcohol a factor in these fatalities? Prabha will break out the alcohol data/slide by ages.
- Rhonda Thompson will provide activity information to be added to the plan from the Trauma Coalition regarding IPC outreach and education.
- All participants will review the plan and send updates to Carol within the next two weeks.

Agenda Item: Agency Updates

Discussion:

- Al Newell distributed CMV safety packets to over 400 driver education providers. The packets include a letter, DVD, and handouts. This information was also provided to committee participants.
- Gary Bubar reported on S4SD – final projects have been submitted and judging took place on April 24. The Ford Ride and Drive event is on May 15 for the S4SD schools and May 16 and 17 for Ford employees. AAA is involved in the AAA Promise which is geared toward graduation and prom safely. 80 schools are registered. AAA also recently participated in the teen driver day at Comerica Park.
- Mary Kay Relich reported she is working on Segment II questions in conjunction with MDOS. She just took over as MDTSEA President. She will look at the stats and may incorporate into classes if appropriate. An educational review committee looks at the questions and Sgt. Jill Gleason offered her assistance on traffic law if needed.
- Rhonda reported the IPC's are finishing up school education re: distractions, drinking and driving, prom, and seat belts. Some IPC's are experiencing difficulty in getting into the schools to provide traffic safety education.
- Kirk Ferris reported that Christine Adams was recently hired to work at MDOS and she may replace him on the DA24Y Action Team.
- Sgt. Gleason reported that the MSP Precision Driving Unit's Teen Defensive Driving Program has 15 dates scheduled for this summer, a 1-day course offered for a week in June, July and August. There are also two Saturday classes offered, one in June and one in July. Sgt. Gleason also presented vehicle code updates at the MDTSEA conference in March. She will also present at the MDTSEA conference in August.

Action:

- Gary Bubar will provide information to Carol on the AAA Promise program to be included in the action plan.
- Mary Kay Relich should be added to the DA24Y AT participant list.
- Christine Meddaugh's name should be changed in the Action Plan to Christine Adams.

Future Meetings

August 6, 2015, 1:30 p.m.