

## **Minutes of the Motor Carrier Advisory Board Meeting**

September 20, 2018

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### **Members Present**

Al DeMeestor  
Brian Hitchcock  
Carol Heinowski  
Don Lahring  
James Burg  
Joe Ballor  
Mike Rushing  
Nichole Gavriloski  
Paul Behmlander  
Randy Whitaker  
Robert Esler  
Sarah Stewart  
William Kotynski

### **Members Absent**

Glen Merkel  
Joshua Rhodes

### **MSP-CVED Staff Present**

Capt. Mike Krumm  
Jessica Kines  
Beth Schafer

### **Ex Officio Members Present**

Insp. Randy Coplin  
Aarne Frobom  
Dawn VanAken  
John Wallace  
Seth Martin

### **Others in Attendance**

Andy Powers  
Kimberly Hengesbach  
Mike Scott  
Scott Spray

### **Meeting Called to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 9:42 a.m.

### **May 17, 2018 Agenda and Meeting Minutes**

The agenda for the September 20, 2018 meeting and the meeting minutes from the May 17, 2018 meeting were approved.

## **Agency Reports**

### **Michigan State Police (MSP). Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division (CVED)**

Captain Krumm reported that the reconstruction of the westbound Ionia Weigh Station is approved, the teardown of the current building will start the first week of October and should be completed July 2019.

*PrePass* will be installed at the Pontiac Weigh Station.

The Automated Weigh Station Screen System (AWSSS) will be installed at the northbound Coldwater and the eastbound New Buffalo station with a completion date of late Spring 2019. The AWSSS will include a license plate reader, an optical reader for USDOT numbers, and an infrared thermal imaging device for brakes.

The 23<sup>rd</sup> Motor Carrier Officer Recruit School started August 5, 2018. The graduation will be held on Wednesday, December 19, 2018.

During a traffic stop in Monroe, MCO Chad Schmitt discovered 60 kilos of cocaine. These drugs were hidden in a load of rice being shipped from Mississippi.

Capt. Krumm informed the board that Insp. Coplin and he would be attending the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance conference in Kansas City, Missouri.

The Office of Highway Safety Planning received a grant for "Targeting Aggressive Cars and Trucks" program that was approved through the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration.

Inspector Coplin reported that he has been working on renewing CVED's 2019 grants with the FMCSA and Michigan Truck Safety Commission.

Ms. Jessica Kines reported that the UCR Indiana web site will be replaced by a new national system, the new web address [www.ucr.gov](http://www.ucr.gov) is effective October 1, 2018.

#### **Michigan Center for Truck Safety (MCTS)**

No representative present.

#### **Secretary of State (SOS)**

Ms. Dawn VanAken reported that the IRP Supervisor Diane Guigue retired the end of June, and Ms. Kimberly Hengesbach is the interim supervisor.

The new SOS system is expected to be implemented on February 19, 2019. Account holders can expect to see correspondence regarding the new system early December 2018. This correspondence should be kept, as it is needed to transfer account information to the new system.

Ms. VanAken reported that the SOS intends to move from quarterly renewal to monthly renewals. When this goes in to affect, the first time the account holder comes in to renew their account they may choose a different expiration date. They would get a one-time prorated plate fee that will take them to a newly selected expiration month. The SOS is unsure as to when this will start.

As a reminder, if the USDOT or Federal ID number changes for any vehicle within your IRP account, please update said account ASAP. This will prevent delays at roadside and disassociate them from someone else's safety responsibility.

#### **Michigan Department of Treasury**

Mr. Seth Martin reported that the 2019 renewal is set for November 1, 2018. The decal use for 2018 is higher than the last few years.

Indiana just passed a legislative law that eliminated the sur-charge for fuel taxes. Even though the sur-charge line for fuel taxes is gone from the tax return, there is a secondary line for tax that is not charged on propane. Since propane is not charged excise tax at the time of purchase, motor carriers cannot claim a tax paid credit for propane, although they will be required to pay tax for use of the fuel. These changes will take effect October 1, 2018 for the third quarter.

In August 2018 there was an IFTA conference in Arizona. One of the presentations was about ELDS and how it effects IFTA. One of the misconceptions about ELDs was about how great it is for IFTA, since it records your miles. The main problem with this is retention. If you don't know where data is kept or for how long it's kept, you may not have the data you will need if your Company is audited. In the state of Michigan, you are required to retain the past four years of records.

#### **Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT)**

Mr. Aarne Frobom didn't have anything to report. He introduced Mr. Andy Powers of MDOT – Bus Safety.

#### **FMCSA**

Mr. John Wallace reported that the FMCSA announced a final rule revising of the federal regulations permitting individuals with a stable insulin regimen and properly controlled Insulin-Treated Diabetes Mellitus (ITDM) to be qualified to operate Commercial Motor Vehicles (CMVs) in interstate commerce. This goes into effect November 19, 2018. If you would like more information regarding this, you can go to the FMCSAs web page, under New Releases.

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Mr. Wallace informed the board that the FMCSA released an advance notice of the proposed rulemaking on Hours Of Service (HOS) regulations that FMCSA is considering for revision. FMCSA is considering revamping the HOS regulations to make them more flexible and less burdensome to the industry. There are four areas that they are going to look at:

- 1) Short haul HOS limits.
- 2) Adverse driving conditions.
- 3) 30-minute rest break.
- 4) Split sleeper berth rule.

If you have any comments please submit them prior to October 10, 2018.

The revised Personal Conveyance Guidance was released June 2018 and is effective for five years. Personal conveyance is a tool to account for movement while a driver is off duty. The new guidance states that you can be loaded and there is no distance limitation.

Mr. Wallace distributed the "Electronic Logging Devices: Improving Safety Through Technology."

#### **Legislation Update**

- Logging Vehicles: Spring Load Restrictions

#### **New Business**

None to report.

#### **Future Meeting Topics**

- Dr. Belzer Driver's pay & fatigue
- Mr. Scott Greene what's being done in the trip permit sector

#### **Public Comment**

None to report.

#### **Old Business**

None to report.

#### **Presentation**

A presentation was given by Mr. William Kotynski from Ryder Transportation, regarding "The Science and Psychology Behind Safety and Preventing Our Next Injury and Accident."

#### **Next Meeting Date and Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 12:03 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, November 15, 2018. The meeting will be held in the 1917 Conference Room located at the MSP Headquarters, 7150 Harris Drive, Dimondale, Michigan 48821.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marci Kelley, Chair  
Motor Carrier Advisory Board