

Minutes of the Motor Carrier Advisory Board Meeting

March 21, 2019

Members Present

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

Members Absent

Glen Merkel
Sarah Stewart

MSP-CVED Staff Present

Capt. Michael Krumm
Marci Kelley
Jessica Kines
Beth Schafer

Ex Officio Members Present

Insp. Randy Coplin
Delores Thomas for Charlie Culton
Arne Frobom
Seth Martin
Dawn VanAken
John Wallace

Others in Attendance

Scott Spray
Rayne Sherman
Toby Archambault
Mary Lynne Fattal
Soya Gavrilski

Meeting Called to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m.

March 21, 2019 Agenda and Meeting Minutes

The agenda for the March 21, 2019 meeting with the amendment of the Michigan State Police/CVED reporting first, and the meeting minutes from the January 16, 2019 meeting were approved.

Agency Reports

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

Insp. Randy Coplin reported that weight restrictions are in effect for the entire state of Michigan. To check if a state road is restricted, please refer to the 2019 Truck Operators map. To check restrictions for county roads, visit the County Road Association of Michigan's website at <https://micountyroads.org>, and select the county in question.

One of the objectives for the MSP is to lower fatality rates involving Commercial Motor Vehicles (CMVs). The first quarter of 2019, Michigan's CMV crash rating was 4.1 percent and the fatality rate involving CMVs was 10.5 percent.

Effective April 2, 2019, Michigan will begin enforcement of the 2019 Unified Carrier Registration (UCR).

Capt. Michael Krumm reported that Governor Gretchen Whitmer recently made a comment that heavy weight limits make sense, and she would revisit that issue at a later date. The MSP does not have an official position regarding this issue.

SEG Automotive, in partnership with Truckers Against Trafficking, will host EmPOWER the Driving Change on April 1, 2019, at the Mexicantown Welcome Center, 2835 Bagley Street, Detroit, Michigan 48216. The Freedom Drivers Project mobile exhibit provides a glimpse into the realities of human trafficking, how the trucking industry is driving to change this area, and simple action steps anyone can take to fight human trafficking.

A Coalition build will be held at the academy. The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT), the MSP, and the Attorney General will all be involved. When this is finalized, the MSP will send notification to the board.

A "slow roll protest" is taking place in different states of the country. The protest for Michigan is scheduled for Saturday, April 23, 2019. The truckers will organize at the Flying J's truck stop, then driving a loop along I-69, down US-127, and I-496.

Capt. Michael Krumm is unable to attend the May 16, 2019 board meeting. He updated the board regarding new initiatives that are a part of our summer enforcement operations. The Ticketing Aggressive Drivers initiative will be running June 3-14, 2019. This will run along I-94 from Detroit to Jackson. This initiative co-insides with the International Road Check Operation scheduled for June 4-6, 2019.

The 24th Motor Carrier Officer Recruit School is scheduled to begin on June 30, 2019. The MSP is anticipating 20-25 recruits in this school.

The facility upgrades for the westbound Ionia weigh station are on track and should be completed by August 2019. A new bypass lane may be scheduled for 2020.

PrePass is approved to be installed at the Pontiac and Grass Lake weigh stations. The eastbound Fowlerville weigh station is slated to be upgraded.

Ms. Marci Kelley reported that the UCR compliance rate is at 69 percent. There were 681 letters mailed to the intrastate carriers that failed to renew their CVED authority.

Michigan Department of Treasury

Mr. Seth Martin reported that there has been a lot of discussions/meetings regarding the proposal of the Motor Fuel Tax increase and the effects it will have on administrating the taxes for the International Fuel Tax Agreement (IFTA) and motor fuel.

Currently, there is a memo on the IFTA website regarding Canada Fuel Charge (see attached). Mr. Seth Martin is looking into this and further information will be shared with the board.

Michigan Department of Transportation

Mr. Aarnie Frobom reported that the 45-cent increase to the Motor Fuel Tax proposed by the Governor is to be implemented in three stages, over the course of one year, beginning October 1, 2019. The additional fuel-tax revenue would be allocated differently from existing fees based on the function of the roads as indicated below:

- 47 percent freeways
- 30 percent major arterials
- 7 percent minor arterials
- 7 percent major collectors
- 2 percent primary roads and major streets in 78 smallest counties
- 4 percent for local bridges
- 3 percent for transit and statewide rail and freight programs

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA)

Mr. John Wallace reported an advanced notice of proposed rulemaking that are imminent, and FMCSA is seeking public comment to determine if:

- 1) The FMCSA should revise the definition of the agricultural commodity within the Hours of Service.
- 2) Having an employment application is burdensome for a motor carrier.
- 3) The FMCSA needs to update the regulations to facilitate the safe introduction of automated driving systems equipped on CMVs.

The final rule regarding the Commercial Drivers License (CDL) drug and alcohol clearinghouse

is being released in January 2020. This clearinghouse is an electronic repository of all drug and alcohol violations for CDL drivers. Motor carriers will be required to report all violations and can query the database for pre-employment applications and annually thereafter. All motor carriers are required to be registered with this clearinghouse by January 2020. Pre-registration opens October 2019. At the September 19, 2019 meeting, Mr. John Wallace will be giving a presentation on the new CDL drug and alcohol clearinghouse.

The FMCSA is conducting a small case study using the Item Response Theory as a replacement for the Comprehensive Safety Analysis. The results have not been posted.

Michigan Center for Truck Safety (MCTS)

Ms. Delores Thomas reported that the 19th Edition of the Truck Driver's Guidebook is available.

Mr. Charlie Colton, Ms. Delores Thomas, Ms. Michelle Zelma, and Mr. Justin John attended the Traffic Safety Summit. The simulator was available for those that were interested.

Secretary of State (SOS)

Ms. Dawn VanAken reported that the new registration system, Customer and Automotive Records System (CARS) e-Services, is currently being used for the International Registration Plan (IRP) renewal. A presentation of this system was given by Ms. Rayne Sherman.

Effective May 14, 2019, the IRP phone number will change to 517-335-6119. The IRP website is being updated to reflect these changes. For more information, visit their website at www.IRPonline.org.

Legislation Update

- Motor fuel tax

New Business

None to report.

Future Meeting Topics

- May 16, 2019 - MCTS bringing the truck driving simulator.
- November 21, 2019 – Mr. John Wallace will give a presentation regarding FMCSA Final Rule of the CDL Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse.

Public Comment

None to report.

Old Business

None to report.

Presentation

A presentation was given by Ms. Rayne Sherman with the State of Michigan, Secretary of State regarding the IRP account within the new system CARS e-Service.

Next Meeting Date and Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 16, 2019. 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

EmPOWER the Driving Change

SEG Automotive in partnership with
Truckers Against Trafficking

SAVE THE DATE

When: April 1st, 2019

Where: Mexicantown Welcome Center
2835 Bagley Street Detroit, MI 48216

Time: Press conference starting at
11:00AM with a lunch and training to follow

Full agenda and complete speaker list to follow.



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Your association or organization has been identified as a key stakeholder of the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA). We hope you will share the following information with your membership.

WHAT THE NEW CANADIAN FUEL CHARGE MEANS FOR INTERJURISDICTIONAL ROAD CARRIERS

Making sure there is a price on carbon pollution is an important part of the Government of Canada's climate action plan. Under this plan, a new fuel charge was introduced as part of the Greenhouse Gas Pollution Pricing Act (the Act) which will be administered by the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA).

The fuel charge is expected to be effective April 1, 2019 for the provinces of Manitoba, New Brunswick, Ontario and Saskatchewan and July 1, 2019 for the territories of Nunavut and Yukon. These will be known as "listed provinces". The fuel charge will not apply on fuel used outside these jurisdictions.

Registration

Every interjurisdictional road carrier that uses fuel that is gasoline, light fuel oil (diesel), marketable natural gas or propane, in a specified commercial vehicle, in a listed province, is required to be registered as a road carrier with the CRA. Generally, any road carrier that provides commercial transportation of individuals or goods by road from one province to another or from a location that is outside of Canada to another location in Canada, and the road carrier travels to or through a listed province, will be required to register.

These road carriers must [register](#) with the CRA by April 1, 2019, for business activities in Manitoba, New Brunswick, Ontario and Saskatchewan, and July 1, 2019, for business activities in Nunavut and Yukon.

Reporting to the CRA

Interjurisdictional road carriers will generally report fuel that is used within a listed province. Purchases of fuel within a listed province will be inclusive of the charge. Consequently, fuel that is purchased at a retail outlet in a listed province but used outside the listed province may be eligible for a rebate.

Similar to International Fuel Tax Association (IFTA) requirements, a road carrier will be required to complete and file a quarterly return. The return will indicate the quantity of fuel that is used within each listed province.

Depending on its business activities in a listed province over a quarter, a road carrier may be entitled to claim a rebate, or required to pay the fuel charge. Where a rebate is payable, the rebate would be filed with the quarterly return. The return, and the payment where required, is due by the end of the month following the end of the quarter. For example, the April-June quarterly return is due by the end of July.

More information







Failure to apply for registration, or to pay the charge when required could result in possible penalties and interest. Penalties include \$2,000 for failing to register when required to be registered under the Act.

Please visit canada.ca for more information, including registration forms and fuel charge notices.

You can reach the CRA at fuelcharge@cra-arc.gc.ca for fuel charge questions.

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