

Minutes of the Motor Carrier Advisory Board Meeting

November 15, 2018

Members Present

Al DeMeestor
Brian Hitchcock
Carol Heinowski
Don Lahring
James Burg
Joshua Rhodes
Mike Rushing
Paul Behmlander
Randy Whitaker
William Kotynski

Members Absent

Glen Merkel
Joe Ballor
Nichole Gavriloski
Robert Esler
Sarah Stewart

MSP-CVED Staff Present

Capt. Mike Krumm
Jessica Kines
MaryLynn Owen
Beth Schafer

Ex Officio Members Present

Insp. Randy Coplin
Charles Culton
Dawn VanAken
John Wallace
Seth Martin

Others in Attendance

Christian Zimmer
Rob Pearson
Elisha DeFrain
Michael Belzer

Meeting Called to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m.

November 15, 2018 Agenda and Meeting Minutes

The agenda for the November 15, 2018 meeting and the meeting minutes from the September 20, 2018 meeting were approved.

Agency Reports

FMCSA

Mr. John Wallace reported that the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) offers a Military Skills Test Waiver Program, which allows a driver with two years of experience safely operating heavy military vehicles to obtain a Commercial Driver's License (CDL) without taking a skills test. This waiver program is available in all states. FMCSA issued a final rule that permits the states to waive the knowledge test of which Michigan is taking under advisement. There are currently three states, Illinois, Wisconsin and North Carolina using the Even Exchange Program.

Mr. John Wallace distributed the "Personal Conveyance Frequently Asked Questions," that can be found at [HTTP://eld.fmcsa.dot.gov](http://eld.fmcsa.dot.gov).

FMCSA is launching an off-site compliance review program that will be rolled out nationally. FMCSA will start the training for this program in August 2019.

The United States Department Of Transportation (USDOT) published the "Preparing for the Future of Transportation: Automated Vehicles 3.0 (AV 3.0)." They see this as the beginning of the future of Michigan's on-road surface transportation system, including commercial vehicles. The AV 3.0 is structured around three key areas:

1. Advancing multi-modal safety.
2. Reducing policy uncertainty.
3. Outlining a process for working with U.S. DOT.

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

Capt. Michael Krumm reported that the 23rd Motor Carrier Officer Recruit School graduation will be held on Wednesday, December 19, 2018 at 1 p.m.

Quad State Initiatives:

- Level III detail – Eyes on 94, December 3–7, 2018.
- Human Trafficking Initiative - Education Awareness, January 14-18, 2019.
- Off-Peak Enforcement, April 6-7, 2019.
- Officer in a Truck, June 2019.
- Commercial Motor Vehicle Holiday Safety Level III, July 2019.
- Hazmat, September 18, 2019.

Facility upgrades, the westbound Ionia Weigh Station has been dismantled and construction has started, with a completion date of August 2019.

The MSP smart roadside has been approved, is moving forward and should be completed by June 2019. This will be installed at the eastbound New Buffalo and northbound Coldwater Weigh Stations.

Capt. Michael Krumm and Insp. Randy Coplin attended a presentation regarding a Tire Sensor that the Illinois state police are currently using. This sensor can detect, at highway speeds anomalies such as flat and mismatched tires.

Insp. Randy Coplin informed the group that the MSP received a High Priority Grant from FMCSA that allows MSP to update the project plans top level design for all our technology used in CMV enforcement.

Data Questions. Insp. Randy Coplin tasked some of the MC Lieutenants to start working on the strategic plan. One of the issues identified was the response time for data questions. The MSP will strive to answer all Data-Q challenges with-in ten days.

Ms. Marci Kelley reported that the 2019 Unified Carrier Registration is on hold pending the approval of the registration fees by FMCSA.

A public hearing was held on the Administrative Rule Set for the Motor Carrier Act on October 30, 2018. MSP anticipates the rules being approved within a month.

The 2019 Intrastate renewal requires proof of Workers Compensation insurance.

Michigan Center for Truck Safety (MCTS)

Mr. Charles Culton reported that MCTS has been running media, public information and educational programs.

Mr. Charles Culton is working on the 19th Edition of the Truck Driver's Guidebook that should be out January 2019.

MCTS just hired new a operator for the mobile simulator.

Secretary of State (SOS)

Ms. Dawn VanAken reported that the International Registration Plan (IRP) passed an electronic credentials ballot that will take effect January 1, 2019. You will have the ability to carry your IRP cab card as an electronic image. So, during a roadside inspection you will be able to show you IRP credentials as a paper copy or an electronic image on a computer, tablet or smart phone. The SOS recommends that you save the image as a PDF on your device.

Ms. Dawn VanAken reported that the legislation passed and SOS can now move from having four expiration dates for IRP to twelve and will start June 2019. When you do your first renewal in June 2019 or after you will have a one-time opportunity to change your expiration date if you like and new accounts will automatically be given a 12-month registration period.

Michigan Department of Treasury

As with IRP, Mr. Seth Martin reported that International Fuel Tax Agreement (IFTA) also passed an electronic credentials ballot last year that allows the ability to carry your IFTA license as an electronic image.

The 2019 IFTA renewal started November 1, 2018. They are currently at 27 percent for renewals and 44 percent of the decals have been sent out. If you have received your 2019 decals, you may display the 2019 decals two months in advance but continue carrying your 2018 license.

Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT)

No representative present.

Legislation Update

- Slow down and move over

New Business

New meeting days for 2019 are:
Wednesday, January 16, 2019
Thursday, March 21, 2019
Thursday, May 16, 2019
Thursday, September 19, 2019
Thursday, November 21, 2019

If you are interested in serving as a board member for 2019, please email your interest to Ms. Beth Schafer of the MSP/CVED at schaferb1@michigan.gov by December 10, 2018.

Future Meeting Topics

- Workers compensation insurance requirements –Licensing And Regulatory Affairs
- MCTS bringing the truck driving simulator – May 16, 2019

Public Comment

None to report.

Old Business

None to report.

Presentation

A presentation was given by Dr. Michael H. Belzer from Wayne State University regarding “Truck Drivers are Overtired, Overworked and Underpaid.”

Next Meeting Date and Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, January 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