

Minutes of the Motor Carrier Advisory Board Meeting

May 19, 2016

Members Present

Brian Hitchcock
Al DeMeestor
Joshua Rhodes
Joe Ballor
William Kotynski
James Burg
Paul Behmlander
Don Beerens
Carol Heinowski
Randy Whitaker
Sarah Stewart (Laurie Dubyak)
Glen Merkel
Don Lahring

Members Absent

Karol Pawlos
Nichole Gavriloski

MSP-CVED Staff Present

Captain Krumm
Nicholas Nwabueze
Herb Fields
Inspector Coplin
Vicky Acker
Beth Schafer

Ex Officio Members Present

Diane Guige
Seth Martin
Arne Frobom

Others in Attendance

Peggy Johnson
Scott Green
John Woodroffe

Meeting Called to Order

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

March 17, 2016 Meeting Minutes

The meeting minutes from March 17, 2016, were approved. Motioned by Mr. James Burg and seconded by Mr. Don Beerens.

Agency Reports

Secretary of State

Diane Guige reported they had a quarterly update meeting with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) a couple weeks back to discuss the implementation of the Performance & Registration Information Systems Management (PRISM) initiative. SOS is currently collecting USDOT numbers at the carrier level and as soon as they get the programming changes this fall they will start collecting UDSOT numbers at the vehicle level.

Inspector Coplin reported that FMCSA is requiring all states to be at a PRISM level 6 by October 2020. This will require Michigan to collect USDOT numbers at the carrier level, but also requires Michigan to collect USDOT numbers of the responsible party for safety.

Michigan Department of Treasury

Seth Martin reported they are working with a new audit package within the new IFTA IPC system that was implemented in April. The audit team has a full inclusive package they can use when conducting field audits on Motor Carriers.

The Michigan Department of Treasury is also on target to have a new licensing application within the IFTA IPC system by November 1, 2016.

Michigan Department of Transportation

Peggy Johnson reported construction at the Fowlerville Weight Station will begin in June.

Michigan State Police, Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division (MSP/CVED)

Captain Krumm reported he would like to schedule a tour of the State Emergency Operations Center for the Motor Carrier Advisory Board.

MSP had some good statistics come out on the safety end. Fatal crashes related to CMV's were down to 85 in 2015 from 104 in 2014, that's about a 20% reduction. CMV's crashes are the only area that is down; all other categories are up.

We now have Pre-Pass at Coldwater, New Buffalo, and Monroe. CVED has plans to expand the system to Grass Lake. There is a meeting next week with MDOT and CVED will be talking about bringing Pre-Pass into Grass Lake. CVED is also working on expanding Drivewyze. There are pros and cons to each electronic clearance system. What I look at: is it beneficial to the officers, is it something that's going to benefit the industries and are we seeing the benefits we need to see that makes sense employing this technology for our officers to use on a daily basis.

There is talk about building a structure at the west bound Ionia Weigh Station having to do with a new radio facility.

Recruit school starts August 28, 2016 and it should have 12 – 18 recruits.

Sgt. Doug Szczepanski has been promoted to Lieutenant in the 8th District (Upper Peninsula) and starts on May 22, 2016. A top priority will be meeting with our partners in Wisconsin.

Inspector Coplin reported that road check 2016 will be June 7, 8, & 9. The Michigan Truck Association Driver Championship is held in June and that the division is holding an inspector challenge in conjunction with the event. The CVED staff member who is the most proficient at the vehicle inspection challenge will then be sent to the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance national challenge being held in Indianapolis, IN.

There are some fuel distribution issues from a pipeline that runs from Chicago to Green Bay, WI. The State of Wisconsin has issued a hours-of-service exemption. If you are providing services to the affected area, even if you are from MI, those hours of service exemptions may apply.

A year ago the Motor Carrier Act (P.A. 254) was amended. CVED is working on amending the Administrative Rules and will provide a copy once they have been finalized.

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA)

No one present to report.

Michigan Center for Truck Safety (MCTS)

No one present to report.

Legislation Update

- Commercial Vehicle Learner's Permit. Create commercial learner's permit, set standards for instructors, fix requirements and restrictions.
- Natural gas fuel tax rates create two different rates.

Public Comment

None

New Business

None

Presentations

John Woodrooffe (UMTRI) gave a presentation to the board regarding the National Economy to increase Truck Size & Weight (Attached is the PDF copy of the presentation). His findings that made up this presentation has also been published by the Transportation Research Board.

Dr. Nwabueze on behalf of the board, thanked Mr. Woodrooffe for honoring the board's invitation and making his presentation.

Future Meeting Topics

Invite someone from Canada to get their input regarding trucking and CMV laws. If you have anyone you think may be willing to come and present, please e-mail Dr. Nwabueze.

Old Business

None

Next Meeting Date and Adjournment

Herb Fields and Cary Anderson are retiring the end of June.

Two plaques were presented to Mike Rushing & Jim Smullens respectively for their service to the board. The plaques will be mailed.

Due to an internal administrative conference the September 15th board meeting will be moved back to September 22, 2016.

A motion to adjourn was made and carried by the board. The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for 9:30 am on Thursday July 21, 2016. The location will be in the Centennial conference room located at the MSP Headquarters, 7150 Harris Drive, Dimondale, MI 48821.

Respectfully submitted,

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Motor Carrier Advisory Board