

Minutes of the Motor Carrier Advisory Board Meeting

November 17, 2016

Members Present

Brian Hitchcock
Al DeMeestor
Randy Whitaker
Carol Heinowski
Joe Ballor
William Kotynski
Don Beerens
James Burg
Paul Behmlander

Members Absent

Sarah Stewart
Don Lahring
Glen Merkel
Karol Pawlos
Joshua Rhodes
Nichole Gavriloski

MSP-CVED Staff Present

Captain Krumm
Inspector Coplin
Nicholas Nwabueze
Ron Howe
Beth Schafer

Ex Officio Members Present

John Wallace
Seth Martin
Aarne Frobom
Dawn VanAken

Others in Attendance

Doug Childs
Jennifer Fields
Diane Guigue
Dawn Hudson
James Fackler

Meeting Called to Order

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

September 22, 2016 Meeting Minutes

The meeting minutes from September 22, 2016, were approved. Motioned by Mr. James Burg and seconded by Mr. Paul Behmlander.

Agency Reports

Michigan Department of Treasury

Seth Martin reported that as of November 1st the renewal season is in full force. The new on-line application system, which is directly tied into the IFTA system, went live on December 1, 2015.

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA)

John Wallace reported the CDL drug & alcohol clearinghouse final rule should be coming out in the next couple of days as well as the minimum training requirements for entry level commercial motor vehicle operator drivers. Both of these final rules will have a lengthy implementation period.

CVSA 2016 Brake Safety week took place September 11 – 17 and generated 18,385 brake system inspections, 13% of the inspections had out of service brake violations. There was an Anti-lock Brake System (ABS) survey conducted during this week. 93% of the trucks inspected were required to have an ABS system, based on their manufactured data, and 9% of those vehicles had ABS violations.

FMCSA has issued a safety warning regarding the Samsung Galaxy Note 7 Smartphone. If you carry the phone on your truck you need to keep it turned off at all times, do not charge it, disable any applications that would automatically turn the phone on, protect the power switch and keep it in the carry-on baggage area.

All 16,000 Volvo trucks that were recalled for serious steering defects have been accounted for and repaired.

FMCSA has issued a safety advisory to provide notice to owners of DOT Spec 407 & 412 cargo tanks manufactured by Keith Huber Inc. These tanks are not in compliance with Hazardous Materials Regulations and they do not meet 49 CFR 178.347.

Michigan Department of Transportation

Aarne Frobom reported that the Canadian partners for the new Detroit River Bridge has finally issued the request for a proposal for a private firm to actually finance and build the bridge, which is a year behind the original announced schedule. It will take up to 18 months to build the bridge and that would push the completion dated back from 2020 to 2021.

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

Captain Krumm announce that Nicholas Nwabueze will be retiring December 31, 2016 and thanked him for his years of service.

The recruit school has 13 recruits. The graduation ceremony will be held January 6, 2017 at the Kellogg Center in Lansing.

Facility updates: The Fowlerville static scales replacement is nearing completion and the Ionia scales is getting a new roof.

Eyes on 94 will be active again the week of December 5 – 9, 2016. We are partnering with Indiana & Ohio for that week. CVED will be on I-94, Indiana on the Turnpike, and Ohio will focus on I-75 & I-70.

MCOs will be doing another detail on Human Trafficking the week of January 23 – 27, 2017.

The Sergeant positions at Brighton and St. Ignace have been filled.

Last month, the CVIEW and the inSPECT program was deployed state wide and a big thanks to all the groups that helped to implement this program.

Inspector Coplin reported on some facts obtained from closing out fiscal year 2016. CVED did 49,000 inspections, 78,000 traffic stops, issued around 40,000 citations, and screened around 2.8 million trucks for weight. Out of the 2.8 million trucks that were screened, we took a closer look at 10,000 trucks, and of those trucks about 50% were issued a citation.

Nick Nwabueze reported that the Intrastate renewals and all CVED applications are now done electronically.

Secretary of State

Dawn VanAken reported the USDOT number will be entered into the PRISM system by vehicle and entity responsible for safety. Many times the registered owner of the vehicle is not the operator and currently it is up to the roadside inspector to determine which USDOT number to use to file the Driver / Vehicle Examination Report. With programming for the new system, SOS will be able to go into an account and edit which USDOT number is assigned to that vehicle. It will also ask you if you expect the carrier to change in the next 12 months or not. If you do expect the USDOT number to change, the USDOT number will not be printed on the cab card. The program will be fully operational next fall.

Mr. James Fackler had a quick discussion / presentation regarding License plates. The printing of, materials used, how often they are issued and whether or not the number sequence is reused.

Michigan Center for Truck Safety (MCTS)

No one was here to present for the MCTS

Legislation Update

- Speed-Limit Package
- Other states' CDL Permits

A presentation was made by Ms. Jennifer Fields, Wage and Hour Division manager with the state of Michigan, Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, regarding the Wage & Hour Labor Laws (see the attached document for the presentation).

Captain Krumm announced that on Monday Al Newel presented his resignation letter from the Michigan Center for Truck Safety due to ill health.

Future Meeting Topics

Presentation by Ms. Mary O'Rourke, District Director, Federal Department of Labor, Grand Rapids District office, regarding the Federal Overtime law.

Public Comment

None

New Business

None

Old Business

None

Next Meeting Date and Adjournment

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 January 19, 2017. The location will be in the 1917 conference room located at the MSP Headquarters, 7150 Harris Drive, Dimondale, MI 48821.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicholas I. Nwabueze Ph.D., Chairman
Motor Carrier Advisory Board