

**MCAB Meeting Minutes**  
Thursday, September 19, 2019  
Centennial Conference Room, MSP Division Headquarters  
9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

**Members Present**

Paul Behmlander  
Al DeMeestor  
Robert Esler  
Nichole Gavriloski  
Carol Heinowski  
Brian Hitchcock  
Bill Kotynski  
Don Lahring  
Glen Merkel  
Joshua Rhodes  
Sarah Stewart  
Randy Whitaker

**MSP-CVED Staff Present**

Capt. Michael Krumm  
Sgt. Joe Austin  
Sgt. Jack Johnson  
Ms. Robbin Sims

**Members Absent**

James Burg  
Joe Ballor

**Others in Attendance**

Charles Culton  
Roger Bates  
Arne Frobom  
Chris Landell  
Seth Martin  
Scott Sprey  
Dawn VanAken  
Chris Blundell  
John Wallace  
Tina Hissong (Guest)  
Sam Crowl (Guest)  
Curtis Stewart (Guest)

**Welcome**

The MCAB meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Capt. Michael Krumm.

**Agenda and Meeting Minutes**

- The agenda and meeting minutes for the May 16, 2019, meeting was approved.

**Agency Reports**

**Secretary of State-Dawn VanAken:**

- The new supervisor, Chris Kendall, was introduced.
- Accounts will expire on September 30, 2019. Secretary of State is working hard to help those that need to renew or have transactions processed, before a potential government shutdown.
- The new system that is being used is helping them stay on top of processing and they are seeing great benefits.
- You can now make appointments for IRP, not only by calling but on-line as well.

**Treasury-Seth Martin:**

- Renewal license season begins November 1.
- Third-quarter tax returns for IFTA will end in October.
- If there is a potential government shutdown, there will be limited customer service.
- Motor Fuel Tax Conference in Louisville, KY was last week, still waiting on the status report.
- IFTA Conference is in North Carolina, in August. There were much brainstorming and discussion on the trend of fuel taxes. Many jurisdictions are leaning towards a weight tax, which would be a tax per mile. We will see more of this in the future.

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**MDOT-Aarne Frobom:**

- Annual Power Units only permits for construction equipment are now being issued.
- Permit Section is beginning a lean process improvement effort. This effort looks at the process now, and what can be done to eliminate certain items to make submitting a permit more customer-friendly and cost-efficient. Suggestions are welcome.

**FMCSA-John Wallace:**

- Discussed the final rule for the 34-hour restart position, and it is still in effect.
- The original 2011 restrictions have been removed.
- Discussed Hours of Service of Drivers.
  - ✓ *Short-Haul Operations-Extend the driving window from 12 hours to 14 hours and extend the distance from 100 air miles to 150 air miles.*
  - ✓ *Adverse Driving Conditions-Extending by two hours the maximum window during which driving is permitted.*
  - ✓ *30-Minute Break-Requiring a break after eight hours of driving time and allowing the requirement to be satisfied by an on-duty break from driving, rather than requiring an off-duty break.*
  - ✓ *Sleeper Berth-Allowing drivers to split their required ten hours off duty into two periods.*
  - ✓ *Split Duty Period-Allow one off-duty break of at least 30 minutes, but not more than three hours, that would pause a truck driver's 14-hour driving window, provided the driver takes ten consecutive hours off-duty at the end of the work shift.*
  - ✓ *Compliance Date for the Rulemaking-Specifically, the Agency seeks comment on whether a six month or twelve-month timeframe would provide sufficient time for ELD manufacturers and the motor carrier industry to conform to the proposed changes.*
- If you would like to comment on the above proposals, the comment period has been extended to October 21.
- The link to access the handout, Hours of Service of Drivers is <https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/regulations/hours-service/hos-nprm-handout>
- The Crash Preventability Determinations Program was discussed.
  - ✓ Creating eight more categories of crashes, with a total of 15 crash types to choose from. For a list of crashes, please refer to the Federal Register that is attached to the email.
  - ✓ Effective for crashes on or after August 1, 2019, for any of the 15 types of crashes.
  - ✓ Proposing changes to SMS.
  - ✓ SMS would continue to display the crashes.
  - ✓ Trying to reduce time to complete an RDR.
  - ✓ Doing away with the 30-day public comment period.
  - ✓ Changes to be made to the program is October 1.
- No confirmed date for Clearing House Registration in the fall.

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**CVED Update-Captain Krumm:**

- Recruit school is in their eighth week, with 21 recruits, graduation is December 12, 2019, at the Kellogg Center. Everyone is invited to attend.
- Facilities-Automated Weigh Station Screening System at the New Buffalo location (New Buffalo-East Bound and Coldwater-North Bound) is nearly complete. These work sites should be up and running by October 1, 2019. These are our most updated scales in the state.
- Ionia West Bound Scale is up and running. Dedication should be sometime in October.
- CVED is finalizing plans for a by-pass lane at the Ionia West Bound Weigh Station.
- Pontiac Weigh Station is up and running again.
- Fowlerville East Bound will be getting a few updates.
- Captain Krumm will be attending the CVSA next week, in Biloxi, MS.
- MSP/CVED is willing to come to your work site and conduct a safety audit for your company. Please let Captain Krumm know if you are interested.
- The inspector position has been posted and interviews will be soon.
- Captain Krumm met with the Michigan Truck Safety Commission; there is a brand-new board of commissioners, with only three or four holding over from the last commission.
- A site for the skid pad project has been identified and the commission has agreed to put one million dollars down to see it through and have agreed to help finance it through scholarships.
- The estimated price tag is around five to six million dollars and is now seeking additional funds.

**Center for Truck Safety-Charlie Culton:**

- Last year's goals and objectives were exceeded in the number of classes that were taught and help calls that were received.
- The largest request is the skid pad.
- A school and transport buses and mobile truck simulators are now available.
- Willing to meet with a carrier and make sure drivers are updated on rules and regulations.
- Two specialists are now in the Upper Peninsula.

**Legislative Updates-MDOT-Aarne Frohom:**

- Please refer to the Trucking Related Bills in the 100<sup>th</sup> Michigan Legislature 2019/2020 handout that is attached to this email.

**New Business**

**Extending Invites-AI DeMeestor**

- The board would like to start inviting legislators to the board meetings.
- All meetings are open to those that would like to attend and could shed light on issues and concerns that others might not be aware of.

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**Suggestions for Upcoming Topics for Future Meetings-Capt. Michael Krumm:**

- More information on technology that MSP uses and the technology in surrounding states, has been requested.

**Upcoming Meeting Dates**

- November 21, 2019
- January 16, 2020

**Department of Transportation, Office of Rail, Rail Safety Section**

Ms. Tina Hissong

- Gave an overview of the Rail Safety Section.
- The Rail Safety Section has oversight of all 4,600 public crossings in the state.
- The Rail Safety Section regulates all railroad crossings.
- The Federal Railroad Administration regulates the railroads.
- Both work together to ensure safety and to educate the public.
- The Rail Safety Section is beginning to launch an effort to work with trucking and bussing industries to conduct educational efforts on low ground clearance signs.
- These signs inform the driver that there are issues at a particular crossing location.
- The Rail Safety Section is working with road authorities to identify trouble crossing areas and to educate the public on the blue signs.
- Blue signs are the emergency notification system (ENS) used to call for help and to give an exact location of the emergency.
- There are no required locations at the crossings for the ENS.

**Operation Lifesaver**

Sam Crowl and Curtis Stewart

- The background was given on the start of Operation Lifesaver.
- National Safety Council took over Operation Lifesaver in 1976 and made it a nationwide program.
- The main priority of Operation Lifesaver is to prevent crashes at railroad crossing intersections; also included now are pedestrian walking and trespassing.
- Operation Lifesaver has a website with a wealth of information, for truck and school bus drivers. <https://oli.org/>
- The Operation Lifesaver team is willing to come and educate your business on safe railroad crossing.
- Applications that can be downloaded on your Samsung Android, are [Rail Locator](#) and for Smartphones it is [Crossing Locator](#). These apps will bring up all crossings in Michigan.