

MICHIGAN TRUCK SAFETY COMMISSION **MTSC**

Michigan Center for Truck Safety, 1131 Centennial Way, Lansing, Michigan
Wednesday, May 10, 2023

Meeting Minutes

Commissioners Present

Capt. Rick Arnold
Katie Bower
Jeremy Burleson
Randy Coplin
Carol Heinowski (virtual)
Brian Hitchcock
Kim Kelly
Jeff Lee
Jeremy Worm

Commissioners Absent

John Harris

Office of Highway Safety Planning (OHSP) Staff

Amber Hignite
Charlotte Kilvington
Katelyn Mullin
Zada Schriener
Emily Shinevar
Alicia Sledge

Guests

Lt. George Bracco
Jon Crippen
Marilynne Fattal
Sgt. Jack Johnson
Jill Sokacz
Michelle Zemla

ROLL CALL

The Michigan Truck Safety Commission (MTSC) meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m.

The MTSC is considered an open meeting. Due to the Open Meeting Act, the MTSC meetings will be recorded via Microsoft Teams moving forth with recordings retained for one year.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA – Katie Bower motioned to approve the minutes; Kim Kelly supported the motion. All Ayes. Motion passed.

- a. Meeting Minutes – March 2, 2023 – Randy Coplin Abstained due to not being present at the March meeting. Katie Bower motioned to approve the minutes; Kim Kelly supported the motion. All Ayes. Motion passed.
- b. Financial Report
- c. Enforcement Grant Activity Update
- d. Education Grant Activity Update
- e. FY2023 Project Updates

B. Financial Report – Ms. Zada Schriener – OHSP

Details as of April 30, 2023, located below

Truck Safety Fund (PA 348 of 1988) Statement of Changes in Fund Balance For Fiscal Year 2023 As of April 30, 2023
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	Annual Budget	Received/ Expended Year to Date	Remaining Budget	% Received/ Expended Year to Date
Revenues:				
CarryForward Fund Balance	3,404,118	0	\$3,404,118	0.00%
Truck Registration Fees (SOS)(1)	\$2,200,000	\$1,572,914	\$627,086	71.50%
Uniform Carrier Fees (CIS) (2)	750,000	437,500	312,500	58.33%
Fund Balance Reserve	200,000	0	200,000	0.00%
Total Revenues	<u>\$6,554,118</u>	<u>\$2,010,414</u>	<u>\$4,543,704</u>	<u>30.67%</u>
Expenditures				
Administration (3)	\$100,000	\$20,268	\$79,732	20.27%
Commissioner Expenses (4)	5,000	0	5,000	0.00%
Education (3)(5) *	1,000,000	323,807	676,193	32.38%
Education (3)(7) *	1,039,000	0	1,039,000	
Enforcement-MSP (3)(6)	2,000,000	217,687	0	10.88%
Total Expenses	<u>4,144,000</u>	<u>\$561,762</u>	<u>\$1,799,925</u>	<u>13.56%</u>
Excess of Revenues over Expenditures	<u>\$2,410,118</u>	<u>\$1,448,652</u>	<u>\$2,743,779</u>	

Fund Balance				
Beginning Fund Balance	\$3,604,118	\$3,604,118		
Payable Write-Off	0	\$0		
Total Beginning Fund Balance	<u>\$3,604,118</u>	<u>\$3,604,118</u>		
Excess of Revenues over Expenditures	2,410,118	1,448,652		
Ending Fund Balance	<u>\$6,014,236</u>	<u>\$5,052,770</u>		

*2023 Beginning Balance subject to change after State of Michigan closeout is completed.

(1) Authority: PA 346 of 1988; MCL 257.801

(2) Authority: PA 347 of 1988; MCL 478.7

(3) Per PA 348 of 1988; MCL 247.675- Administration is not to exceed 5% of total revenues, up to \$100,000;
 Education must be not less than 30% of total revenues, but not less than \$1,000,000;
 Enforcement must be not less than \$750,000 of the balance of funds.

(4) Not considered an Administration expenditure, per 10/95 MTSC meeting

(5) Michigan Center for Truck Safety

(6) Michigan State Police Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division

C. Enforcement Grant Activity – Lt. George Bracco – MSP CVED

Goal 1: Reduce commercial motor vehicle (CMV) involved fatal crashes through high visibility patrols. Use a Data Driven Approach to Crime and Traffic Safety (DDACTS) in accordance with the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division’s (CVED) Action Plan by September 30, 2023.

Activity: The CVED will dedicate approximately 15,000 hours, divided among all districts to conduct STET operations, as mandated by MCL 247.675(4)(c), for the purposes of reducing CMV-related crashes and fatalities. These operations will focus on unsafe driving behaviors and defective equipment violations.

Toward Zero Deaths: The CVED will utilize an additional 3,300 hours of overtime for patrol and enforcement activities. This will occur during peak times, locations when and where CMV-related crashes occur, and other periods of peak traffic density, such as summer and holiday weekends. These patrols will occur in areas identified by each district’s safety plan.

First - Fourth Quarters: The CVED will submit quarterly reports identifying the results of the STET operations and use the data to plan future operations. See the STET Activity Table and STET Hours Worked table in this report for quarterly and Year to Date (YTD) activity.

Quarterly Progress Report

STET Activity – Q1, Q2 and Year To Date Totals

ACTIVITY	10/1 – 12/31 TSF	12/1 – 3/31 TSF	FY23 TSF YTD	10/1 – 12/31 TZD	12/1 – 3/31 TZD	FY23 TZD YTD
Stops	1353	1799	3152	598	398	996
Inspections	1121	1572	2693	531	345	876
Verbal Warnings	1040	1496	2536	467	336	803
Citations	396	559	955	174	88	262
TOTAL HOURS	2331	3153	5484	831	576	1407

Non CMV vs CMV-Related Non-Fatal and Fatal Crashes – FY 2023 Year To Date

Evaluation period	Total Number of crashes	Total number of Truck/Bus crashes	Total number of fatal crashes	Truck/Bus fatal crashes	Percentage CMV related crash/fatal
FY23 to date	156365	7540	435	47	4.82/10.8
FY22 to date	162194	8097	488	50	4.99/10.25
Change	- 3.6%	- 6.8%	-11%	-3%	
FY19 to date	175256	7993	412	45	4.56/10.92

Crash data source: TCRS/Numetric on 4-6-23.

MSP-CVED started our Motor Carrier Officer Recruit School (MCORS) on January 22, 2023. We are currently at eight recruits.

Captain Arnold shared that the CVED is gearing up for summer traffic enforcement. This team will look at crash statistics along with traffic patterns with plans to utilize some funding aimed towards hazardous activities to drive down the crash rates.

Note: While not an objective to this grant, a portion of the grant award is appropriated to support various Michigan State Police divisions as legislated under Public Act 207 of 2018. This appropriation will be indicated in the FY2023 grant budget.

D. Education Grant Activity – Ms. Michelle Zemla – Michigan Center for Truck Safety (MCTS)

Michelle acknowledged that numbers she verbally reported on today slightly vary from the written report submitted on March 31, 2023.

Goal #1 – Provide commercial motor vehicle (CMV) safety training to CMV drivers and industry personnel

The stated ambition for this goal is to provide commercial motor vehicle (CMV) safety training to up to 1500 CMV drivers and industry personnel during the 2023 fiscal year.

The Center has provided safety training to 673 CMV drivers and industry personnel. Training included New Entrant, Simulator Training, Defensive Driving Course, Reasonable Suspicion Training for Supervisors – UP Only, and Driver Performance Management from October 1, 2022- March 31, 2023.

Goal #2 –Strengthen CDL Programs by providing outreach to include seminars and community events

The stated ambition for this goal is to strengthen CDL Programs by providing outreach to include seminars and community events to up to 5000 individuals during the 2023 fiscal year.

Currently 1445 individuals have attended safety related seminars, 65 individuals attended zoom training programs, and 1872 individuals viewed Facebook Live safety videos. In addition, 498 individuals participated in demonstrations with the Mobile Simulator from October 1, 2022- March 31, 2023.

Goal #3 –Additional CMV Safety Activities

The stated ambition for this goal is to provide additional CMV safety activities during FY2023.

The Center has provided additional CMV safety activities that included:

- Distributing over 18,000 Truck Drivers Guidebooks as well as other resources.
- Assisting with 1794 phone calls to the Centers two hotlines.

Goal #4 – Develop or Expand at least one training deliverable

The stated ambition for this goal is to develop new or expand and improve, at least one training- related deliverable for the CMV drivers and industry during FY2023.

Currently, there are additional training scenarios being created for additional offerings through the simulator program.

Goal #5 – PI&E Campaign

The stated ambition for this goal is to develop or expand and improve public information and education campaigns during the 2023 fiscal year.

The Center is in the process of gaining quotes for a PI&E campaign to target Detroit, Grand Rapids and the Upper Peninsula geographical areas. Once quotes are obtained and approved, the campaign will take place in the 3rd quarter (May - July).

Updates

The Center received final approval for the budget amendment/revision on April 13, 2023. Virage was contacted regarding the award of the Simulator/Classroom Trailer project. However, there are concerns as the Center does not have the full funds in the account to move forward.

The Center has requested the funds from OHSP, however, OHSP can only reimburse for the project, not provide the dollars needed up front move forward. We received a proforma invoice from Virage, which was forwarded onto OHSP for reconsideration of receiving the funds up front.

E. PROJECT UPDATES –

MTSC ANNUAL REPORT

The 2022 MTSC Annual Report was approved by the MTSC on October 26, 2022, pending at <https://www.michigan.gov/msp/divisions/ohsp/traffic-safety-partners>.

FY2023 PROJECTS

Project Name	Truck Driver Safety Education Project
Recipient	Michigan Center for Truck Safety (MCTS)
Grant Award	\$1,512,971
Description	Fund staffing and administration for training programs.
Status	Grant approved.
Project Name	Commercial Motor Vehicle (CMV) Enforcement and Outreach
Recipient	Michigan State Police Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division (MSP-CVED)
Grant Award	\$2,000,000
Description	Fund overtime CMV traffic enforcement.
Status	Grant approved.
Project Name	Michigan Center for Defensive Driving (MCDD)
Recipient	Michigan Trucking Association (MTA)
Grant Award	\$1,040,000
Project Description	Provides the CMV operators with significant skills not offered anywhere in the state of Michigan. The training shall provide classroom instruction and real-life exercises utilizing a variety of the CMV combinations. This unique training experience will allow the CMV operators to sharpen their skills of crash avoidance, especially while driving in adverse weather conditions.
Status	Grant approved.

FUTURE PROJECT CONSIDERATIONS

Project Name	Frost Law Repository and App
Project Description	?
Status	Added to list per MTSC Chair. See transcript or minutes for May 11, 2022 for details.
Project Name	Legal Counsel and Representation
Project Description	?
Status	Added to list per MTSC Chair. See transcript or minutes for May 11, 2022 for details.
Project Name	Records Management System for MCTS
Project Description	Based on the recommendations made by the 2015 UMTRI report, the MCTS may consider obtaining a records management system for all training records for trucking companies, safety managers, and CMV drivers if funding becomes available.
Status	The MCTS put this project on hold in FY2016. The costs continued to be explored in FY2023-24.
Project Name	CMV Seat Belt and Hand-Held Device Use Rate Study
Project Description	This research project conducts direct observation surveys regarding CMV drivers' seat belt and hand-held device use rates. This project was completed in 2015 and is updated every 2-3 years.
Status	This project has been tabled for future consideration.
Project Name	Truck Safety Road Team
Project Description	The Road Team had been a MCTS-sponsored event in the past. Various members supported resurrecting this educational program that involves taking a truck to various locations to educate drivers on how to share the road safely with large vehicles.
Status	This project has been tabled for future consideration.

Project Name	Commercial Motor Vehicle Project Solicitation Based on the Strategic Plan 2020-2024.
Project Description	The purpose of these projects is to provide suitable solutions based on any of the emphasis areas that are detailed in the Michigan Truck Safety Strategic Safety Plan 2020-2024.
Dates Received	Due before FY2023.
Vehicle Drivers:	Understanding the Injury and Fatality Risks Among Michigan Commercial Motor Michigan State University. \$233,321 Evaluation of the Effectiveness of the Professional Truck Driver Training Course on unsafe Driving Outcomes: University of Michigan Traffic Research Institute (UMTRI). \$299,992
Status	These projects have been tabled for future consideration.
Project Name	CMV Strategic Plan 2025-2029
Project Description	The Truck Safety Strategic Plan serves as the Strategic Highway Safety Plan for commercial motor vehicles action plan.
Status	Will send report later in the year.

STANDING REPORT/UPDATES:

- A. Chair's Report – Capt. Rick Arnold** – Commercial Carrier Journal (CCJ) completed a study as a simplex group analyzed 2022 the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) truck data and found that Michigan has the lowest percentage of truck involved fatal crashes (though we have not yet seen the official 2022 analysis from the NHTSA). Captain requested a data deep dive from Patrick Bowman with the University of Michigan (UMTRI). Captain also spoke to recent details from the American Transportation Research Institute (ATRI) and their new research priorities for 2023. The CVED continues to work on improving technology for units including improved breaking efficiency with the goal to obtain two units and welcomes the Commissioners to the Michigan State Police headquarters if they would like to look. HAAS Alert is moving forth with digital alerting for patrol cars with the goal to implement by mid-summer 2023 with a presentation planned at the 26th Annual Michigan Traffic Safety Summit in June 2023. Due to some delays with technical issues with connectivity and the alarm system, the external display for trucks that are coming through weight stations is nearing completion. A container port has been announced for Monroe, Michigan, the Governor announced one of the world largest hydrogen systems to be added to southeast Michigan (location to be determined), and the Gordy Howe Bridge is set to open soon as well.
- B. Commissioners Perspectives**
- Carol Heinowski** – No report today.
- Kim Kelly** – No report today.
- Katie Bower** – The hands-free bills are expected to move this month. Click It or Ticket campaign starts on May 15, 2023. The 26th Annual Michigan Traffic Safety Summit is set to take place in Grand Rapids, Michigan on June 13-14, 2023, with registration closing June 8, 2023. 2022 crash data from the Criminal Justice Information Center (CJIC) to be released soon.
- Jeremy Burleson** – No report today.
- John Harris** – No report today.
- Randy Coplin** – Michigan was named the second-best state in the United States for retirees, Florida was ranked number three (they looked at several areas such as healthcare and mobility).
- Jeffrey Lee** – Change in leadership with a new joint council president, Mr. Kevin Moore, who is invested in a driving school for teamsters.

Brian Hitchcock – No report today.

Jeremy Worm – No report today.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Frost Laws** – Captain Arnold would like to have the CVED website link to the Frost Laws website.
- B. Potential Request for proposal and project proposals** – Commissioners reviewed future projects for consideration. The MTSC would like to create a subgroup to focus on future project agenda or details with additional information then presented to the MTSC at a meeting. Requested to see details on an annual timeline so this remains on the radar when needed for next steps. Those interested in participating on this subgroup include Katie Bower or designee from the OHSP, Carol Heinowski, Brian Hitchcock or designee from the Michigan Trucking Association, and Jeremy Worm. Captain Arnold will initiate an email to get this subgroup started.
- C. Review MTSC bylaws** – Captain Arnold reviewed the current bylaws independently with draft revisions tied to public participation and the Open Meetings Act added. This information was submitted to the legal team with the Michigan State Police for a better understanding of where we are at. Updated draft bylaws will be reviewed at the July 12, 2023, MTSC.
- D. Public participation and engagement for the Triennial Highway Safety Plan (3HSP)** – Emily Shinevar spoke to the MTSC on the work and efforts to reach out to the public in the coming months. The 3HSP is due to the NHTSA by July 1, 2023. The goal is to connect, understand, share resources with existing partners, and build new partnerships and connections. Currently, there are more than 1,000 fatalities on Michigan roadways every year (for comparison, Wisconsin has around 500 fatalities each year). Last year we saw increase in fatalities for motorcycles and pedestrians.

Questions for the Commissioners:

- **What is the biggest traffic safety issue we see on our Michigan roadways?** Distracted driving and impaired driving.
- **What is important to you when it comes to traffic safety?** Road conditions, decreasing traffic fatalities, oversized farming equipment, and proper driver education (with many driver's education courses now privatized and not offered through the public schools).
 - Suggested for Emily to connect with the Younger Driver Action Team which meets quarterly and the Michigan Driver and Traffic Safety Education Association (MDTSEA).
- **What works in your community?** Mentioned that younger drivers and senior drivers may get their messaging differently (such as social media) and the means of communication have changed significantly over the years. Suggested that location-based advertising is best.
- **Is there any organization or individual at a community level who would have more input to offer who the OHSP may not have traditionally partnered with?** No additions currently.

ACTION ITEMS

- A. Michigan Center for Truck Safety purchase requisition** – The OHSP is requesting approval of a state funded purchase order change notice for services provided by the Michigan Trucking Association, doing business as the Michigan Center for Truck Safety, to support the Michigan Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety Training and Education program. The contract (2000000001235) ends September 30, 2023, has three one-year options. The OHSP would like to utilize all three one-year options. The total amount for the three years is \$3,000,000. Jeremy Worm motioned to approve the minutes; Kim Kelly supported the motion. All Ayes. Motion passed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Talking points for the July MTSC: Review revised MTSC bylaws.

ADJOURNMENT

Captain Arnold motioned to adjourn the meeting; Jeff Lee supported the motion. All ayes. Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, July 12, 2023, at 9 a.m. – Michigan Center for Truck Safety.