

# MICHIGAN TRUCK SAFETY COMMISSION **MTSC**

Michigan Center for Truck Safety, 1131 Centennial Way, Lansing, Michigan  
Wednesday, March 9, 2022

## Meeting Minutes

### Commissioners Present

Capt. Rick Arnold  
Jeremy Burleson  
John Harris  
Carol Heinowski  
Brian Hitchcock  
Kim Kelly  
Jeffrey Lee  
Jeremy Worm

### Commissioners Absent

Randy Coplin

### OHSP Staff

Kimberlee Kenyon  
Alicia Sledge  
Charlotte Kilvington (virtual)  
Heidi Parker (virtual)

### Guests

Osama Abudayyeh (virtual)  
Ahmed Al-Bayati (virtual)  
Siddharth Bhandari (virtual)  
Lt. George Bracco  
Hayley Hansen (virtual)  
John Crippen  
Marilynne Fattal (virtual)  
Patrick Muinch  
Linda Powell (virtual)  
Robbin Sims  
Michelle Zemla

### ROLL CALL

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

### APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Meeting Minutes – January 12, 2022
- b. Financial Report
- c. Enforcement Grant Activity Update
- d. Education Grant Activity Update
- e. FY2022 Project Updates

Mr. Lee motioned to approve the consent agenda; Ms. Kelly seconded the motion.  
All Ayes. Motion passed

### PRESENTATION

#### Commercial Motor Vehicle Retention/Shortage Research Project – Ms. Hayley Hansen

Ms. Hansen provided a PowerPoint presentation on the truck driver survey results. The analysis of the survey results has not yet been finalized. The researchers indicated they have had some difficulty finding drivers to participate in the survey. Commissioners offered to assist using their connections to get more participants. There was a question-and-answer session between the commissioners and researchers.

#### SmartView 360 System – Lt. Steve Horwood

Lieutenant Horwood provided a PowerPoint presentation of the Smartview 360 System used by the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division (CVED) at two locations. A question-and-answer session along with a discussion regarding the pros and cons of the system followed the presentation.

### STANDING REPORT/UPDATES:

#### A. Chair's Report – Capt. Rick Arnold

Captain Arnold provided an update from NHTSA. He will forward it to the Commission via email.

**B. Commissioners’ Perspectives**

Commissioner Harris provided an update on the entry-level driver program. The Secretary of State’s branch office had an issue with incorrect information being provided regarding the medical certificate waivers. Letters were sent to drivers regarding downgrading their licenses. A new waiver for learner permits is in effect from March 7<sup>th</sup> until May 31<sup>st</sup>.

Commissioner Hitchcock provided an update on the international trucking issues (e.g., propane tank exchange).

Commissioner Lee discussed the great pay and benefits offered to truck drivers. He stated the need for unions to partner with driving schools.

Commissioner Burleson stated he will reach out to new students regarding participating in the Retention/Shortage Survey.

Ms. Sledge shared truck/bus crash data with the commission. The current report shows to date there have been 2,144 truck/bus crashes in 2022, which is a 26 percent increase from 2020 and a 13 percent increase from 2021. The finalized 2021 report will be available by the end of April.

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

**Fourth Quarter Report**

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, 2022.

Activity: The CVED will dedicate approximately 11,000 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 1300 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 high traffic density, such as summer and holiday weekends. Patrols will occur in areas identified by each district’s safety plan.

Progress Report: See the STET Activity Table, including the STET Hours Worked in this report for Year to Date (YTD) activity. The CVED would like to ensure the commission we plan to meet our goals and properly utilize the funds granted.

**Progress Report**

***STET Activity – Year-to-Date Totals***

ACTIVITY	FY22 TSF YTD	FY22 TZD YTD
<b>Stops</b>	2362	224
<b>Inspections</b>	1915	185
<b>Verbal Warnings</b>	1862	166
<b>Citations</b>	765	72
<b>TOTAL HOURS</b>	3933	313

**CMV-Related Crash Comparison – FY 2022**

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
FY22 to date	129452	5865	375	37	4.5/9.8
FY21 to date	119098	5475	392	28	4.5/7.1
Change	-.7%	-9.3%	-26%	+6%	

STET Activity 10-1-21 till 2-28-22. Crash data source: MSP Numeric on 3-1-22.

**D. FY2022 Project Updates – Charlotte Kilvington – OHSP**

MTSC Annual Report

The 2021 MTSC Annual Report was approved by the MTSC on October 27, 2021. The 2021 MTSC Annual Report is online at [https://www.michigan.gov/documents/msp/MTSC\\_Annual\\_Report\\_2021\\_-\\_final\\_746414\\_7.pdf](https://www.michigan.gov/documents/msp/MTSC_Annual_Report_2021_-_final_746414_7.pdf).

FY2022 Projects

Project Name: Truck Driver Safety Education Project  
 Recipient: Michigan Center for Truck Safety (MCTS)  
 Grant Award: \$1,199,953  
 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: Commercial Motor Vehicle Driver Shortage/Retention Research and Solutions  
 Recipient: Western Michigan University College of Engineering and Applied Sciences  
 Grant Award: \$106,698  
 Description: Fund staffing and research to identify innovative solutions for addressing the CMV driver shortage and retention problem in Michigan.  
 Status: Grant approved.

**FY2023 REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)**

Sent to possible applicants on January 12, 2022. Commercial Motor Vehicle Project Solicitation Based on the Strategic Plan 2020-2024. Due March 8, 2022.

Projects in the Exploration Phase

Project Name: Michigan Center for Decision Driving (MCDD) Skid Pad  
 Project Description: With the closing of the Eaton Corporation skid pad in 2015, the MCDD Committee was exploring the feasibility of a new skid pad training opportunity.  
 Status: Commissioner Randy Coplin volunteered to chair the Skid Pad Committee and met with Charlotte Kilvington to discuss funding and sample RFPs. Sample RFP packet sent to Randy Coplin.

Projects on Hold

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 FY2022.

Project Name: Truck Safety Road Team

Project Description: The Road Team had been an 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.

**E. Financial Report – Ms. Heidi Parker – OHSP**

Truck Safety Fund (PA 348 of 1988) Statement of Changes in Fund Balance For Fiscal Year 2022 As of February 28, 2022
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	Received/ Expended Year to Date	Annual Budget	Remaining Budget	% Received/ Expended Year to Date
<b>Revenues:</b>				
Truck Registration Fees (SOS)(1)	\$1,413,890	\$2,220,000	\$806,110	63.69%
Uniform Carrier Fees (CIS) (2)	312,500	750,000	437,500	41.67%
Fund Balance Reserve		335,000	335,000	
Total Revenues	\$1,726,390	\$3,305,000	\$1,578,610	52.24%
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Administration (3)	\$16,674	\$100,000	\$83,326	16.67%
Commissioner Expenses (4)	-	5,000	5,000	0.00%
Education (3)(5)	150,580	1,199,953	1,049,373	12.55%
Enforcement-MSP (3)	12,141	2,000,000	1,987,859	0.61%
Total Expenses	\$179,395	3,304,953	\$3,125,558	5.43%
Excess of Revenues over Expenditures	\$1,546,995	\$47	(\$1,546,948)	
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<b>Fund Balance</b>				
Beginning Fund Balance	\$4,040,994	\$4,040,994		
Payable Write-Off	\$0	0		
Total Beginning Fund Balance	\$4,040,994	\$4,040,994		
Excess of Revenues over Expenditures	1,546,995	47		
Ending Fund Balance	\$5,587,989	\$4,041,041		

\*February 2022 numbers subject to change after the month officially closes.

- (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

## **F. Education Grant Activity – Ms. Michelle Zemla – MCTS**

### **FY2022 October – November 2021**

#### Goal #1 – Provide Commercial Motor Vehicle (CMV) Safety Training to Drivers and Industry Personnel

The stated ambition for this goal is to provide commercial motor vehicle (CMV) safety training for up to 1,500 CMV drivers and industry personnel during the 2022 fiscal year.

For the 2nd Quarter of FY22, MCTS provided safety training to 63 CMV drivers and industry personnel.

#### 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 2022 fiscal year.

For 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of FY22, 518 individuals attended safety-related seminars, 288 individuals attended zoom training programs, and 1044 individuals viewed Facebook Live safety videos.

#### Goal #3 – Additional CMV Safety Activities

The stated ambition for this goal is to provide additional CMV safety activities during FY2022.

For the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of FY22, additional CMV safety activities include:

- Distributing 1,059 Truck Drivers Guidebooks as well as other resources.
- Assisting with 394 phone calls to the Center's two hotlines.

#### Goal #4 – Develop or Expand at least one Training Deliverable – Goal Met

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 FY2022.

The Center developed during FY21 and is now available for FY22 a new certificate program:

"Improving Driver Safety" includes 6 segments focusing on improving driver behaviors. Please see attached course description.

The Center has developed "CDL Driver Refresher: Driving Safety" seminar topic is now available for presentations and training. This seminar provides CMV drivers with a review of important driving techniques that they may have learned but forgotten or failed to use.

#### Goal #5 – Public Information and Education Campaign

The stated ambition for this goal is to develop or expand and improve public information and education campaigns during the 2022 fiscal year

The Center has spoken with TV6 in the UP regarding ad placement via streaming services. In addition, there has been a discussion with a local station out of the Lansing area regarding ad placement via streaming services.

#### Updates

During the latter part of February, the Center began interviewing for the part-time administrative assistant position. Ms. Libby Corbett has been selected as the new administrative assistant for the Center and will start on March 8, 2022. In addition, the Center posted and began reviewing resumes for the Simulator Instructor position, as Mr. Peaslee has left the Center.

#### Simulator Trailer Update

- American Cargo, Wells Cargo's parent company, has been contacted regarding any warranty that may be available. Communications between the Center and American Cargo has taken place since the beginning of January. On Friday, February 18, 2022, the Center was informed the trailer does have a warranty and the Center is currently waiting for approval and paperwork from American Cargo to start the warranty work.
  - Once the warranty is approved, warranty work will take place at the manufacturer's facility in Elkhart, Indiana. The Center will haul/transport the trailer as soon as all paperwork for the warranty work is finalized.
  - Please see the packet of documented pictures.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**A. Skid Pad Request for Proposal (RFP)**

The final RFP will be forwarded to commissioners for review.

**B. Open-ended Call for Projects that Support the Strategic Plan RFP**

The Commission approved the RFP to be extended for an additional 30 days to potentially obtain additional applications.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

MCTS's simulator trailer is scheduled to be transported to Indiana for warranty work at Wells Cargo.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Patrick Muinch is waiting for budget approval to award a 5-year grant from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration. A meeting with grantees is scheduled for April.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Lee motioned to adjourn the meeting; Mr. Harris seconded the motion. All ayes  
Meeting adjourned at 11:12 a.m.

**NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday, May 11, 2022 at 9 a.m. - Michigan State Police Headquarters