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**Horatio S. Earle Learning Center  
Tuesday, March 5, 2019  
9:00 a.m.  
MEETING MINUTES**

<b>MEMBERS PRESENT</b>	<b>REPRESENTING</b>
Chief Ron Wiles	Local Representative
Michael Prince (Chair)	Office of Highway Safety Planning
Carol Reagan	Michigan Department of State
Lawrence Hummel	Local Representative
Kim Avery	Michigan Department of Transportation
Linda Scarpetta	Michigan Department of Health and Human Services
Spl/F/Lt. Jim Flegel	Michigan Department of State Police
Rachel Telder	Aging and Adult Services Agency
<b>MEMBERS ABSENT</b>	<b>REPRESENTING</b>
Jennifer Shea	Governor's Office
Kenneth Micklash	Department of Education
Sheriff Matt Saxton	Local Representative
<b>STAFF SUPPORT</b>	<b>REPRESENTING</b>
Kara Rueckert	Office of Highway Safety Planning

<b>GUESTS</b>	<b>REPRESENTING</b>
Brandon Cannon	Michigan Department of State
Bobby Gwizdz	Michigan Department of State
Mark Bott	Michigan Department of Transportation
Gary Bubar	AAA
Lt. Jeff Daniels	Shelby Township Police Department
Bryan Cummings	General Public
Pat Muinch	Federal Motor Carrier Administration
Dave Morena	Federal Highway Administration
Erik Tamlyn	Michigan Department of Transportation
Tim Fitzgerald	Michigan State Police
Scott Carlson	Michigan State Police
Amanda Heinze	Michigan State Police
Anne Readett	Office of Highway Safety Planning
Pat Eliason	Office of Highway Safety Planning
Kari Arend	Office of Highway Safety Planning
Steve Shaughnessy	Michigan Department of Transportation

**CALL TO ORDER**

The GTSAC meeting was called to order by Chair Michael Prince at 9 a.m. A quorum was present for today's meeting.

**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Mr. Prince welcomed everyone to today's meeting.

- Michael L. Prince, Chair, Office of Highway Safety Planning • Jennifer Shea, Governor's Office • Carol Reagan, Department of State • Kimberly Avery, Department of Transportation • Linda Scarpetta, Department of Health and Human Services • Kenneth Micklash, Department of Education • F/Lt. Jim Flegel, Department of State Police • Tari Muniz, Aging and Adult Services Agency
- Lawrence E. Hummel, Local Representative • Chief Ronald Wiles, Local Representative • Sheriff Matt Saxton, Local Representative

### **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

Mr. Larry Hummel made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 4, 2018, GTSAC meeting, Ms. Carol Reagan supported, the motion carries.

### **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Distracted driving bills are being pushed by May.

### **PRESENTATIONS**

#### **Project Development, Outreach, and Roundabouts—Erik Tamlyn**

For a list of current and planned roundabout locations, see: [www.michigan.gov/roundabouts](http://www.michigan.gov/roundabouts)

- Emphasis on Safety
  - Able to illustrate some of the current issues and how a roundabout would help solve them
  - Graphics provided to locals to show what the new route will entail
- Stakeholder Engagement
- 3D PDF also shows what the roundabouts look like, how it'll work, etc.
- Questions/comments
  - Chief Ron Wiles discussed CMVs and how they go through the roundabout
    - Take up both lanes to go around
    - Lane markings have worn off
  - Michael Prince asked about the Facebook post and comments made
    - In general, there is a lack of understanding about why the roundabouts are needed/effective/more safe
    - By showing statistics, the tangible difference can be seen; show people that safety is in mind
    - FHWA says roundabouts are more cost effective over time; more expensive to install, though
  - The GTSAC can aid in outreach by sharing information about roundabouts/communication; MDOT has a great website with this information

#### **Update: Oral Fluid Analysis Roadside Pilot Program—Sp/F/Lt. Jim Flegel**

- Brief overview of the program, the results, and the next steps
- Legislation
  - Public Acts 242 and 243
  - Swift case; family struck by logging truck in Escanaba; driver was impaired
- Program began in November 2017, ended November 2018
- Berrien, Delta, Kent, Washtenaw, St. Clair; 12 law enforcement agencies involved; 31 DREs who participated
- Test Instrument Selected—Abbott DDS2
  - Portable, hand-held, can be used on the roadside
  - Tests for six different drug categories
- Report was submitted to the Legislature February 2019
  - 92 tests conducted
    - 52 conducted in Washtenaw County
    - 23 in Berrien
    - 12 in Kent
    - 3 in Delta
    - 2 in St. Clair
  - All six categories tested on the instrument
    - Out of the 92 tests, 74 came back positive for THC; 21 out of the 92 tests included multiple drugs (not alcohol)

- Results correlated well with the other testing used (forensic and MSP lab—blood). **\*\*listen to recording\*\***
- The swab is taken at the scene; evidentiary blood test can be up to three hours after, which allows time for the drugs to metabolize
- Recommendations
  - Program provided valuable data on the performance of Abbott DDS2 oral fluid test instrument
  - Data for certain drug classes was not of a suitable sample size to achieve a high confidence level
  - Expand program to eligible DREs in Michigan (137 in 46 counties)
  - Expansion of the pilot program will allow a greater number of police agencies in Michigan to take advantage of the expertise of participating DREs
- Next Steps
  - Michigan Legislature agreed to support the funding of the expanded pilot program to interested, qualified counties around the state.
  - In the next several months, MSP will continue to prepare for the expanded pilot program including: develop specific policies and procedures, procure necessary equipment, data collection requirements, and DRE training
  - It is anticipated the expanded program will begin sometime in late 2019
- Questions
  - Test instrument is a preliminary tool to build probable cause, similar to a PBT
    - Michigan does not have a law for all bodily fluids; only blood, urine, and breath
  - Some states have gone to a per se measurement on nanograms; is Michigan heading in that direction?
    - There is an impaired driving commission that is looking into per se levels and if there should be a level created in Michigan for a level of impairment on marijuana; will be submitted later this month to the legislature

### **Summer Belt/OWI Enforcement Plan—Pat Eliason and Kari Arend**

- Overtime traffic enforcement funding combined with education/public information
- Review annual crash data regularly
- Enforcement during the same periods of time (more than 100 local, state, and county)
- Overtime Traffic Enforcement
  - Planned periods:
    - May 22-June 2, 2019 (seat belt; national period; 38 counties included)
      - Communications campaign includes television commercials, billboards, ads, etc.
      - Focus groups have shown people want more of the emotional side of the campaign, not the enforcement
    - July 1-14, 2019 (impaired; determined by OHSP based on crash data)
      - Communications includes social media and videos
    - August 14-September 2, 2019 (impaired; national period)
      - Communications includes media events and Law Enforcement Action Kits (LEAK)
- Operating While Intoxicated Enforcement Training
  - Standardized Field Sobriety Testing (SFST; 3 days)
  - Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE; 2 days)
  - Drug Recognition Expert (DRE; 2+ weeks)

### **STANDING REPORTS**

#### **Commissioner Reports**

**Local Representative – Chief Wiles**

- MACP Winter Professional Development Conference
  - Director Prince presented on current trends in Traffic Safety across Michigan
- Commercial Vehicles - Washington DC
  - Opportunity to travel to Washington DC to speak with members of the Michigan delegation about the MACPs concerns with potential increases in length or weight of trucks
  - Two basic concerns:
    - Traffic Safety
    - Further deterioration of existing infrastructure (roads and bridges)
- MACP Traffic Safety Committee
  - Putting the final touches on the committee
  - Will be meeting in the near future
- Traffic Safety – Impaired Driving, SFST Presentations
  - Lt. Renye (GBTPD) DRE Instructor did presentations for PAAM on Impaired Driving and SFSTS
  - Ofc. Renye (GBTPD) DRE Instructor doing a presentation on Impaired Driving at the MTA Annual Conference

### **Michigan Department of Transportation – Kim Avery**

#### *Work Zone Safety*

As you know, safety is paramount at MDOT. That's why we need your help! The Michigan Work Zone Safety Task Force was officially launched in October 2018 as a collaborative effort between the Michigan Department of Transportation and Michigan's heavy/highway construction industry. It is the goal of the Task Force to reduce and eliminate work zone injuries and deaths for construction workers and motorists. Through the work of seven specific action teams, the Task Force will not only address the multi-faceted needs of construction sites across the state but will further the advancement of a culture that puts work zone safety first and foremost at all times.

Over 90 members working on the seven actions teams. The action teams will be working on the following areas:

1. Influence driver compliance with consistent enforcement of laws.
2. Balance between mobility and safety
3. Project life cycle safety
4. On going education of all stakeholders
5. Marketing in work zones
6. Safety culture
7. Use of New Technology

The newly created Work Zone Safety Task Force (WZSTF), comprised of staff from MDOT, Michigan State Police, Office of Highway Safety Planning, Michigan Infrastructure and Transportation Association (MITA), and other industry partners, recently launched a social media campaign called #WorkZoneWednesday.

Each Wednesday, WZSTF will share a work zone safety message on Facebook reminding motorists to drive safely in work zones. MDOT will participate by sharing the message on our Facebook, Twitter and Instagram accounts. We encourage you to check out the [WZSTF Facebook page](#), give them a like and share these important safety messages.

#### *Work Zone Awareness Week*

National Work Zone Awareness Week (NWZAW) is April 8-12, 2019. The National Event is being held in Washington D.C. on April 9th.

MDOT and its partners are hosting a National Work Zone Awareness Week Press Conference Event on Monday April 8th at 11am in Traverse City at Team Elmer's. (3600 Rennie School Rd. Traverse City,

Mi). Refreshments and Work Zone Awareness Week giveaways will be provided by donations through the Michigan ATSSA Chapter.

The National theme of this year's event is "DRIVE LIKE YOU WORK HERE!". This is an effort to reach out to the motoring public and encourage them to pay attention, be aware, and drive safely through work zones. At the event we will not only be making the public aware through local media but also honoring all of the people who lost their lives while driving through Michigan Work Zones in 2018 including the 4 workers who lost their lives while working on our construction projects.

This year's event we will have speakers from the following entities:

- MDOT
- MSP - Michigan State Police
- MITA – Michigan Infrastructure & Transportation Association
- ATSSA – American Traffic Safety Services Association
- Consumers Energy
- MIOSHA
- Special Guests

On Wednesday April 10th Michigan will also be participating in National "GO ORANGE DAY!" We encourage everyone to wear orange to help support the goal of Work Zone Safety and to drive Michigan Towards Zero Deaths"!

#### *Traffic Safety Research*

MDOT is kicking off two research projects this month with Michigan State University as the lead researcher. The projects are:

- Evaluating the Impacts of the 2017 Legislative Mandated Speed Limit Increases
- Effectiveness of Crash Fact/Safety Message Signs on Dynamic Message Signs

#### **Rachel Telder – Aging and Adult Services Agency (AASA)**

Richard Kline's last day was Friday, so Director position is currently vacant.

Car manufacturers are looking at safety changes that need to be made for senior drivers; designing vehicles differently for drivers; crash dummies are even being changed to be more in-line with senior drivers, as well.

#### **Michigan Department of State - Carol Reagan**

The Pilot Parental Involvement in GDL/Driver Education Program project is underway. The University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute was contracted to begin work in January. The goal of the program is to improve the quantity and quality of the 50 hours of parent supervised driving time teens receive during GDL. The creation, implementation and evaluation of the program will take place between now and December 2021.

The Motor Vehicle Network, digital monitors, are now in all 131 Secretary of State branch offices. This is one way that the Department of State educates drivers about traffic safety issues. It is estimated that 7.75 million people potentially saw these messages in Fiscal Year 2018. For the monthly "Did you know..." traffic safety messages corresponding to the SHSP action teams, it is estimated that potentially 646K people see them if they run for just one month.

The Motorcycle Motorist Awareness and Education Campaign targeting 20-29 (male and female) year old drivers is moving along. Gud Marketing was contracted in December 2018 and have completed four focus groups – 2 in Grand Rapids and 2 in Detroit area. Currently, a pre- and post-campaign survey is being planned along with the creative plan. The goal of this initiative and campaign is to reduce and prevent crashes, injuries, and fatalities of motorcyclists involved in multi-vehicle crashes.

The campaign will begin in May during "Motorcycle Awareness Month" and run through the riding season ending in September.

Motorcycle training programs around the state are looking for Rider Coaches to work for them and train motorcycle riders attending a Basic Rider Course. There is still room in the Rider Coach Prep sessions scheduled in March, April and May in Detroit, Grand Rapids, and Big Rapids. There is also a military only session in Grand Ledge in April. These training sessions are on average 80 hours long. Candidates must be endorsed by a local training program. Please help to get the word out. OHSP is supporting candidate recruitment via Social Media and have created a flyer. The flyer is available here today on the table along with a MDOS brochure. Interested candidates should visit [www.Michigan.gov/Motorcycling](http://www.Michigan.gov/Motorcycling) to find a training program and start the application process.

A new Healthcare Sub-committee is being created for the Safe Drivers Smart Options: Keys to Lifelong Mobility strategy. The Subcommittee will help to identify healthcare professional resources intended to improve the SDSO site. We are looking for medical professionals from across the state who have aging patients and are interested in shaping the states SDSO offerings. Health Professional Categories: CDRS, Nurse, Nurse Practitioner, Occupational Therapist, Pharmacist, Primary Care Physician, Physician Assistant, Physical Therapist, Social Worker. Contact: Brandon Cannon at CannonB2@Michigan.gov.

### **Michigan State Police – Spl/F/Lt. Jim Flegel**

#### Training Academy

- 135<sup>th</sup> Trooper Recruit School start on September 23<sup>rd</sup> with 134 recruits. There are 101 recruits remaining. Slated to graduate on April 3, 2019.
- Continue to run several law enforcement classes, including SFST and ARIDE classes.

#### Traffic Safety Initiatives:

- Operation C.A.R.E. (Crash Awareness and Reduction Efforts) 7 initiatives scheduled throughout the year:
  - Super Bowl Sunday
  - St. Patricks Day/Spring Break
  - Cinco De Mayo
  - All American Buckle Up/Click it or Ticket
  - Memorial Day
  - Fourth of July
  - Labor Day and Driver Sober or Get Pulled Over campaign
  - Thanksgiving
  - Lifesaver Weekend (Just before Christmas)
  - Operation C.A.R.E. has partnered with IACP and now includes any local or municipal law enforcement agency that would like to participate.
- The 6-State Trooper Project: 7 enforcement campaigns over summer
  - Includes the Indiana State Police, Kentucky State Police, Michigan State Police, Ohio State Highway Patrol, Pennsylvania State Police, and the West Virginia State Police.
  - Traffic safety initiatives will focus on speeding, seat belts, operating while impaired on alcohol and drugs, criminal patrol/drug interdiction, distracted driving, and enforcement/education on the "move over" law.
  - Next 6 State Trooper Projects is scheduled for March 7-9
- Ticketing Aggressive Cars and Trucks (TACT)-Will include the I-94 corridor in Jackson, Washtenaw and Wayne counties.
- CVED—Quad State Operations-Illinois, Indiana and Ohio
  - Off Peak Enforcement (enforcement of CMV during off peak operating hours)-April 6-7
  - Trooper in a truck-June 19
  - Commercial Vehicle Related Enforcement-July 1-5
  - Hazardous Materials Inspections Sept. 18

**Strategic Plan:**

- As part of our on-going departmental Strategic Plan to combat fatal traffic crashes, each post will begin developed specific traffic safety initiatives per county, beginning in January 2019. Posts will be provided specific data for their post area including high density traffic crash mapping.
- Some of the traffic safety initiatives include focusing on distracted driving, impaired driving, occupant restraints, speeding and reckless/careless driving. Any type of dangerous driving behavior that could contribute to a crash.

**Oral Fluid Roadside Analysis Pilot Program:**

- The One-year Pilot program concluded on November 8, 2018.
- Report was submitted to the Legislature.
- Currently working on next steps for the expanded pilot program

**Local Representative – Larry Hummel**

- Traffic and safety engineering training; MSU began talking to people at the department, so hoping things get going
- Quick listen and learn July 28; focused on what will be required by 2026
- Articles on local road safety plans will be coming out; use of drones; autonomous vehicles, augmented reality in transportation
- County road association annual highway conference is coming up
- Committee of safety for ASHTO (end of April)
- March 18 is the next SW/SC TSN meeting

**Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) – Linda Scarpetta**

- Senate Bill 89, which is the child passenger safety legislation to align Michigan's law with national recommendations, has been introduced.
- There were 51 confirmed heat stroke-related deaths nationally in 2018 – the most in any one year for the past 21 years. In spite of the national spike, Michigan had zero deaths for the fourth year in a row. MDHHS, in collaboration with MSP, OHSP, DOS, and the community-based Safe Kids Coalitions (of which there are 14), plans to launch the 2019 "No Heat Stroke" Campaign on April 22, with a Governor's Proclamation to make that date a state-wide day of observation.
- MDHHS has formed a workgroup to assess and address the health impacts of legalized recreational marijuana and will focus on communications and youth initiation prevention.

**Chair's report / Office of Highway Safety Planning – Michael Prince**

*2018 and 2019 Traffic Fatalities/Injuries:*

The Michigan State Police Criminal Justice Information Center reports 950 people died on Michigan roadways as of March 4, 2019. Compared to last year, there are 78 fewer fatalities. In this same timeframe, there have been 5,596 A/suspected serious injuries, down 484 from a year ago. The analysts continue to complete coding for all of 2018. Final figures will likely be released in the spring.

For 2019, there are 112 fatalities, an increase of 14 from 2018. In addition, there are 671 A/suspected serious injuries, down 2 from a year ago. These figures come from the Traffic Crash Reporting System (TCRS) and may differ from the FARS figures.

*Traffic Crash Data Webinar:*

Dr. Carol Flannagan from UMTRI was the featured speaker on a February 28 webinar reviewing crash trends in Michigan and providing background on what is driving them. More than 100 people participated in the webinar.

*Traffic Enforcement Campaigns:*

The Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over campaign for December ended on December 31. The next enforcement campaign will take place May 20 through June 2. OHSP is working with Brogan and

Partners on creative concepts for the new ad campaign and some focus group testing of the preferred concepts. Seat belt use is plateaued at 93 percent with a goal to increase our statewide use rate to 96 percent this year.

*May Motorcycle Safety Campaign:*

OHSP is working with MDOS staff to prepare for the 2019 Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month campaign. In January, OHSP assisted MDOS with a social media campaign to recruit rider coaches. Focus groups have also been conducted for the May campaign. Lastly, OHSP is working with MDOS on a campaign to publicize the 2019 Shadow Rider Campaign, which encourages unendorsed riders to “get trained or get towed.” This campaign will run from February through July 2019 and will be a digital media campaign focusing on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

*Occupant Protection Program Assessment:*

OHSP sponsored a state assessment of Michigan’s occupant protection programs December 3-7 at the Kellogg Center in East Lansing. The assessment is typically conducted every five years and includes interviews/presentations by state and local partners and stakeholders. Subject areas include program management, legislation, regulations, law enforcement, communications, data and evaluation, hospital programs, diverse populations, and school-based and special needs programming. An out-of-state assessment team produces a final report of recommendations for improvements to our programming.

*Strive for a Safer Drive:*

The partnership program with OHSP and Ford Driving Skills for Life has 61 high schools signed up to participate during the 2018-19 school year. Activities will take place during the winter months then schools will submit their follow-up reports. The program concludes with a hands-on ride and drive event in the spring.

*Drug Recognition Expert program:*

The January 2019 DRE school is completed with 19 students completing Phase I and II of the training. They traveled to Arizona at the end of February for the final phase of training.

The newest cadre of instructors were able to complete the DRE instructor training requirements and will be signed off as full-fledged DRE instructors. The DRE instructors were utilized when not teaching, by reviewing ARIDE videos and curriculum, making new videos utilizing a DAX camera, reviewing DRE Policy and Procedures for updating, and conducting ARIDE training.

Planning continues for a second DRE school in September/October of this year.

*Data Integration Grant Project:*

OHSP is working with MSP CJIC to gather information for the continuation and completion of the data integration project. Information needed will include the steps required to complete the project, status of datasets both in process and yet to be secured, and plans and timelines if all datasets are not available through data-sharing agreements. The proposal will need approval from OHSP and NHTSA before a grant application can be submitted for approval.

*Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP):*

The final draft of the Strategic Highway Safety Plan has been shared with GTSAC commissioners for approval by their respective agencies for any final edits before being submitted to the Governor.

*Michigan Traffic Safety Summit:*

The Summit will take place March 19-20, 2019, at the Kellogg Center in East Lansing. More than 500 people are already registered for the event. OHSP has reserved time during the event opening on the 19<sup>th</sup> for Col. Joseph Gasper, MDOT Director Paul Ajegba, and NHTSA Region 5 Administrator Jonlee Anderle to speak.

*Staffing Update:*

Jessica Butterfield has joined OHSP as the Occupant Protection Coordinator.



### **SHSP Update – Kara Rueckert on behalf of Carissa McQuiston, MDOT**

December 13, 2018 we held the Action Team Chair lunch meeting at the Kellogg Center to discuss with the action team chairs/co-chairs:

- New features and action team data on the Michigan Traffic Crash Facts website
- SHSP update and final action plan updates
- Action team communication – coordinating with the Traffic Safety Networks
- Keeping track of accomplishments, etc. throughout the year

In 2019, most teams have met to kick off the new year already

On the agenda for the April Impaired Driving Action Team meeting:

- Christy Sanborn will propose that she fill the chair position with a revisit in October.
- Also, OHSP will host NHTSA in May for the Michigan Impaired Driving Assessment.

Senior Mobility Action Team had a presentation on 'The Physician Perspective' by Dr. Gaumer at their last meeting. This discussion included how physicians talk with elderly drivers and how they as physicians face challenges with this topic. Dr. Gaumer's wish list for elderly drivers included items such as mandatory driving evaluation after a certain age (preferably 70), Driver Road tests (paid for by insurance), a central referral for evaluations and driving refresher courses.

Traffic Records request for projects for FY2020 was due by last Friday

Each team should be including action plan tasks at each meeting – whether with presentations or team discussions.

Each action team has a month of the year in the Secretary of State's offices MVN rotation. Dept of State produces these (with revisions from the teams).

Not aware of any team field trips for this year yet.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Bryan Cummings—environmental health and safety

- Turn signal issues; personal information/encounters he has had
  - 22% of his encounters used turn signals (October-December)
  - Farmington Hills to Lansing 2/28 was 9%
  - Says two of his young employees claim they were told to only use turn signals at stop lights and signs when they took driver's training—can something be implemented in these courses?

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 4, 2019, at the Horatio S. Earle Learning Center.