

MICHIGAN TRUCK SAFETY COMMISSION **MTSC**

October 31, 2018
Meeting Minutes

Commissioners Present

Dr. Dan Blower, Chair
Michael Prince
Michelle Taylor
Tim Yungfer, Vice Chair
James Fackler
Sharon Conklin
Jill Skutar
Capt. Mike Krumm
Charles Moser

Commissioners Absent

Dave Goller
Amanda Williams

Guests

Michelle Zemla
John Holder
Greg Causley
Dawn Davis
Joel Gordon
Chuck Simmons
Marilynne Fattal

OHSP Staff

Kara Rueckert
Spencer Simmons
Heidi Ruis
Charlotte Kilvington
Anne Readett
Jessica Riley

ROLL CALL

The Michigan Truck Safety Commission meeting was called to order by Dr. Blower, Chair, at 9:06 a.m.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Self-introductions were made by those present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Moser made a motion to approve the September 12, 2018, meeting minutes. The motion was supported by Mr. Fackler. The motion carries.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Skid Pad Update — Mr. Joel Gordon, DTMB

Wooded wetlands on the property for the proposed skid pad. For every 1 acre being destroyed, 10 must be mitigated (in the same watershed). DTMB is looking at the banked wetlands in the watershed to help supplement the number of acres that must be mitigated for the project.

DTMB is looking into the possibility of mitigating part of the Vehicle and Traffic Services (VTS) parking lot—this could be used in place of the wetlands area. This option would be more cost effective and easier, but there have been no decisions made. There are still several rounds of approvals that must take place, including VTS.

Mr. Gordon is not sure of when he will have answers; he is hopeful to have them by the end of the calendar year. Dr. Blower stated that, without these answers, we cannot solidify funding. There is a great uncertainty of whether or not 80 acres will need to be mitigated. Cost of mitigation depends on location; Mr. Gordon did not have examples in this region. Cost comes from acquiring the property and recreating the wetlands. Mr. Gordon has requested an estimate on mitigating the abandoned parking lot; he will send this to Mr. Prince for distribution.

Mr. Gordon will get drawings and information regarding the buildings to Mike in the next week so the commission has something in hand for seeking funds. Possibly foam core boards or post-card handouts.

Dr. Blower said we have a draft form of a document showing why the skid pad is a good idea, what it would be used for, etc. He will send it to Mr. Gordon after updating it and getting approval from committee.

STANDING REPORTS

A. Chair's Report — Dr. Dan Blower

Top issues as identified by the truck industry have been released:

1. Driver shortage (12 out of the last 14 years, driver shortage has been in the top three).
2. HOS rules
3. Driver retention
4. ELD mandate
5. Truck parking

FMCSA inspector general is investigating and issuing a report of the new CSA recommendations.

B. Commissioners' Perspectives

Mike Prince—

- Charlotte Kilvington has been working with other agencies in preparation for the TACT project; thanks to FMCSA for assisting with funding. There will be a conference call with MDOT in November to make sure there is no construction, etc., planned during the proposed dates of enforcement.
- NHTSA sponsored drugged driving summit earlier this month; some OHSP staff and other interested parties attended.
- DRE school in January; 130 DREs and 20 prosecutors. SFST is now completed in recruit school; ARIDE is an additional 16-hour course enforcement can take; DRE is a 2+ week course that goes beyond both of these. It is not feasible to have all law enforcement members be trained as DREs. There is a possibility of running a second school next year.
- This month marked the 30th anniversary of the MTSC. OHSP staff worked on social media postings and there will be stone coasters as a commemorative item for commissioners and key partners.

Sharon Conklin—

- West Michigan Safety Council; meeting November 20 at Uccello's in Grand Rapids (6 p.m.). FMCSA will be attending and speaking on current and future happenings of the association.

Michelle Taylor—

- Shared an article about driver shortages and what some companies are doing to attract drivers and new partners.

C. Financial Report — Mr. Spencer Simmons — OHSP

Report provided is preliminary because all grants were due October 30, so final payments have not yet been processed. Expenses for Education and Enforcement grants are through August.

Total Revenues:

- Received/Expended YTD – \$2,965,398
- Annual Budget – \$2,909,000
- Remaining Budget – \$56,398
- % Received/Expended YTD – 101.94%

Total Expenditures:

- Received/Expended YTD – \$2,043,944
- Annual Budget – \$3,039,407
- Remaining Budget – \$995,463
- % Received/Expended YTD – 67.25%

Excess of Revenues over Expenditures:

- Received/Expended YTD – \$921,453
- Annual Budget – (\$130,407)
- Remaining Budget – (\$1,051,860)

D. Enforcement Grant Activity – MC Lt. John Holder — CVED

Year-to-date report overview given. **stats from report**

- 13560/13500 of dedicated hours used; 9364 traffic stops, 6058 inspections (YTD)
- Toward Zero Deaths: 795/750 hours of overtime; 718 stops, 513 inspections

22nd Motor Carrier Officer Recruit School (MCORS) graduated eight probationary officers on December 21, 2017. 23rd MCORS began in August; currently four recruits remaining; scheduled to graduate December 13, 2018. There are ongoing efforts for recruiting for the 24th MCORS.

From Captain Krumm: Speed limit increase and seat belt use rate have limited enforcement.

E. Education Grant Activity — Mr. Michelle Zemla — Michigan Center for Truck Safety

Year-to-date statistics were presented, including the fourth quarter. The online fatigue training goal is the only goal that was not met.

- Goal #1 – Provide new entrant safety management to 75 motor carriers; 124%
- Goal #2 – Provide driver performance measurement (DPM) evaluations to 100 drivers; 128%
- Goal #3 – Provide national safety council defensive driving for professional truck drivers (PTD) to 300 individuals; 103%
- Goal #4 – Provide simulator training to 500 drivers and provide demonstrations to 1,200 individuals; 106% / 216%
- Goal #5 – Provide online fatigue training to 300 individuals; 11%
- Goal #6 – Provide various safety seminars to 2,000 individuals; 159%
- Goal #7 – Provide phone technical assistance (incoming/outgoing calls); 9,723 calls
- Goal #8 – Distribute truck drivers guidebook (TDG); 25,589 to date (no numerical goal set)
- Goal #9 – Increase social media and outreach; 308 followers (no numerical goal set)

PRESENTATIONS

A. Michigan Traffic Crash Facts Websites and Features — Mr. Patrick Bowman, UMTRI

Mr. Bowman gave an overview of the website and all of its features. Data on the website dates back to 2004; up to 2017. He was able to produce several queries to show data and statistics at the commissioners' requests. Information is all from UD-10 police reports.

ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of the 2018 MTSC Annual Report

Dr. Blower's questions and observations:

- Page 4—CMV Involved Fatalities
- Page 6—Fatigue goal not achieved; would it be appropriate to state why the goal was not achieved?
 - From Anne, it can be added to the report if they want

Motion to approve, pending addition of final financial data by Mr. Yungfer, Mr. Prince second, approval by acclamation.

B. Approval of the 2019 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Fackler motion to approve, Ms. Conklin second, motion carries.

DISCUSSION ITEMS (CONT.)

A. Update of Strategic Plan for 2019

Do we want to put out an RFP or keep it an in-house project? Going to an outside source would incur greater costs than keeping it in-house. Charlotte will get together documents to route and compile. Mr. Patrick Bowman will assist in compiling data. Dr. Blower will provide previous reports and data analysis to help with this process, as well. It could be possible to create a survey for input.

OHSP will be the point of contact and will work with Dr. Blower and the R&D Committee to get the process started.

B. Research Ideas — Dr. Blower

1. Best practices for the trucking industry to cope with the legalization of marijuana
2. Crash accountability and the balance of contribution between crashes with cars and trucks
3. Driver shortage

Ms. Conklin presented these ideas to co-workers and others who are involved in the industry and number three was strongly supported.

From Charlotte Kilvington, OHSP: Seat belt survey has not been done since 2015, so that may be a good option. Also, handheld devices—distraction.

From Mr. Moser—how far out are autonomous trucks? Mr. Fackler responded by offering input into how long the process could take with the federal law-making timelines and such.

Idea from Dr. Blower: everyone prioritize three ideas; three printed, distraction, technology. Commissioners can rank top three in a Doodle survey. During the next meeting, they can vote on funding.

B. Skid Pad/Finance

Detectable forward motion in the progress. Mr. Gordon will be working to get financial numbers by the end of the year.

The majority of the funding should come from the state. Dr. Blower asked Mr. Causley if there has been any progress?

From Mr. Causley: While registration fees have been increased, these funds are being allocated to the infrastructure. There are too many unknowns for trucking companies to commit to such a large amount of

money without anything being in progress yet. If a long-term contract could be signed to have a third party come in with the skid pad, there would be an investment present—we have put out an RFP for a skid pad before, but the one option returned was not viable.

Another option from Dr. Blower: One-time fee from all truck drivers to pay for skid pad, up to the MTSC to cover ongoing costs/operation of the skid pad. Mr. Fackler will look into how many class three drivers there are in the state of Michigan.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GTSAC award nominations are due Friday, November 2.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, January 9, 2019, Michigan Center for Truck Safety

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:19 p.m.