

# MICHIGAN TRUCK SAFETY COMMISSION **MTSC**

**March 13, 2019**  
**Meeting Minutes**

## **Commissioners Present**

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

## **Commissioners Absent**

Dave Goller  
Tim Yungfer

## **Guests**

Michelle Zemla  
Brandon Cannon  
Carissa McQuiston  
John Holder  
Chuck Simmons  
Chance Szymanski  
Joel Gordon  
Dawn Davis  
Marlynne Fattal  
Greg Causley

## **OHSP Staff**

Spencer Simmons  
Charlotte Kilvington  
Anne Readett  
Kara Rueckert

## **ROLL CALL**

The Michigan Truck Safety Commission meeting was called to order by Dr. Blower, Chair, at 9:01 a.m.

## **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Self-introductions were made by those present.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Moser made a motion to approve the January 9, 2019, meeting minutes. The motion was supported by Captain Krumm. The motion carries.

## **STANDING REPORTS**

### A. Chair's Report — Dr. Dan Blower

NTSB is doing a roundtable on truck driver distraction in April in Houston.

Committee that is monitoring FMCSA's implementation of a new algorithm for applied safety (?). Moving forward in its second year; no current status to give. There will be a face-to-face meeting in June, so Dr. Blower will have an update at the July meeting.

Noticed a number of trucks recruiting with driver recruitment signs on his road trip to and from Florida.

### B. Commissioners' Perspectives

Mr. Moser—

Gas tax increase; was involved in a conference call regarding the proposal being introduced, but does not have an update on the way it is presumed to go.

Ms. Conklin—

West Michigan Safety Council meets once a month (April 16) at Eucelo's on the Beltline in Grand Rapids.

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Mr. Prince—

Injury/death updates. 14791 truck/bus crashes; certified crash data for 2018 sometime this month, release will come from our office at that time

Traffic Safety Summit March 19-20, at the Kellogg Center. Sessions in all areas, including distracted driving, drugged driving, CMV, legal, data, etc.

NHTSA has asked the state highway safety offices to work with law enforcement partners to work together on a Connect to Disconnect event. This will take place April 11.

Click It or Ticket campaign in May to kick off the summer. Belt use rate has been plateaued between 93-94% for the last ten years. OHSP will have new campaigns/ads released this year.

Captain Krumm—

Recruit school will start June 30; Motor carrier advisor board: quarterly meetings (May 21) to discuss operational issues and requests within the division/industry.

Mr. Fackler—

Vehicle portion of new computer system has been implemented, which went better than expected. For the first time, Michigan is updating titles immediately, which is one of the biggest thing MDOS has had to sort through. MDOS is reorganizing, so Mr. Fackler's time on the commission may be ended. His replacement would likely come from the Office of Customer Records.

Ms. Skutar—

Safety awards banquet March 26. Gearing up for the Truck Driver Championship, which runs in conjunction with the Michigan Super-Tech Competition.

C. Financial Report — Mr. Spencer Simmons — OHSP

State of Michigan is still not overall closed for FY18; This report is current through January 31.

Total Revenues:

- Received/Expended YTD- \$853,816
- Annual Budget- \$2,990,000
- Remaining Budget- \$2,136,184
- % Received/Expended YTD- 28.56%

Total Expenditures:

- Received/Expended YTD – \$239,247
- Annual Budget – \$2,989,863
- Remaining Budget – \$2,750,616
- % Received/Expended YTD – 8.00%

Excess of Revenues over Expenditures:

- Received/Expended YTD – \$614,569
- Annual Budget – \$137
- Remaining Budget – (\$614,432)

Fund Balance:

- \*Total Beginning Fund Balance YTD- \$3,676,874
- Total Beginning Fund Balance for Annual Budget- \$3,676,103

- Ending Fund Balance YTD- \$4,291,443
- Ending Fund Balance for Annual Budget- \$3,676,240

D. Enforcement Grant Activity – MCO Lt. John Holder

CVED has received a grant that pertains to three main objectives

- Goal 1: Reduce CMV involved fatal crashes from 13.3% to 9.4%
  - 13,500 hours to Specialized Truck Enforcement Team (3,912 worked)
  - 750 hours of overtime to Toward Zero Deaths (134 worked)
- Goal 2: 15 new MCO recruits
  - Four probationary offers sent to 23<sup>rd</sup> MCORS graduates

Frost laws are in effect; look at MDOT website—first bulletin released

Seeing a reduction in violations due to ELDs—only motor carrier officers can actually check the hours in the ELD; officers and troopers can only look at log books because they are not trained to look at the ELD.

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

- Goal #1 – Provide new entrant safety management to 75 motor carriers; 45%
- Goal #2 – Provide driver performance measurement (DPM) evaluations to 53 drivers; 45%
- Goal #3 – Provide national safety council defensive driving for professional truck drivers (PTD) to 325 individuals; 46%
- Goal #4 – Provide simulator training to 515 drivers and provide demonstrations to 1,235 individuals; 46%/69%
- Goal #5 – Provide online fatigue training to 100 individuals; 38%
- Goal #6 – Provide various safety seminars to 2,060 individuals; 53%
- Goal #7 – Provide phone technical assistance (incoming/outgoing calls); n/a
- Goal #8 – Distribute truck driver’s guidebook (TDG); 14,378 to date (no numerical goal set)
- Goal #9 – Increase social media and outreach; no numerical goal set (341 likes)

19th edition of the Truck Driver Guide Book has been printed, 14000 already distributed and more will be printed.

**ACTION ITEMS**

A. TS-19-01 Grant Amendment Request — Ms. Michelle Zemla — Michigan Center for Truck Safety  
 Requesting an amendment to add a part-time person for the Escanaba office. Current position would stay in the St. Ignace office instead of commuting between the two; new person would stay in Escanaba. Request approved to be retro-active.

<b>Commissioner</b>	<b>Yay</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Dr. Daniel Blower	X			
Mr. Tim Yungfer				X
Mr. James Fackler	X			
Ms. Sharon Conklin	X			
Mr. Dave Goller				X
Ms. Jill Skutar			X	
Capt. Mike Krumm	X			
Mr. Charles Moser	X			

Ms. Amanda Williams	X			
Mr. Michael Prince	X			
Ms. Michelle Taylor	X			

Sub-committee to review RFPs before being posted (can only have five commissioners)—Capt. Krumm and Dr. Blower volunteered; Dr. Blower requested other commissioners let him know if they are interested.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

A. TACT Project Update — Ms. Charlotte Kilvington — OHSP

Second grant in the last five years;

- June 3-7 and 10-14 from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.;
- Jackson, Brighton, Metro South posts;
- Press event at Jackson and Metro South on June 3; Mr. Prince will be the MC, Dr. Blower will provide background info
- Capt. Krumm brought up a concern using the term “Ticketing” because the goal is to educate.
- Brogan will be presenting on March 28 with the media/presentations and campaign materials. Posts will be provided with maps for the current MDOT projects.

B. Skid Pad Update/Funding — Mr. Joel Gordon and Dr. Blower

Things are moving along and will pick up speed shortly. They have reached out to collective groups regarding the wetlands issue. Trying to mitigate the wetlands would incur significant (unrealistic) fees. Looking to reevaluate areas that have been defined as wooded wetlands. Another possible option would be to move the project further north, but that would pose other issues. Mr. Gordon is hoping to have a wetland issue update at the May 8 meeting after the snow melts and the reevaluation is complete.

Mr. Gordon can provide an amount for the cost of the Skid Pad, but the mitigation costs are unknown and unpredictable at this point.

Kendall Wingrove (OHSP Communications Section Chief) went over the two tri-fold, six panel pamphlet options available as a resource for promoting the Skid Pad project to outside funding sources.

Dr. Blower proposed increasing the amount the Commission puts in toward the project—increasing from \$500,000 to one million. Mr. Prince made a motion to increase, Mr. Moser seconds; role call vote made

<b>Commissioner</b>	<b>Yay</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Dr. Daniel Blower	X			
Mr. Tim Yungfer				X
Mr. James Fackler	X			
Ms. Sharon Conklin	X			
Mr. Dave Goller				X
Ms. Jill Skutar	X			
Capt. Mike Krumm	X			
Mr. Charles Moser	X			
Ms. Amanda Williams	X			
Mr. Michael Prince	X			
Ms. Michelle Taylor	X			

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Michigan Traffic Safety Summit will be March 19-20. Agenda is available online.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- Sgt. Chris Keller has been promoted to Lieutenant.
- Frost laws are in effect for the entire lower peninsula.

**NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday, May 8, 2019, Michigan Center for Truck Safety

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:37 a.m.