



STATE OF MICHIGAN

GOVERNOR'S TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMISSION
LANSING

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GOVERNOR

MICHAEL L. PRINCE
CHAIR

Horatio S. Earle Learning Center
Tuesday, December 10, 2013
9:00 a.m.
MEETING MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT	REPRESENTING
F/Lt. Jim Flegel	Michigan Department of State Police (MSP)
Lawrence Hummel	Local Representative (Van Buren County Road Commission and the County Road Association of Michigan)
Michael Prince (Chair)	Office of Highway Safety Planning (OHSP)
Ramona Putnam	Michigan Department of State (MDOS)
Sheriff Matt Saxton	Local Representative (Michigan Sheriffs Association)
Linda Scarpetta	Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH)
Jennifer Shea	Governor's Office
Randy VanPortfliet	Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT)

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT	REPRESENTING
Tari Muniz	Office of Services to the Aging (OSA)
Kenneth Micklash	Michigan Department of Education (MDE)
Chief David Stamm	Local Representative (Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police)

STAFF SUPPORT	REPRESENTING
Janet Hengesbach	Office of Highway Safety Planning (OHSP)

GUESTS	REPRESENTING
Kathy Farnum	Office of Highway Safety Planning (OHSP)
Linda Fech	Office of Highway Safety Planning (OHSP)
Charlotte Kilvington	Office of Highway Safety Planning (OHSP)
Jason Hamblen	Office of Highway Safety Planning (OHSP)
Sgt. Dwayne Gill	Michigan Department of State Police
Pat Muinch	Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration
Dave Morena	Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration
John Wallace	Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration
Carol Reagan	Michigan Department of State (MDOS)
Patrick Bowman	UMTRI
Angie Kremer	Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT)
Deidre Thompson	Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT)
Tracie Leix	Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT)
Kim Lariviere	Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT)
Mark Bott	Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT)
Bonnie Raffaele	KDR
Judge Patrick Bowler	Retired
Dan Lee	Michigan State University

Michael L. Prince, Chair, Office of Highway Safety Planning • Jennifer Shea, Governor's Office • Ramona Putnam, Department of State • Randy VanPortfliet, Department of Transportation • Linda Scarpetta, Department of Community Health • Kenneth Micklash, Department of Education • F/Lt. Jim Flegel, Department of State Police • Tari Muniz, Office of Services to the Aging • Lawrence E. Hummel, Local Representative • Chief David Stamm, Local Representative • Sheriff Matt Saxton, Local Representative

CALL TO ORDER

The GTSAC meeting was called to order by Chair Michael Prince at 9:00 a.m. A quorum was present for today's meeting.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Mr. Prince welcomed everyone to today's meeting. He introduced F/Lt. Jim Flegel who will be representing the Michigan State Police. F/Lieutenant Flegel has been with MSP for over 20 years serving different assignments during this time.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Jennifer Shea made a **MOTION** to approve the minutes of the September 4, 2013 GTSAC meeting. Sheriff Matt Saxton supported. The **MOTION** carries.

STANDING REPORTS

Legislative Summary – Sgt. Dwayne Gill, Michigan State Police

Sergeant Gill reviewed recent legislation relating to current traffic safety issues. Bills of note include HB 4763 relating to the red light cameras at certain intersections, HB 4799 would impose penalties against those using mobile wheelchairs or mopeds causing physical injury or death to a roadway user such as the motorized wheel chairs, and SB 169 which concerns autonomous driving in Michigan. Under this bill, Michigan would have a testing site *only*. A full copy of the bills will be posted on the GTSAC Web site.

Commissioner Reports

Michigan Department of Community Health – Linda Scarpetta

Ms. Scarpetta reported on the Safe Kids program indicating the main focus in 2014 will be heat stroke and kids being left in hot cars in summer months. They are finding the death rate to be higher for older children in these situations. Safe Kids Huron Valley will spearhead education for older kids to learn how to get out of a car in this situation.

MDCH explored the opportunity to apply for a Pedestrian Safety grant offered through Safe States Alliance. Partnerships, communities and readiness were explored through the GTSAC Pedestrian/Bicycle Action Team, and it was concluded that there isn't a sufficient number of communities that would meet the grant criteria (a minimum of three municipalities had to have a comprehensive Pedestrian Safety Action Plan in place). MDCH will not explore this grant at this time, but will continue to watch out for other opportunities.

Local Representative – Sheriff Matt Saxton

Sheriff Saxton reported that the Michigan Sheriffs Association has reached over 30,000 vehicles participating in the STOPPED program this past year. Sheriff Departments are pursuing schools that are not participating currently. Vehicles participating will have the STOPPED sticker in the front windshield of the vehicle the teen is driving. Applications for this program are available in the SOS branch offices.

Local Representative – Larry Hummel

Mr. Hummel reported that road projects are being wrapped up with some guardrail work yet to complete. They are working with the Sheriff's Departments, MDOT, MSP, and local Sheriff's Departments regarding SW Michigan winter operations.

Governor's Representative – Jennifer Shea

Ms. Shea reported that conversations regarding retaining the current technicians are being held currently. Car seat technicians are certified for two years, then may recertify by completing six continuing education

credits. They would then complete a visit to an instructor who would sign off on five of the completed credits, and follow-up by attending one registered car seat fitting event. Currently there are approximately 900 technicians and 50 instructors. She also reported that a new curriculum from the National Child Passenger Safety Board is being rolled out in 2014. All of the current instructors will need to be trained on this curriculum.

Michigan State Police – F/Lt. Jim Flegel

F/Lieutenant Flegel reported that the MSP Training Academy recently graduated 65 recruits in the 125th Trooper Recruit School. The 126th school will start in January with 120 Recruits.

Traffic Services Section: The Precision Driving Unit continues to train Law Enforcement officers from around the country in advanced driving skills. This year 650 police officers were trained. There were 420 teens trained in the Train Like a Trooper Teenage driving schools and the Chrysler Road Ready Teen driving schools:

Michigan State Police Strategic Plan: Objective 1.1: Increase patrol operation through the continued implementation of the Regional Policing Plan (RPP)

- Over the last 12 months, Troopers and Sergeants have increased patrol time by 54,568 hours
- Overall as an agency, work sites are averaging 34.9% of their time as patrol hours.

The Michigan State Police and OHSP are working in conjunction to formulate a Thanksgiving Operation CARE overtime grant. This proposal will cover the next 3 years and will allow Troopers and Sergeants to work OT during the Thanksgiving Operation CARE period. This grant money will also focus on Public Service Announcements, advertising, and of course, Traffic Safety Initiatives.

Michigan Department of State – Ramona Putnam

Ms. Putnam provided copies of The Parent's Supervised Driving Guide to the Commissioners present at today's meeting. Secretary of State Ruth Johnson launched the new initiative on December 3rd in Dearborn. The news conference was held at Edsel Ford High School, where the Secretary was joined by ASO Advanced Rulemaking and Strategy Manager Michelle Chaka of Ford Motor Company; Jeff Larson, President of Safe Roads Alliance, Christine Meddaugh, a driver rehabilitation specialist and President of the Michigan Driver and Traffic Safety Education Association; and Michelle Irwin, a resident of the Village of Lexington and parent of a new teen driver. There were also numerous high school students in attendance, many of whom are currently in a driver's training program.

A copy of the Guide will be distributed to parents and guardians of teens applying for their Level 1 license at a Secretary of State branch office. It is also available on the web in a PDF version at www.Michigan.gov/teendrivers. A significant tool to use in conjunction with the Guide is the recently released RoadReady app, currently available for iPhones and coming in the spring to the Android platform. RoadReady allows for the electronic logging of the required behind-the-wheel driving time, including providing GPS mapped drives and a record of road conditions and time of day. Copies of the news release are available for today's visitors on the table.

On December 4th, it was announced that Visa credit and debit cards will now be accepted at Secretary of State Branch offices. Previously, Visa could only be used to pay for mail, online and Self-Service Station transactions. Visa now joins Discover and MasterCard as alternative methods for paying for transactions at the counter, in addition to cash or check.

Michigan Department of Transportation – Randy VanPortfliet

SHSP Outreach: November was the last month MDOT posted the Traffic Deaths In Michigan This Year with the Dynamic Message Sign as part of a pilot. This effort was launched in an attempt to better educate the traveling public and to influence driver behavior.

Each year MDOT awards scholarships to local agencies to attend the Annual Michigan Safety Summit. This past year 17 agencies attended the conference. The solicitation for candidates went out late

November to CRAM, cities and Native American tribes to send one attendee. The goal is to sponsor 50 local agencies.

A new fact sheet explains MDOT's goal in replacing traffic signs. "Why Traffic Signs Are Replaced" describes how and why the department chooses to replace traffic signs. The fact sheet also explains why retro reflective signs are beneficial to older drivers and why regular sign support replacement ensures safety along Michigan roadways. This new release is available for download on the home page of the MDOT website and also on the "Driver Info" section of the Roads and Travel section of the site.

SHSP Support: Once again MDOT is soliciting from the Region Offices state trunkline safety projects as part of the annual Highway Call for Projects. The MDOT Safety Program is a five-year plan to select cost-effective safety improvements, as identified in Michigan's Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP), to address Trunkline locations with correctable fatality (K) and serious injury (A) crashes

MDOT's Safety Goal is to reduce fatalities and serious injuries on the state Trunkline system in support of the Michigan Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP) and the Department's efforts of achieving the vision Toward Zero Deaths (TZD). To verify the Department's safety initiative is making strides toward this vision the interim goal is to reduce fatalities and serious injuries from 419 and 2,286 in 2011 to no more than 333 and 1,700 in 2016.

Click It or Ticket sign: In an effort to support the graphic change in the NHTSA ad campaign for Click It or Ticket, MDOT is working with OHSP to update the existing signs in the rest areas/Welcome Centers and distribute new signs to local agencies and businesses to place in their parking lots. The existing signs are reaching the end of their service life therefore making an appropriate time to transition to the new design.

Office of Highway Safety Planning – Michael Prince

Mr. Prince reported that OHSP is sponsoring DDACTS training December 10-12 in Southfield. The course has been filled to capacity and includes ten agencies, which include 4 MSP Posts, MSP-MIOC and 5 police departments (one from Canada).

The Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) Candidate Screening: OHSP is currently screening applicants for the next DRE School in January 2014. A total of 34 applications were received.

Ticketing Aggressive Cars and Trucks (TACT) Project: The second enforcement wave of the TACT project took place in November. Enforcement results included over 1,000 vehicle stops resulting in 297 speed citations, 70 citations for improper lane change/passing, 56 citations for impeding traffic, 213 other citations, and 96 total arrests. The third and last wave of enforcement for the TACT project will take place December 2-13, 2013.

Strive 4 a Safer Drive (S4SD) Program: The S4SD program has enrolled 43 high schools for the 2013-2014 program year. This is the largest group in the three years of the program. The program is a teen traffic safety partnership between OHSP, Ford Driving Skills for Life, and AAA Michigan. Schools will be conducting peer-led traffic safety campaigns for their respective schools which will be evaluated by a panel of judges in the spring. Each school will have an opportunity to send student representatives to a Ford Driving Skills for Life Teen Drive Camp at Ford's Dearborn Proving Grounds scheduled for May 1-2, 2014.

Staffing Update: Ms. Susan Bishop has been selected to fill the vacant e-Grants Technician position in the Planning and Administration Section within OHSP. The position serves as OHSP's point of contact with all grantees for application to the e-Grants site.

2014 Michigan Traffic Safety Summit: The OHSP hosts an annual statewide highway traffic safety conference which draws nearly 500 attendees from around the state. The 2014 conference will take

place March 25-27, 2014, at the Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center on the campus of Michigan State University. The conference includes general sessions and over two dozen workshops covering a variety of issues relevant to traffic safety. OHSP provides sponsorships for Regional Traffic Safety Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs and grant project directors.

2014 Governor's Highway Safety Association National Meeting/Conference: Michigan will host the 2014 GHSA National Meeting/Conference in Grand Rapids, September 7-10, 2014, at the Amway Grand Plaza. The conference brings together leadership and staff from state and territorial highway safety offices as well as other individuals and organizations from around the nation.

ACTION ITEMS

Presentation of the 2013 GTSAC Award Nominees

Mr. Jason Hamblen of the Office of Highway Safety Planning presented the Commissioners with the names of the 2013 GTSAC Awards. Mr. Hamblen thanked the members of the selection committee for their hard work on these selections. There were 37 total nominations this year and Ms. Jamie Dolan of OHSP served as the Committee Chair.

Mr. Van Portfliet made a **MOTION** to approve the 2013 GTSAC Award winners as presented, Mr. Hummel supported, the **MOTION** carries.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Update on the NACEM Conference – Kim Lariviere

Ms. Lariviere noted that approximately 21 abstracts have been received. In the upcoming weeks, the committee will review and develop the agenda for this conference. She noted that Lou Waters, formerly of CNN, have been invited to present during the event.

2. SHSP Action Plan Update – Kim Lariviere/Charlotte Kilvington

Ms. Lariviere reported that all Action Team plans and meeting dates have been posted on the GTSAC web site.

The Engineering Action Team has two new co-chairs – Lynnette Firman and Josh Carrey.

The Senior Mobility Action Team is working on the NAEMC and is moving forward on Michigan's aging driver guide. The goal is to release the guide during the conference in May.

Ms. Kilvington reported the Distracted Driving Action Team is working on a survey regarding common distractions of drivers.

The Impaired Driving Action Team is having a membership drive and will invite the Michigan Sheriff's Association, the Chiefs of Police and MADD to name a few.

The Occupant Protection Action Team is working on a child restraint survey. The Safety Belt and Motorcycle surveys are completed.

Commercial Motor Vehicle Action team has completed several studies researched by UMTRI. The TACT grant communications component is complete with this being the last week of third wave of enforcement. The 2013 MTSC Annual report is complete and posted on the website.

Traffic Incident Management Action Team is educating law enforcement to use Hi Vis gear and will include agency compliance.

Traffic Records Action Team is working on updating the UD-10 for use in 2016. They also have a Data Linkage project in the works and are in the process of hiring a project manager.

3. The KDR Challenge – Bonnie Raffaele

Ms. Raffaele presented information on an effort that she is working on in partnership with the National Safety Council in Michigan as a leader of the teen safe driving coalition. Currently she visits schools and safety conventions discussing the dangers of new teen drivers using cell phones when driving.

4. Regional DWI Courts – Judge Patrick Bowler

Judge Bowler presented information regarding DWI courts and how they work. He explained the high BAC offender, the prevalence of drugged driving, and the times/days of the week where the highest BAC offender is stopped. He went on to explain exactly how the DWI Courts process works and the success of this program.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS

Mr. Pat Muinch reported it will be mandatory that a certified physician sign the medical certificates for CDL drivers. Currently there are not enough physicians for this effort so information regarding this program is being mailed to all doctors in the state of Michigan in hopes that additional physicians will get certified.

MSP worked with FMCSA over Thanksgiving weekend performing motor coach inspections at Ford Field.

Ms. Kathy Farnum is working on TACT research grant with UMTRI. UMTRI will do an evaluation of the TACT Program and its results and have a presentation ready in early spring.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 4, 2014, at the Horatio S. Earle Learning Center.