



## Highway Incident and Transportation Systems (HITS) Committee Meeting

February 8, 2023

3:00 PM ET

### Meeting Record

**Attending** – Sam Hurley (ME), David Harden (AZ), Mike Hall (FL), Tom McGinnis (CA), Jaime Vallejo (TX), Christine Moniz (RI), Jay Ostby (WY), Veronica Seymour (OR), Tim Wilson (NE), Molly Terebieniec (LA), Dave Bryson (NHTSA), Eric Chaney (NHTSA), Gam Wijetunge (NHTSA), Joe Ferrell (biospatial), Josh Walters (biospatial), Gene Wiseman (AK). For NASEMSO: Mary Hedges, Alex Tyeryar, Randall Eimerman

**Welcome and Roll Call** – J. Sam Hurley, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:05 PM.

**Review & Approval of October 12, 2022 Meeting Record (attached)** – The meeting minutes were approved as submitted.

**Introduction of New NEMSIS Liaison at NASEMSO** – Randall Eimerman, the new NEMSIS Liaison for NASEMSO, introduced himself. He was a former data manager for Indiana and will be working with the DMC and other NASEMSO members.

**Developing Data Standard for Ambulance Crashes** – Sam Hurley said he believes there should be a standardized set of data elements for ambulance crashes. He plans to circulate questions to the state EMS offices to learn what data elements they are collecting, if any, when ambulance crashes are reported. They would like to integrate this with the crash reports submitted to the state. Molly Terebieniec reported that Louisiana is currently working to collect this information and is interested in tracking methods. Sam said that Redcap may be a pathway, as he used this when he was in the District of Columbia. Christine Moniz offered to share Rhode Island's EMS Reportable Incident form. Dave Bryson noted that NEMSAC meets next week and one of their ad hoc committees is addressing this. He will share information from the NEMSAC ad hoc committee. Dave also mentioned that NHTSA's Special Crash Investigations (SCI) unit may have helpful information. There may also be related information in the Model Minimum Uniform Crash Criteria (MMUCC) which Eric Chaney will be discussing later in the meeting.

**National Roadway Safety Strategy Ad Hoc Committee (new)** – Sam Hurley shared that NASEMSO created this new ad hoc committee and he was appointed chair. They are looking for 2 individuals from HITS to serve on this ad hoc committee. Tom McGinnis expressed interest in serving on the committee. Contact Sam, Mary or Dia if interested.

**Struck-by Data Base Reporting System/Input on Form** – Sam Hurley reviewed the form when it was first created and provided input, but his comments that were not included in the final version. If anyone has suggestions for the form, please email him. He and David Harden will follow up. Sam said that he and Dia spoke to the authors at the last ELG meeting and they were interested in NASEMSO's feedback.  
<https://www.respondersafety.com/media/appn3k5m/fhwa-ersi-struck-by-reporting-form.pdf>

## **Project and Committee Updates**

Model Minimum Uniform Crash Criteria (MMUCC) Revision Status – Eric Chaney noted that the proposed 6<sup>th</sup> edition of the MMUCC is posted in the Federal Register and comments are being accepted until April 3. Over the years the advisory committee has been more law enforcement-centric, but that is changing. One concern about the 5<sup>th</sup> edition is they removed the ambulance seating diagram, which eliminated the ability to capture information about EMS personnel and patients in the back of an ambulance involved in an injury crash. The Federal Register Notice is available here: <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2023/02/02/2023-02140/request-for-comment-draft-model-minimum-uniform-crash-criteria-mmucc-guideline-sixth-edition>

National EMS Quality Alliance (NEMSQA) - Eric also reported that NEMSQA met recently and is following up on its work related to red lights and sirens. They will be conducting a literature search on emergency vehicle crashes.

New Ambulance Crash Statistics – Dave Bryson shared that an analysis of 12 years of ambulance crash data was conducted in 2011. NHTSA has done another analysis of this data (NCSA data and Special Crash Investigations) from 2012 – 2022. The resulting report is still under review but he will be happy to share it once it is finalized.

Impacts of Connected, Automated Vehicle (CAV) Technologies on Traffic Incident Management (TIM) Response (NCHRP Project) – Sam Hurley said this is a project to be funded by the National Transportation Safety Board.

TIM Executive Leadership Group – Sam reported the TIM ELG will hold an in-person meeting in the Spring. They are very interested in further incorporating TIM training into EMS training.

## **Collaboration between State Highway Safety Officials and State EMS Officials**

Crash Responder Safety Week - Sam reported that they recognized Crash Responder Safety Week in Maine this year for the first time.

Traffic Records Assessment - David Harden shared that he, along with other state agency personnel involved in highway safety, was invited to participate in an occupant protection program assessment, which could serve to promote EMS, trauma, vital records and hospital discharge databases as evaluation and planning resources.

NRSS Work Group- David Harden asked if there is interest in creating a work group within the NASEMSO Data Managers Council to identify how EMS and trauma data can be used to apply for the new National Roadway Safety Strategy funding.

National Roadway Safety Strategy (NRSS)- Gam reported that just last week NHTSA placed a notice in the Federal Register summarizing the NRSS grant program. NEMSIS is identified in the NRSS as an essential database. They are encouraging state EMS offices to communicate with their counterparts in the Highway Safety Offices. Gam shared the following links:  
<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2023/02/06/2023-01819/uniform-procedures-for-state-highway-safety-grant-programs>  
[https://www.ems.gov/assets/NEMSAC-Letter-to-NHTSA---finalized-11-3-22-\(003\).pdf](https://www.ems.gov/assets/NEMSAC-Letter-to-NHTSA---finalized-11-3-22-(003).pdf)

Motor Vehicle Crash Database - Eric Chaney commented that in the past they have worked with the state data managers on NEMSIS data related to motor vehicle crashes and it may be time to reconvene. Eric also noted there is a provision in the new Bipartisan Infrastructure Law requiring the CDC and NHTSA to work together in developing a motor vehicle crash database, which they are presently doing.

TIM - David Harden reported that he has proposed a module in the TIM training to address the situation where off duty EMS personnel stop to assist at a crash scene and put themselves in danger. Sam asked David to share what he has developed and he will bring that to the attention of the TIM Executive Leadership Group.

**Adjourn** – The meeting adjourned at 4:18 PM.

**Next Meeting** – April 12, 2023

*The meeting record was respectfully submitted by NASEMSO Program Manager Mary Hedges.*