



**Highway Incident and Transportation Systems (HITS)  
Committee Meeting**  
December 11, 2019

3:00 PM EST

**Meeting Record**

**Attending** – David Newton (GA), Mary Hedges (NASEMSO), Joe Ferrell (Biospatial), Stephen Wilson (AL), Sue Morris (OH), Roger Edwards (UT), Jim DeTienne (MT), Tim Seplaki (NJ), Jim Green (NASEMSO), Dr. Carol Cunningham (OH), Tom Mitchell (NC), David Harden (AZ)

**Welcome and Roll Call** – David Newton, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:02 PM EST.

**Review & Approval of October 9<sup>th</sup> Meeting Record** – Morris moved/ Seplaki seconded approval of the October meeting minutes as submitted. The motion passed.

**NHTSA Update** - Dr. Jon Krohmer or Gam Wijetunge were in training and not available to report.

**Georgia Office of EMS & Trauma, Collaboration with Highway Safety Partners** – David Newton provided an overview describing how Georgia EMS has partnered with their highway safety colleagues. One example is that Traffic Incident Management (TIM) training is required for EMS certification. It is mandated that it be completed by 2022. Presently, EMS personnel must complete it once, but that could change. Tim Seplaki said some of the hospital EMS services require it in New Jersey. Stephen Wilson shared that Kentucky and Virginia also require it for EMS personnel. David Newton also said that highway safety funding (402 money) pays for their EMS data collection system. They recently received highway safety funding for arm bands for system of care patients, which includes a tear-off piece for law enforcement so that the patient crash number is recorded in the crash report and the trauma registry. The intent is to deterministically link the crash report to the patient care report. Their goal is to eventually link data from the crash all the way to the point of hospital discharge.

**Project and Committee Updates**

**TIM Summit** – Stephen Wilson reported on the National TIM Summit in mid-November in Washington, DC, which was attended by Dia Gainor, Keith Wages, Andy Gienapp and himself from NASEMSO. Promoting the TIM training was a major emphasis. USDOT Secretary Elaine Chao addressed the attendees. Kentucky, Georgia and Virginia were promoted as model states for requiring TIM training for all EMS personnel. The acting administrator talked to Dia and David about the idea of installing traffic light controllers in ambulances. Dia has worked diligently for greater EMS inclusion at this event.

**Road to Zero Coalition** – Dia Gainor was not available to report due to her recent knee replacement surgery.

**Safe Transport of Children Crash Test Project** – Jim Green, Technical Project Manager, reported that the detailed project plan has been completed. The intent is to develop three new test methods for securing infants and children in the back of an ambulance. They have collected letters of support from 21

national associations and 27 corporate entities. They are working to obtain funding for the five-year project, with a focus on children's hospital foundations. A new funding working group has been created of NASEMSO members which will hold its initial meeting tomorrow.

AVL Committee / Ambulance Standards Update – Sue Prentiss and Dale Adkerson were not available to report.

Biospatial Update – Joe Ferrell reported that they will be rolling out the vehicle safety dashboard. This dashboard will link EMS and traffic data with a special focus on vehicle safety. David Harden asked if there has been any discussion with FHWA about collecting data on secondary crashes involving first responders at the scene. Joe replied there has been interest in this and they have the ability to sort out emergency vehicle crashes now. Joe said they could provide a demonstration of the updated dashboard at a future meeting.

**Collaboration between State Highway Safety Officials and State EMS Officials** – Members were invited to share collaboration examples from their state.

Arizona - Dave Harden shared that Arizona developed a mass training event during national TIM week last month and trained over 300 first responders, including 63 EMS personnel.

Ohio – Sue Morris said their office enjoys a very good relationship with their Traffic Records Coordinating Committee (TRCC.) They have twice paid her expenses to attend the ASTIP Traffic Records Forum. They also are funding the development of their in house EMS data system.

New Jersey - Tim Seplaki added that their TRCC has been extremely supportive and has funded their state EMS data system.

**Next Meeting** –The next meeting will be February 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Adjourn** – The meeting adjourned at 3:45 PM EST.

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