



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

October 9, 2019

3:00 PM EDT

### Meeting Record

**Attending** – Steve McCoy (Chair), Mary Hedges (NASEMSO), Dia Gainor (NASEMSO), Erin Sauber-Schatz (CDC), Lauren De Crescenzo (CDC), Billie Collier (MS), Jim Green (NASEMSO), Chelsea Dubie (VT), Christina Crowley (RI), Cory Hohs (HAAS Alert), Ridgely Ficks (MA), David Harden (AZ), David Newton (GA), Erika Kane (NH), Joe Ferrell (Biospatial), Dave Zaiman (Biospatial), Dr. Jon Krohmer (NHTSA), Julianne Ehlers (NEMESIS TAC), Meghan Frey, Yukiko Yoneoka (UT), Patrice Nicholes (UT), Robert Wagoner (OH), Sue Morris (OH), Dr. Carol Cunningham (OH), Tom McGinnis (CA)

**Welcome and Roll Call** – Steve McCoy called the meeting to order at 3:05 PM EDT.

**Review & Approval of August 14<sup>th</sup> Meeting Record** – The August meeting record was approved as submitted.

**Special Presentation: Linking Motor Vehicle Crash Data to Help Save Lives** - Erin Sauber Schatz, PhD, MPH, provided an overview of the CDC's New **Linking Information for Nonfatal Crash Surveillance (LINCS) Guide** to help states start or expand data linkage programs. In 2013, CDC and NHTSA conducted a joint study to increase knowledge about state data linkage systems, including NHTSA's Crash Outcome Data Evaluation System (CODES). See <https://www.cdc.gov/motorvehiclesafety/linkage/index.html>. The focus of the new LINCS Guide, released in September 2019, is on non-fatal crash injuries. LINCS is a guide that can help states start or expand their data linkage program. LINCS presents key components of successful linkage programs and explains each step of the process.

Steve McCoy said they have been doing a great deal of data linkage in Florida and are now asking how they want to use the data. Erin commented that decision-makers like to know the costs from these crashes. She will share today's slides once the presentation has been cleared for release by CDC.

### **Project and Committee Updates**

- Traffic Incident Management (TIM) Executive Leaders Group – Dia Gainor reported they are busy planning the National TIM Awareness Week in November and expect some 200 participants at the TIM Forum. Several members of the NASEMSO Executive Team will attend.
- Road to Zero (RTZ) Coalition – Dia shared the RTZ Coalition has developed 3 working groups. The next in-person meeting will be in early 2020. She will share the link for those who may want to participate remotely.
- Safe Transport of Children Crash Test Project – Jim Green, Technical Project Manager, reported that NASEMSO has developed a detailed project plan for the five-year project. To date 18 EMS and related associations have signed letters of support, in addition to 27 manufacturers and test

facilities. The five-year project has a budget of \$2.2 million. They have pledges for \$135,000 to date and are now concentrating on seeking foundation support.

- AVL Committee / Ambulance Standards Update – Dia stated that the AVL Committee is working on developing a standardized ambulance inspection process.
- Biospatial Update – Dave Zaiman said three more states (CA, CO, ME) have entered into agreements for sharing EMS data. They are also working on at least two states for sharing their crash data. The new Coverdale Stroke measures will be released October 14.

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

Dave Harden shared that Arizona’s Strategic Highway Safety Plan is now finalized. He reported on his state’s EMS and DOT collaboration at the August HITS meeting. For TIM Week, they are holding a mass training event which includes mock crash zones. They will live stream the classes to 6 or 7 satellite classrooms around the state with a goal to increase the number of EMS practitioners who have completed the training.

Dr. Krohmer said that FHWA has been working on getting continuing education credit for EMS practitioners who complete the TIM course.

**New HITS Committee Chair** - Steve McCoy announced that this will be his last meeting as HITS Committee Chair although he hopes to stay involved. David Newton, State EMS Director from Georgia, will be the new HITS Committee chair.

**Adjourn / Next Meeting** – December 11th

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