



**Highway Incident and Transportation Systems (HITS)
Committee Meeting**
February 12, 2020
3:00 PM EST

Meeting Record

Attendees – David Newton (GA), Sue Morris (OH), Dia Gainor (NASEMSO), Mary Hedges (NASEMSO), Josh Walters (BioSpatial), Keith Wages (Immediate Past Chair), Tom Mitchell (NC), Jeanne-Marie Bakehouse (CO), Tim Seplaki (NJ), Amber Vitane (CO), Kathy Robinson (NASEMSO), Billie Collier (MS)

Welcome and Roll Call – David Newton, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:03 PM EST.

Review & Approval of December 11th Meeting Record – Harden moved, Seplaki seconded the December minutes be approved as submitted. The motion passed.

NHTSA Update - Dr. Jon Krohmer and Gam Wijetunge were not available to report.

Biospatial's Vehicle Safety Dashboard – Josh Walters demonstrated the Vehicle Safety Dashboard. They use incident location, time, patient age and gender to match the records. Once they match, they have complementary sources of data. The traffic record will have more information about the vehicle and crash while the EMS record contains more patient data. In the future they will match trauma data. The vehicle safety dashboard is more focused on understanding safety in vehicle models. This dashboard was built to explore trends in vehicle safety, which is of interest to NHTSA's Office of Defects and Vehicle Safety. So far, Florida is the only state sending both traffic crash data and EMS data to Biospatial. Biospatial has been meeting with TRCCs and highway safety offices who are receptive but so far have not agreed to submitting their data. David Newton shared that he has been working with Georgia's DOT and they are concerned that their data is not clean. Tim Seplaki shared that in NJ their TRCC is interested in data on car crashes of impaired driving and opioid use.

Proposed Comments for NIOSH Center for Motor Vehicle Safety (CMVS) Strategic Plan, 2020-2029 - Mary Hedges reported that the Executive Committee asked HITS to prepare comments on NIOSH's proposed CMVS Strategic Plan. She drafted comments for the Committee to review, which were distributed as part of today's meeting materials. While emergency response and EMS were included in some of the strategies, there were other areas where EMS was omitted. The draft comments will be reviewed at tomorrow's Board meeting and, if approved, submitted through the Federal Register portal.

GAO Report on Move Over Laws – Dia Gainor and David Newton reported on an interview they had yesterday with the Governmental Accounting Office (GAO) which is compiling a report on Move Over Laws and first responders struck by other vehicles. David shared that the interviewers were not aware of NEMSIS but were very interested.

USDOT First Responder V2X Pilot Program – Dia reported that USDOT will be releasing funding for a first responder pilot program involving vehicle to everything (V2X) technology. She feels NASEMSO has made good inroads to make sure EMS participates in the pilot along with fire and law enforcement. See https://www.nhtsa.gov/sites/nhtsa.dot.gov/files/documents/first_responder_safety_technology_pilot_program011620.pdf

Project and Committee Updates

Road to Zero Coalition – Dia reported the RTZ steering group met last week. The coalition now has 600 members with a focus on eliminating roadway deaths and advance promising practices. The three working groups are Safe Systems, Advancing Technology, Doubling Down on What Works.

Transportation Research Board Annual Meeting – Dia shared that 13,000 people attended and there was a record number of poster presentations and papers focusing on emergency response or EMS.

Safe Transport of Children Crash Test Project – Mary reported that NASEMSO staff, including Jim Green, who is working as a technical consultant on this project, continue to meet biweekly. In addition, a funding work group of NASEMSO members was recently created to focus on finding funding for this research project.

AVL Committee / Ambulance Standards Update – Sue Prentiss and Dale Adkerson were unable to join the meeting.

Adjourn – The meeting adjourned at 4:06 PM EST.

Next Meeting – April 8th

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