



## HITS Committee Meeting

December 14, 2016

3:00 PM EST

### Meeting Record

**Attending** - Steve McCoy (Chair), Susan McHenry (NHTSA), Frank Cheatham (VA), Dave Mulholland, Matt Snyder (Guest Speakers), Keith Wages (GA), Jolene Whitney (UT), Julie Rabeau (AK), Mark Miller (AK), Tim Seplaki (NJ), Shaun St. Germain (ME), Billie Collier (MS), Mary Hedges (NASEMSO)

**Welcome and Roll Call** – Steve McCoy called the meeting to order at 3:02 PM EST.

**Review & Approval of September 20<sup>th</sup> Meeting Record** – Steve reviewed the meeting record and highlighted some of the information shared at the last HITS Committee meeting, which was held in Albuquerque at the NASEMSO Fall Meeting. The meeting record was accepted without changes.

**Special Presentation: Connected Responder Project** – Dave Mulholland and Matt Snyder provided an overview of connected vehicle technology and described the Connected Responder Project they are completing for the Transportation Safety Advancement Group (TSAG).

Connected vehicles can communicate with each other and with infrastructure via an on-board unit. The information currently being transmitted is basic safety information (position, speed, direction), but there are limitless capabilities. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) is proposing rules to require light vehicles to have connected vehicle capability in the future. Some auto manufacturers are including it in high-end vehicles now. Regarding emergency response vehicles, it only makes sense to plan how to incorporate the connected vehicle technology.

Matt Snyder spoke about the synthesis of integrated technologies. There are in-vehicle as well as wearable technologies which would be valuable for fire, law enforcement and EMS. Presently they are developing the taxonomy. The intent is to ask what the emergency response practitioners want and need as these applications are being designed. (The presentation is available at <https://www.nasemso.org/Projects/HITS/HITSCommitteeMeetings.asp>)

Steve McCoy inquired how to support the development of this technology for the emergency responder community. Dave said that Dia Gainor has been a very strong advocate for this project and NASEMSO as an organization would be influential for EMS. He suggested reaching out to fire and law enforcement to form a coalition to have a greater voice as to what is needed as the technology is developed.

**NHTSA OEMS Update** – Susan McHenry commented that the presentation was very good. She said the new EMS Agenda for the Future project is getting underway. They are putting the teams together and there will be many opportunities for input over the next two years. She is pleased that the NHTSA Strategic Plan included language about NEMSIS data. Noah Smith has developed an

information sheet about why conversion to NEMSIS 3 is so important to Highway Safety Offices. They had a productive NEMSAC meeting earlier this month.

### **Project and Committee Updates**

- a. TIM Executive Leaders Group, December 7th Meeting – David Harden attended this meeting but was unavailable to report.
- b. Toward Zero Deaths and “Road to Zero” Update – Mary Hedges noted that Dia Gainor is a member of the steering committee for the new Road to Zero initiative. This project builds on the TZD concept but is a shorter-term project.
- c. Safe Transport of Children Committee - Mary Hedges reported that the Safe Transport of Children Committee has been meeting monthly. The committee’s long term goal is to acquire funding to conduct crash testing of child transport devices used in ambulances in order to develop standards which manufacturers must meet. The committee is presently working on interim guidance for transporting children in ambulances.
- d. AVL Committee / Ambulance Standards Update – Michael Berg was not able to join the meeting.

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

#### [NJ Office of EMS – Collaborating to Support TIM Training](#)

Tim Seplaki described how the New Jersey Office of EMS is part of a joint agency committee focusing on Traffic Incident Management. Considering the congestion in New Jersey, they developed the New Jersey Incident Guidelines for First Responders. The national TIM course was customized for New Jersey. They have trained over 8000 first responders. The course is mandatory for all state police recruits. NJ Office of EMS participated in the rollout of this course in 2014. Many EMS agencies have mandated the TIM course for their providers, particularly the ALS agencies. EMTs earn CEUs for the course toward renewal of their license in New Jersey. They recently offered the TIM course at the New Jersey EMS conference. Some have even discussed making it part of the core training for the basic EMT.

**Adjourn** – The meeting adjourned at 3:58 PM EST.

**Next Meeting** – February 15

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