



HITS Committee Meeting

June 12, 2013

3:00 PM EDT

Meeting Record

Attendance

R. Keith Wages (GA), Chair
Katrina Altenhofen (IA)
Alan Blatt (CUBRC)
Frank Cheatham (VA)
Bob Cooney (PA)

John Cramer (ID)
Carrie Crawford (NE)
Dr. Carol Cunningham (OH)
Mary Hedges (NASEMSO)
Kevin Majka (CUBRC)

Susan McHenry (NHTSA)
Patrick Irwin (NV)
Jackie Larrington (NE)
Julie Rabeau (AK)
Scott Winston (VA)

- I. **Welcome and Roll Call** – Keith Wages called the meeting to order and introduced the guest speakers.
- II. **Special Presentation: Motorcoach, Rural Roads, EMS and Infrastructure Assessment Tool**
Alan Blatt and Kevin Majka are from the CUBRC Center for Transportation Injury Research, which is a non-profit research organization in Buffalo, New York. The impetus of this project was the Mexican Hat motorcoach crash in rural Utah in 2008. Following the crash investigation, the NTSB issued several recommendations, including one to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), NASEMSO and AASHTO, which resulted in this project. When developing this project, they incorporated the MIECE Proof of Concept developed by NASEMSO as part of the Rural Highway Mass Casualty Project. Kevin explained the tool they are developing involves the compilation of EMS (air and ground, EMS personnel), trauma centers, cellular towers and fatal crash data. They were unable to acquire all the data needed, but compiled what they had and placed it on a map. He felt this did not prove to be very meaningful. They would like to incorporate the data and make it available to states on Google Maps which would identify the safety of various travel routes based on the availability of these criteria. They recognized that this tool has much broader applicability than simply planning motorcoach travel routes. They see the tool as one factor for states to use when identifying routes which could benefit from highway safety improvement projects. They are obtaining good data from Western New York and Maine (after contacting Jay Bradshaw). The key to the data is to be able to Geo-code the information and digitize it. For more information, see [Motorcoach Briefing](#). Note: Susan McHenry added that when the Rural Highway Mass Casualty Project was presented to FICEMS, representatives from DHS and HHS were very interested in EIRRA and MIECE for purposes other than highway safety, including homeland security issues.
- III. **Governors Highway Safety Association Conference, Aug. 25-28, San Diego [GHSA 2013](#)** Keith asked if anyone was considering attending this conference. He has attended in the past and recommended it.
- IV. **Project and Committee Updates**

- A. Model Rules for Ambulance Vehicle Design Project - Keith Wages reported that there was a recent meeting of the MRAVD group in Baltimore.
- B. NFPA Emergency Responder Advisory Panel - Frank Cheatham reported that he recently received a 300 page draft from the project which he has quickly scanned. He expressed concern about access to PPE for those responding from EMS.
- C. NTIMC: National Traffic Incident Management Coalition - Scott Winston, who had to leave the meeting, had relayed his concern about the reorganization of the NTIMC. He is particularly concerned because EMS is not represented in the Executive Leadership group. He and Dia have been working to ensure EMS is included at this level.
- D. NCHRP 20-24(37) K, Measuring Performance Among State DOTs: Sharing Good Practices -- Serious Crash Injury - Dia was not on the call to report.
- E. NCHRP 20-05, Models for Effective Emergency Medical Services Response to Motor Vehicle Crashes in Rural Areas – (Dean Cole, Jim DeTienne, Dia Gainor) There was not report.
- F. NCHRP 17-57, Development of an Improved Metric for Serious Traffic Crash Injuries (Dia) – No report.
- G. NCHRP 20-07, Developing a Framework for Emergency Responder/Roadside Worker Struck-by/Near-miss Database - Mary Hedges said she had nothing new to report.
- H. Transportation Safety Advancement Group (TSAG) (Dia) - No report

V. Federal/State Partner Interaction (Examples of State EMS partnering with Hwy/Transp) –
There were no member reports.

VI. Other Business / Member Questions / Comments

Bob Cooney reported that Pennsylvania is having great success with its yellow dot program and are distributing more packets than expected.

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 PM EDT.

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