



HITS Committee Meeting

March 7, 2017

8:15 – 10:00 AM CST

NASEMSO Spring Meeting

Marriott New Orleans

Meeting Record

Attendees – Steve McCoy (FL), Chair, Mary Hedges (NASEMSO) Susan McHenry (NHTSA), Nancy Kelly-Goodstein (NJ), Tim Simplaki (NJ), Shaun St. Germaine (ME), Heather Connell (NCBP), Debra Durham (NCBP), Kristina Howard (NCBP), Dr. Jeff Runge (NCBP), Gary Easley (US Navy Fire & Emergency Services), Rick Patrick (DHS), Ray Mollers (DHS), Eric Chaney (DHS), Norris Croom (IAFC), John Woodworth (Biospatial) Aaron Rhone (Biospatial), Jeanne-Marie Bakehouse (CO), Stephen Wilson (AL), Rafaella Coler (CT), Wayne Denny (ID), Keith Wages (GA), Dr. Bill Fales (MI), Al Gillespie (Executive Fire Consultants), David Herring (DC), Jim Green (NIOSH), Jack Fleeharty (IL), Donna Tidwell (TN), Noah Smith (NHTSA) Jeremy Kinsman (NHTSA), Keith Buhs (IL), Donnie Woodyard (NREMT)

Welcome and Roll Call – Steve McCoy, Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:17 AM CST. Members and attendees introduced themselves.

Review & Approval of December 14th Meeting Record – The December 14 meeting record was approved as submitted.

Special Presentation: National Collaborative for Bio-Preparedness (NCBP) - Dr. Jeff Runge, the former Administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, demonstrated how to use tools of the National Collaborative for Bio-Preparedness to monitor motor vehicle crashes. The NCPB is a collaboration of owners of data that expose threats to health and safety. It is now a mature technology which has been under development since 2011. The NCPB was created to bring together elements of the biosphere and to address a major gap in national biosurveillance. It was developed at the University at North Carolina, Chapel Hill. There is no cost to the data owner. NCPB provides data management, security and analytics. Recognizing that public safety is concerned about MVCs and opioid overdoses, the NCPB included these data. They can show all the traffic crashes in an area and score them by severity, using the Glasgow Coma Score. He asked if this type of data would be of use.

Steve McCoy discussed the need for accurate serious injury data, which is currently based on the determination of the law enforcement officer on the scene. There has been significant improvement in the timeliness of the data. Clay Mann said that the average time for entering the data to NEMSIS is 7 minutes. Attendees discussed the need for marrying the data (EMS and traffic crash data). He asked if others are interested in being a collaborator. The larger the footprint in the country, the better chance they have of catching incidents of significance. Steve McCoy emphasized the need for analytics. He see the next main use for this is heroin overdoses. There is no cost to collaborate except for the time involved.

Special Presentation: NEMSIS Version 2 National EMS Dashboard: Traffic Crashes

Noah Smith, NHTSA Office of EMS, said the intent is to do more with the NEMSIS data that has been collected. Thus, the NEMSIS Traffic Crashes Dashboard was created, which they are rolling out today. Dr. Clay Mann, NEMSIS Technical Assistance Center, said he thinks it will supplement Dr. Runge's NCBP traffic crash data. One difference is the Dashboard is public data available on Tableau-Public. It is based on NEMSIS Version 2 data. Dr. Mann demonstrated how to use the dashboard. It is not yet live, but Noah stated NHTSA will issue a press release and notify NASEMSO when it goes live. Attendees requested creating a tutorial on how to use the dashboard. Susan McHenry commented they introduced an earlier version of the dashboard at the Traffic Records Seminar. Noah said they intend to put this on NHTSA.gov, rather than EMS.gov to increase awareness of NEMSIS to those outside of EMS. The dashboard is not intended for research purposes but to generate excitement about the potential for use of NEMSIS data. Steve McCoy and Tim Seplaki commented that this needs to be shared with each state's Traffic Records Coordinating Committee.

NHTSA OEMS Update – Susan McHenry indicated that she will be brief, as Dr. Krohmer will update the group tomorrow at the Federal Partner Roundtable. They are excited about updating the now 20-year-old *EMS Agenda for The Future* with the new *EMS Agenda 2050*. Many of the NHTSA regions have experienced significant turnover and Noah Smith is investing time educating the new regional office members. Susan expressed concern that they will not be able to announce the notice of vacancies on NEMSAC or even announce the next meeting because of the administration's decision to place a hold on publishing new proposed rules in the Federal Register.

Project and Committee Updates

Traffic Incident Management (TIM) – Steve McCoy shared his experience in Florida regarding involvement in the Traffic Incident Management (TIM) program. Noting the low participation rate of EMS personnel in receiving TIM training, his state EMS office has recognized the TIM course as acceptable for continuing education credit for EMS. Donnie Woodyard added that the NREMT also recognizes the TIM course for NREMT Continuing education credit.

“Road To Zero” Update – Dia Gainor was unable to attend due to illness.

Safe Transport of Children Committee Update - Mary Hedges updated the attendees about the activities of the STC Committee. This ad hoc committee was created to address the lack of standards for the safe transport of children in ambulances. They hope to eventually obtain funding to conduct crash testing research.

AVL Committee / Ambulance Standards Update – Jeane-Marie Bakehouse (CO) reported the AVL Committee met yesterday and had a very productive work session run by Sus Prentiss, who staffs the committee. Jim Green said NIOSH has developed a seven video series (to be available in May) which explains the process and purpose of developing ambulance standards.

Jack Fleeharty (IL) stressed the importance of collaborating with your state's Traffic Records Coordinating Committee (TRCC).

Donna Tidwell commented that applications for TRCC grants are due soon.

Keith Wages, NASEMSO President and former HITS Committee Chair, praised the work of the HITS Committee and urges members to stay involved.

Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 AM CST.

Next Meeting – April 12

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