



## HITS Committee Meeting

February 10, 2016

### Meeting Record

**Attending:** Donnie Woodyard, Chair (LA), Chance Leonard (Guest Speaker), Katrina Altenhofen (IA), Michael Berg (VA), Gary Brown (VA), Frank Cheatham (VA), Billie Collier (MS), Dr. Carol Cunningham (OH), Andrew Fulton (DE), Dia Gainor (NASEMSO), David Harden (AZ), Mary Hedges (NASEMSO), Nancy Kelly-Goodstein (NJ), Steve McCoy (FL), Susan McHenry (NHTSA), Sue Morris (OH), Mark Miller (AK), Scott Winston (VA)

**Welcome and Roll Call** –Donnie Woodyard, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:04 PM EST.

**Review/Approval of December 9 Meeting Record** – The meeting minutes were approved as submitted.

**Special Presentation: Public Health Implications of Traffic Incident Management: Secondary Crash Data** – Chance Leonard, MPH Candidate, University of Arizona, presented an overview of his internship project completed at the Arizona Bureau of EMS and Trauma, under the supervision of Dr. David Harden. He examined secondary crash data (crashes occurring at the scene of a primary traffic collision) and linked these to 28,000 total primary crashes. The study found that the highest odds ratio for a secondary crash to occur was when first responders were en route to the scene, but had not yet cleared the scene. Donnie thanked Mr. Leonard for the excellent presentation and added that he shared the results with attendees of the TIM Symposium.

**NHTSA OEMS Update** – Susan McHenry reported NHTSA hopes to soon publish the notice to fill Drew's former position. They have been meeting with a core group who will be recommending changes to MMUCC 5 (Model Minimum Uniform Crash Criteria). She has been working with the contractors who are writing the report on emergency communications centers to members of Congress who requested it.

### **Project and Committee Updates**

**TIM Symposium** – Donnie Woodyard recently participated in a TIM Symposium at the National Fire Academy with 140 individuals from around the country. EMS was represented by about 4 people. Each state had the opportunity to send three people to the symposium. He encouraged everyone to learn who attended from their respective states and to follow up with those individuals. One of their accomplishments was an updated list of state TIM coordinators, which he will share. Frank Cheatham inquired if the NFPA TIM Standard was discussed at the Symposium; Donnie was unaware of any discussion on this topic.

**NREMT and TIM** – Donnie Woodyard reported that NASEMSO requested the NREMT approve the TIM course for continuing education credit. As a result, the NREMT approved 4 hours of credit for TIM training. He will share documentation of the course approval. David Harden reported that Arizona had its meeting of the TIM Coalition and they are working to improve EMS participation. Donnie added that he has approached EMS textbook publishers to include TIM in their textbooks.

**Toward Zero Deaths National Strategy Update** – Mary Hedges reported that the Toward Zero Deaths Steering Committee (of which she and Dia are members) plans to form a TZD Stakeholders Committee in

the next stage of implementing the long term strategy. She asked that anyone who may be interested in serving let her know. David Harden indicated he would be interested in serving on the committee.

Safe Transport of Children Committee - Katrina Altenhofen reported the committee held its second meeting in January. Jack Hill (AR) was the initial chair and Eric Hicken (NJ) became chair when Jack accepted new employment. The Committee is finalizing its mission and goals. Katrina answered questions from members about the need for evidence-based guidelines for safely transporting children in ambulances.

AVL Committee / Ambulance Standards Update – Michael Berg said that NFPA 1917, Version 2, became effective January 1, 2016, and they are already beginning Version 3. The Committee on Accreditation of Ambulances (CAAS) which recently issued ambulance standards has become ANSI accredited. Mark Van Arnam has been appointed administrator of the CAAS Ground Vehicle Standards (GVS). He added there will be two presentations on ambulance standards at the NASEMSO Spring Meeting. The states should begin considering the modification of their state standards in administrative rules or statutes now that the standards have been completed. Dia informed members that states will soon be asked to respond to a survey about licensing practices for ambulances who respond out of state.

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

Survey of States to Determine Level of Collaboration – Donnie added that the HITS Committee is considering conducting a survey to learn the extent of involvement of state EMS officials with their respective offices of traffic safety. Sue Morris said she is a member of both the TRCC and the SHSP Coordinating Committee. Andrew Fulton said Delaware is a member of the SHSP 5-year plan as well as the TRCC which has provided funding to their EMS data system.

Florida's Traffic Records Assessment – Steve McCoy presented a brief overview of his involvement with the the Traffic Records Assessment in Florida. The injury surveillance section is the biggest part of the assessment with 123 questions. Interfacing and quality control were found to be among the bigger needs. They are using their recommendations for injury surveillance to formulate their request for funding from the Traffic Records Coordination Committee. David Harden said he was the coordinator for the EMS portion of the Traffic Records Assessment performed in their state. It is a major time commitment but very worthwhile.

### **National Summit on Transportation in Rural America, September 7-9, Denver** (See [Rural Safety Center](#))

Mary referred to the website advertising the Summit on Transportation in Rural America and encouraged interested members to consider attending. There is always a need to have EMS representation at transportation related meetings. While travel support from NASEMSO is an unknown at this point, interested persons who are able to obtain some state travel support should inquire with her later when she has more information.

**Adjourn** – The meeting adjourned at 4:03 PM EST. The next meeting will be April 13.

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