



HITS Committee Meeting

June 10, 2015

Meeting Record

Attending: Donnie Woodyard, Jr, Chair (LA), David Harden (AZ), Andy Fulton (DE), Julie Rabeau (AK), John Cramer (ID), Dr. Carol Cunningham (OH), Susan McHenry (NHTSA), Scott Winston (VA), Billie Collier (MS), Nancy Kelly-Goodstein (NJ), Dr. David Lehrfeld (OR), Mary Hedges (NASEMSO)

Welcome and Roll Call – Chair Donnie Woodyard called the meeting to order at 2:01 PM EDT.

Review & Approval of April 8th Meeting Record – The April meeting record was approved without changes.

State EMS Office Experience Promoting TIM Training for EMS

Dr. David Harden, Strategic Planning and Communications Section Chief, Arizona Bureau of EMS, participated in the TIM Train-the-Trainer class at the National Fire Academy in 2014. He reported that as of May of 2015, there have been over 108,000 trained nationwide, but EMS only represents 4.4% of that total. In Arizona, 2% of those taking the course were from EMS. He developed a plan to increase the participation of EMS and Fire/Rescue in the basic 4-hour TIM class. They concentrated on providing the TIM Train-the-Trainer class to prepare others to go back and teach the course to EMS. They have 108 TIM trainers in Arizona presently. They successfully pursued the inclusion of TIM training as part of the EMT refresher course. They have added TIM information to their website, as well as certifying TIM training for renewing paramedic licenses. They are trying to get the TIM class introduced into the EMS training programs.

Julie Rabeau reported that Alaska has trained about 10% of the state's responders in TIM. Donnie reported that a resolution supporting TIM training recently passed the Louisiana State Legislature and is on the Governor's desk awaiting his signature.

Federal Partner Update – Susan McHenry, NHTSA Office of EMS, reported that NHTSA's new administrator, Mark Rosekind, came from the National Transportation Safety Board. He has said that OEMS is the hidden gem of NHTSA. One of his areas of expertise is fatigue and traffic safety. They are pleased because of their initiative on fatigue in EMS. In addition to fatigue, the Office of Behavioral Safety Research (Steve Hagen) is considering updating the EVOC course. Susan also shared that the Self-Driving Advancement Team is looking at new vehicle technology, up to and including the self-driving vehicles. They are finding that self-driving vehicles are safer than when humans drive because they don't get distracted or fatigued as humans do. They want to prepare fire/rescue and EMS in dealing with these new vehicles. The 11 Google car crashes that have occurred so far have all been the fault of another other car/driver on the road. Susan reported that the highway trust fund authorization only runs to the end of July and they would love to see long term funding. The gas tax revenue is not enough to fund all the infrastructure needs. Jeremy Kinsman is their new public health fellow in the Office of EMS. Mirinda Gormley will finish up her 3-year fellowship at the end of July. Gam will be on paternity leave later this summer.

Project and Committee Updates

- Toward Zero Deaths National Strategy: Public Service Announcement – Mary Hedges shared the yet-to-be released TZD public service announcement with members who were viewing their computer screen via Go-to-Meeting.
- ACEP/NAEMSP AACN Project (See <http://www.aacnems.com>) – Dr. David Lehrfeld, Oregon’s state medical director, represents NASEMSO on a joint NAEMSP/ACEP project, funded by NHTSA OEMS, on the Advanced Automatic Crash Notification training project. The intent is to enhance the use of the AACN data to improve outcomes for crash victims. Dr. Lehrfeld reported that the black boxes in cars with AACN (some GM and Audi models) measure a variety of factors which can predict if the accident will result in an injury severity score (ISS) of 16 or greater. The black boxes notify the PSAP and can provide helpful data. The overall project goal is to develop training on for EMS providers on using AACN data. The penetrance of AACN in the USA is fairly low now, but it is expected that Europe will require this technology within 5 years and that this country will eventually follow Europe’s lead.
- Intelligent Transportation Systems America (ITSA) Annual Conference – Dia was not on the call to report.
- Traffic Safety Facts 2013 – Mary reported that the new NHTSA compilation of vehicle crash data has some interesting data on various measures of EMS response times for urban and rural crashes. See pages 192 -195 in [Traffic Safety Facts 2013](#).
- EMS Compass - Donnie reminded attendees that the EMS Compass project will be conducting a series of webinars that should be very informative.

Collaboration between State Highway Safety Officials and State EMS Officials

Examples of State Highway Officials and State EMS Officials collaboration – David Harden shared that he sits on the Strategic Highway Safety Planning (SHSP) Committee in Arizona. They will be at the state’s EMS Conference next week to encourage more EMS awareness and involvement in Strategic Highway Safety Planning.

Other Business / Member Questions / Comments

The meeting adjourned at 4:05 PM EDT. The next meeting will be August 12.

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