



HITS Committee Meeting

April 12, 2017

3:00 PM EDT

Meeting Record

Attending – Steve McCoy (FL), Mary Hedges (NASEMSO), Jay Bradshaw (NASEMSO), Tim Seplaki (NJ), David Harden (AZ), Frank Cheatham (VA), Susan McHenry (NHTSA), Bruce Cheeseman (ID), Dia Gainor (NASEMSO), John Cramer (ID), Rachel Ford (OR), Avis Richard-Griffin (LA)

Welcome and Roll Call – Steve McCoy, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:04 PM EDT.

Review & Approval of March 7th Meeting Record –The March 7 meeting record was approved without changes.

SafeAmbulances.org Presentation – Jay Bradshaw demonstrated the NASEMSO-sponsored resource featuring ground ambulance standards and EMS safety resources at SafeAmbulances.org. The website was funded by the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST). It is designed for different audiences, including the public, regulators, and providers. It contains an interactive map showing which states follow which ambulance standards. It has a scrolling news feed which shares news on ambulance crashes all over the world. It includes links to the new SAE ambulance standards. An EMS Safety page has information on what is being done to improve safety in EMS. One very popular feature is the comparison table showing the areas of differences in GSA, CAAS and NFPA 1917 ambulance standards. The Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) page answers many questions and is updated continually. People may sign up to get notices when new information is added, which is a helpful feature. David Harden asked if there is any plan to review the information with committees or groups. Dia responded that the AVL Committee will be using this for developing an ambulance inspection process.

NHTSA OEMS Update – Susan McHenry congratulated Jay on the SafeAmbulances.org website. Susan reported that she and Dr. Krohmer coordinated an EMS assessment in Lansing, Michigan recently. They have been making progress on renewing the National EMS Advisory Council (NEMSAC) charter and will push to get the notices published in the Federal Register. They had to cancel last week's NEMSAC meeting because the Federal Register was not being published. She reported that August 15 will be the next full FICEMS meeting. Regarding progress on the EMS Agenda 2050, the expert panel has been appointed. The initial article on the Fatigue in EMS Project is in the current Prehospital Emergency Care Journal.

Project and Committee Updates

Traffic Incident Management (TIM) Executive Leadership Group – David Harden reported on the March 29th TIM Executive Leadership Group meeting. AASHTO developed its plan to promote TIM. Dave reported on Arizona's training of EMS providers in TIM. FHWA will be conducting TIM webinars on May 2nd and 18th. They discussed connected vehicle technology and how it will impact TIM training.

Steve McCoy commented that NHTSA Office of Behavioral Research is exploring what is needed for ambulance driver training. State EMS Directors were recently sent a query regarding the need for ambulance driver training. Dia added that they will be reaching out far and wide to solicit input.

Road to Zero - Dia Gainor reviewed the Road to Zero Initiative website at <http://www.nsc.org/learn/NSC-Initiatives/Pages/The-Road-to-Zero.aspx>. The Federal Partners selected the National Safety Council as the conveners of the project. More than 250 organizations have joined as members. Dia said she has been overwhelmed with the amount of activity involved. She is serving on the steering group. She advised HITS Committee members to watch for grant announcements next fall, probably in November. She suggested that we begin framing ideas now as the guidance will likely be the same as the first grant announcement. Dia has been pushing for post-crash response play as important role as prevention of crashes. The response was more favorable than she expected.

Safe Transport of Children Committee - Mary Hedges reported that the Safe Transport of Children Committee recently released its *Interim Guidance on the Safe Transport of Children by EMS*. See <https://www.nasemso.org/Committees/STC/Resources.asp>. EMS World featured an editorial in JEMS on the document and they have been asked to present on the topic at the Next EMS World Expo in October. Steve commented that the committee has been very busy.

AVL Committee / Ambulance Standards Update – Michael Berg was not on the call to report.

Collaboration between State Highway Safety Officials and State EMS Officials – Steve asked if anyone had examples to share. Steve said that Florida works well with their Traffic Records Coordinating Committee and received an increase in funding this year. They plan to link crash records in real time. Tim Seplaki said New Jersey office of EMS has had good success in working with their TRCC and they also received an increase in funding this year.

Adjourn – The Meeting was adjourned at 4:01 PM EDT.

Next Meeting – June 14

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