



## HITS Committee Meeting

December 13, 2017

3:00 PM EST

### Meeting Record

**Attending** – Steve McCoy (FL), Scott Winston (VA), Frank Cheatham (VA), Tim Wilson (NE), Julie Rabeau (AL), Jim Green (NIOSH), Jim DeTienne (MT), Billie Collier (MS), Tim Seplaki (NJ), Eric Hicken (NJ), Joe Ferrell (NASEMSO), Mary Hedges (NASEMSO)

**Welcome and Roll Call** – Steve McCoy, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:03 PM EST.

**Review & Approval of October 11th Meeting Record** – Steve reviewed the highlights of the October meeting record. The meeting record was approved as submitted.

**National Collaborative for Bio Preparedness and Traffic Records: Florida's Experience** - Steve McCoy explained that the NCBP is a public-private partnership between University of North Carolina and Biospatial. They are offering arrangements with state EMS offices which provides states a prehospital biosurveillance system in exchange for states sharing their data. Florida is supplying Biospatial with real-time data in exchange for the dashboard which displays where events are occurring, including highway crash data. Julie Rabeau commented that trauma registry data would be valuable to add. Steve said that the highway crash data is easier to obtain from Biospatial than from NHTSA's FARS system. Steve said that the state is not had to invest much work in setting up the system while users are getting good information. The state decides who gets access to the data. He has given access to the EMS agencies to see their own data. Law enforcement is getting access through their fusion centers, as well as county health departments. No one is getting personal health information but only aggregate data. Julie Rabeau is interested in Alaska's EMS system using this.

**Review of Committee Work Plan** – Steve McCoy reviewed the draft HITS Committee workplan for 2018. He mentioned that the Traffic Records Assessment now heavily focuses on EMS data linkage in order to obtain outcome data. Tim Seplaki said New Jersey has a good relationship with their highway safety office and has recently applied for a safe transport of children in ambulances grant project. Julie Rabeau said in Alaska the trauma system program is actively engaged with on the Traffic Records Coordinating Committee. She added that Alaska focuses on performance indicators regarding passenger safety. The data is shared with their highway partners. Upon Steve's request, Julie agreed to share their performance indicators with HITS. Steve posed the question about what data measures we should be sharing with our highway safety partners. He suggested that this may be a task to include in the Committee work plan-- to suggest what measures EMS offices may want to share with highway safety partners, e.g., a core set of measures.

**NHTSA Update** – Susan McHenry was not available to report. Steve noted that Susan is retiring at the end of the year and will be greatly missed.

### **Project and Committee Updates**

TIM Executive Leaders Group – Dia Gainor submitted a written report as she was attending the TIM Executive Leaders Group at the time of the meeting.

Road to Zero- Dia submitted a report noting that the second round of \$1 million grant applications will be accepted from December 12 through January 26, 2018. More information is available at [www.nsc.org/roadtozero](http://www.nsc.org/roadtozero).

Transportation Safety Advancement Group (TSAG) – Dia provided a written update which was emailed to members with the meeting agenda.

Safe Transport of Children Committee - Mary Hedges reported that the STC Ad Hoc Committee continues to seek funding to support a research project to develop test standards for equipment used to secure children being transported by ambulance. They have developed resources which are available at the website at <https://www.nasemso.org/Committees/STC/Resources.asp>

AVL Committee / Ambulance Standards Update – Jim Green said that the GSA specifications now include all 10 SAE test standards for ambulances. NFPA 1917 is also in the process adding all 10 SAE test standards for ambulances. CAAS is expected to do the same. The new topic receiving a great deal of attention is standards for remounts.

National Collaborative for BioPreparedness (NCBP) Update – Joe Ferrell explained that NCBP/Biospatial is supporting the transfer of ImageTrend data from those states that decide to participate with NCBP/BioSpatial. They now have four states with signed data use agreements. Others who are interested should send him an email at [Joe@nasemso.org](mailto:Joe@nasemso.org).

**Collaboration between State Highway Safety Officials and State EMS Officials** – Frank Cheatham added that NFPA 1500 Chapter 9 addresses Traffic Incident Management. They just finished rolling out a Virginia-specific TIM program.

**Adjourn** – The meeting adjourned at 4:05 pm EST.

**Next Meeting** – February 14, 2018

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