



## Highway Incident & Transportation Systems (HITS) Committee Meeting

NASEMSO Fall Meeting, Albuquerque, New Mexico

September 20, 2016

### Meeting Record

**Attending** – Steve McCoy, Chair, Chris Bell (VT), Michael Berg (VA), Gary Brown (VA), Raffaella Coler (CT), Jim DeTienne (MT), David Harden (AZ), Mary Hedges (NASEMSO), Nancy Kelly-Goodstein (NJ), Marty Link (SD), Susan McHenry (NHTSA), Mark Miller (AK), Tim Seplaki (NJ), Veronica Seymour (OR), Tina Smith (NV), Keith Wages (GA), Jennifer Warren (FHWA), Gam Wejitunge (NHTSA), Stephen Wilson (AL), Tim Wilson (NE), Scott Winston (VA), Donnie Woodyard (NREMT)

**Welcome and Roll Call** – Steve McCoy, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:15. Attendees introduced themselves.

**Review & Approval of June 8 Meeting Record** – The June 8 meeting record was accepted without changes.

**NHTSA OEMS Update** – Susan McHenry reported that they are pleased that Dr. Jon Krohmer has come on board in the last two weeks as the new Director of the NHTSA Office of EMS. The National EMS Advisory Committee (NEMSAC) met the second day Dr. Krohmer was on the job. The EMS Agenda for the Future will be undergoing a major update 20 years after the original document was published. She reported that NHTSA received a huge number of comments during the public comment period. The state highway safety plan is intended to be a state plan. It is required by the Highway Safety Improvement Program, and is to be developed in consultation with numerous stakeholders, including EMS, and updated at least every 5 years.

**Special Guest: Jennifer Warren, SHSP Program Manager, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)** described how EMS officials can participate in the Strategic Highway Safety Plan. See [\*SHSP by State\*](#). She also highlighted changes in the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) under the FAST Act and the impact on EMS. The SHSP is intended to be an umbrella plan which aligns overarching safety goals, performance measures and improvement. It is critical to have state EMS officials at the table when the SHSP is developed and revised. She reported that 16 states have EMS emphasis areas in their SHSPs. EMS strategies are also included even if EMS is not an emphasis area. Strategies include continuing the development of the electronic EMS patient record and many more. She encouraged members to ask to be on the SHSP meeting agenda to present an EMS-related topic. Keith Wages said that he serves on the SHSP Executive Committee in Georgia.

The Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) is a core Federal-aid program whose purpose is to achieve a significant reduction in fatalities and serious injuries on all public roads. It is federally-funded and state-administered. HSIP funds are to be used for projects identified as a priority in the SHSP.

Jennifer reported that they will be updating the webpage on the EMS-Highway Safety Connection. She asked members to let Mary Hedges know if interested in helping update the webpage. Steve McCoy and David Harden volunteered to assist. She offered her contact information: [Jennifer.warren@dot.gov](mailto:Jennifer.warren@dot.gov) and (202) 366-2157.

**Model Minimum Uniform Crash Criteria (MMUCC), 4<sup>th</sup> Edition: What is it and why do we care?** – Steve McCoy reported that he represents NASEMSO on the committee that is undertaking the latest revision of the MMUCC. He convinced them to add an element related to the cot retention system after lengthy discussion. The committee will be meeting one more time before completing this edition. He urged members to provide him with any suggestions they would like to see in the MMUCC.

**Lifesavers Conference, Mar 27-28, Charlotte, NC** <http://lifesaversconference.org/> (*Posters addressing highway safety or injury prevention through an education or research-based initiative due 1/27/17*) – Steve McCoy urged members to investigate attending. And/or to consider submitting posters.

### **Project and Committee Updates**

- a. TIM Executive Leaders Group Meeting – Dia Gainor was unavailable to report. David Harden was appointed as Dia’s alternate.
- b. Toward Zero Deaths National Strategy Update – Mary Hedges reported that the TZD National Strategy is undergoing a new promotional effort but had nothing new to report since the last HITS meeting.
- c. Safe Transport of Children Committee - Mary Hedges reported that the Safe Transport of Children Ad hoc Committee has been meeting monthly since it was formed less than a year ago. Its primary goal is to seek funding to conduct crash test research in order to develop standards for safely transporting children in ambulances. The committee is comprised of members from a variety of outside organizations in addition to NASEMSO members.
- d. AVL Committee / Ambulance Standards Update – Michael Berg said the Agency Vehicle and Licensure (AVL) Committee met yesterday. They are currently conducting a survey about interstate licensing of EMS agencies. The committee is also working on developing an inspection process for ambulances. Regarding ambulance standards, NFPA 1917 version 2 is on the street now and they are working on version 3. Michael serves on the NFPA 1917 technical committee, CAAS Ground Vehicle Standards Version 1 is available and they will be starting on version 2 in the near future. The GSA KKK ambulance specifications continue to issue change orders to keep pace with the new standards. There is still discussion about who

should be the national ambulance standard setting body. NFPA 1017 is ANSI accredited and CAAS has applied for ANSI accreditation for the GVS. NFPA has opposed ANSI accrediting two ambulance standards so that controversy needs to be resolved. Michael urged members to visit the Safe Ambulances.org website which NASEMSO is developing. Jay Bradshaw is the staff person developing the website.

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

David Harden, AZ Bureau of EMS/Trauma, presented Arizona's efforts to collaborate with their state highway safety office. The Bureau of EMS and Trauma has served on the Traffic Records Coordinating Committee (TRCC) since 2006. They have successfully ensured linkage of EMS and trauma data with crash data. This priority was renewed in May of 2016. The Bureau of EMS and Trauma was also selected to coordinate the State's Traffic Records Assessment. EMS/Injury surveillance category contains the largest number of questions in the traffic records assessment. The Bureau of EMS and Trauma has received more than \$700,000 in highway safety funds to establish a NEMSIS-compliant EMS Registry and to transition the trauma registry to a web-based registry. The Arizona Department of Health Services has served on the SHSP Executive Committee since 2012. The Bureau has succeeded in incorporating EMS and trauma systems initiatives in the 2014-2018 SHSP.

Steve reported that the HITS Committee has made progress on its work plan. He asked Tim Seplaki to serve as the Data Managers Council representative to the HITS Committee.

Keith Wages thanked Jennifer Warren for representing the FHWA at the HITS Committee Meeting. Jennifer said she has a database of contacts she can share with us. He and Steve McCoy also thanked Mary Hedges for her contribution.

**Adjourn** – The meeting adjourned at 4:50 PM.

**Next Meeting** – December 14