



**Highway Incident and Transportation Systems (HITS)
Committee Meeting
December 12, 2018
3:00 PM EST**

Meeting Record

Attending – Steve McCoy (FL), Mary Hedges (NASEMSO), David Harden (AZ), Shawn Kinney (FL TIM Program), Dr. Carol Cunningham (OH), Cindy Wright-Johnson (MD), Jeremy Kinsman (NHTSA), Gam Wijetunge (NHTSA), Jolene Whitney (UT)

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

Review & Approval of August 8th Meeting Record – Steve reviewed the August meeting record. It was accepted without changes.

ASTIP Discussion Board

The Association of Transportation Safety Information Professionals (ASTIP) has published ANSI D.16 - 2017: *Manual on Classification of Motor Vehicle Traffic Crashes*. It can be downloaded from http://atsip.org/documents/ANSI_D.16-2017.pdf. ASTIP encourages interested parties to review the suggested revisions and additions posted on the discussion board at <http://www.atsip.org/forum/>, as well as make suggestions as to needed changes in the current standard. Dia had previously suggested that HITS examine this and engage in the conversation, specifically addressing the need for a GUID or UUID as a means of accommodating records linkage as the NEMSIS TAC is advocating. Steve emphasized the importance of records linkage with NEMSIS. This topic will be revisited at a future meeting when the committee has additional information.

Traffic Incident Management in Florida -- Shawn Kinney, Florida TIM Program, was introduced by Steve. Shawn and Steve have developed a partnership supporting TIM. Steve is a member of the statewide working group. Shawn previously worked in emergency management and sees commonalities with TIM. The purpose is to create a safer working environment at the scene of traffic incidents. They have 25 teams led by DOT program managers. In 2012, the TIM responder training program was developed, along with the train the trainer course. The TIM training is geared toward training scene responders. Steve asked Shawn how state EMS offices can be more involved in promoting TIM training. David Harden said he had hoped to develop a driver education for drivers to be more aware when approaching a traffic incident. Jolene suggested having Florida and Arizona present what they are doing with TIM from their respective state EMS offices.

NHTSA Update – Jeremy Kinsman reported that NHTSA is focused on drug-impaired driving, as that is a priority of their deputy administrator. In the Office of EMS they are concentrating on NEMSIS data. The 2017 NEMSIS research data set will be released in the next few weeks and for the first time will be based on version 3 data, which will include more patient data. Steve added that he is pleased that version 3 data set will be available as it will contain so much more valuable information. Jolene added that the trauma community is really interested in seeing this new data, which will contain the revised trauma scores.

Project and Committee Updates

- a. Toward Zero Deaths Workshop – Steve McCoy explained the emphasis was on changing behaviors to increase safe driving practices. He found the science behind changing behaviors to be very interesting.
- b. TIM Executive Leaders Group – Dia Gainor was not on the call to report. Steve noted that the TIM State Point of Contact list was attached and is also posted on the HITS Committee webpage.
- c. Road to Zero Coalition – Dia was not available to report.
- d. Safe Transport of Children Committee - Mary Hedges said the committee is still in a holding pattern, as it had expected to have initial funding to begin the research project to develop standards for pediatric transport devices.
- e. AVL Committee / Ambulance Standards Update – Sue Prentiss or Dale Adkerson were not on the call to report. Steve added that standards for ambulance remounts are a primary issue now.
- f. Biospatial /NCBP Update – Steve said Biospatial is now up to about 12 states with data sharing agreements. In Florida he has been showcasing the dashboard tool. He briefly demonstrated it for the committee. He will receive surveillance alerts when influenza reaches a certain number. The dashboard performance measures are Compass measures but they can also incorporate their own customized measures.
- g. TRB Joint Subcommittee for Emergency Response – There was no report.
- h. OnStar Public Safety Advisory Committee – Dr. Cunningham said they had a good first meeting. As an advisory committee member, she provides input to OnStar but is not able to discuss their activities due to a non-disclosure agreement.

Collaboration between State Highway Safety Officials and State EMS Officials

David Harden shared the results of Arizona’s National Traffic Incident Response Awareness Week Social Media Messaging. The campaign took place during the week of November 11-17. They posted 12 different messages on Facebook, Twitter and Google Plus and reached more than 56,000 social media users. A typical post was “Across the U.S. 345 first responders are killed at traffic incidents each year. Slow down or change lanes when observing flashing vehicle emergency lights ahead! <http://timnetwork.org/>”

Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned at 3:59 PM EST

Next Meeting – February 13

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