



## HITS Committee Meeting

September 25, 2012

Boise, Idaho

4:00 P.M.

### Meeting Record

#### Attendance

Jay Bradshaw, Interim Chair  
Mary Hedges (NASEMSO)  
Chris Bell (VT)  
Dennis Blair (AL)  
Gary Brown (VA)  
Greg Brown (AR)  
Robert Cooney (PA)

Chip Cooper (NH)  
Carol Cunningham (OH)  
Jim DeTienne (MT)  
Jeremy Goldman (DE)  
Ruth Hursman (ND)  
Nadine Levick

Selwyn Mahon (VI)  
Susan McHenry (NHTSA)  
Samar Muzzafar (MO)  
Jason Rhodes (RI)  
Randy Smith (AL)  
Virginia Wilson (MO)

- I. **Welcome and Roll Call** – Jay Bradshaw called the meeting to order. He explained the purpose of the HITS Committee has evolved somewhat since it began. Now that the AVL Committee has been created, ambulance vehicle safety issues fall within that committee’s jurisdiction.
  
- II. **Federal/State Partner Interaction (Examples of State EMS partnering with Hwy/Transp)** – Jay had to opportunity to present at the Governors Highway Safety Association Annual Conference last month and was surprised to learn how few EMS people participated. He asked for examples of how NASEMSO members interact with their highway safety colleagues in their respective states. Jay said his cooperation with highway safety officials in Maine has provided him access to the crash reporting system. His office will be hiring an epidemiologist funded by federal highway safety funding. Gary Brown commented that his office is actively engaged with highway safety. Jason Rhodes said he is very interested in accessing the crash reporting system in Rhode Island. Rhode Island recently awarded a contract for an EMS data system. Chris Bell said Vermont EMS had been involved prior to his tenure as state director. His office’s EMS data manager is funded by federal highway (408) funds and they were also awarded money to improve their electronic data system. Missouri received funding for laptops for their EMS data systems. Greg Brown said Arkansas has never received more than \$20,000 for EMS data systems from 402/408 funds, even though they are actively engaged and have great relationships with their highway safety colleagues. Jay pointed out that he has heard a perception by Governors Highway Safety Representatives that EMS was only there at the table for the money. Jeremy Goldman, Delaware, asked about the changes in the new transportation bill, MAP 21. Susan McHenry said the numbers of the grant programs are changing. Robert Cooney reported that Pennsylvania’s EMS office works closely with their highway safety counterparts; they have received funding to support NEMSIS Version 3. They are also implementing Yellow Dot, a program that provides yellow stickers for affixing on cars which indicate that medical information of the vehicle owner is in the glove box of the car. They regularly present at their conferences on EMS issues. Dr. Samar Muzaffar added the Missouri

DOT has helped fund computers for EMS data systems, as well as provided financial support for data linkage. They collaborate on legislative issues as well.

- III. **EMS Proposal Possibilities for 2014 NCHRP Projects** – Mary Hedges explained that there are two proposals related to EMS that are in the list of possibilities being considered for funding by the Safety Management Subcommittee of the National Cooperative Highway Research Program (NCHRP) for 2014. One is to continue work on MIECE (a NASEMSO project) and the other deals with telemedicine applications for EMS. This is important because NCHRP funds numerous highway research projects and EMS is being increasingly recognized as a component of highway safety.
  
- IV. **Suggested Topics for 2013 Lifesavers Conference (Denver, April 14-16, 2013)** – Mary Hedges reported that the Lifesavers Conference is now requesting topics for next year’s conference (the deadline is next week). Susan McHenry suggested the MIECE and EIRRA topic with an emphasis on the Mexican Hat bus crash, as that has not been presented. Mary spoke last year on the EMS aspects of the Toward Zero Deaths Project. Nadine Levick suggested a topic on the volunteer aspect of EMS.
  
- V. **Special Update on Ambulance Safety** – Nadine Levick, MD, MPH, EMS Safety Foundation, gave a brief presentation. The Transportation Research Board created the TRB EMS Safety Subcommittee about 5 years ago, which Dr. Levick chairs. They have sponsored a number of EMS Safety Summits, the most recent summit in February 2012. The recordings from that summit can be accessed at [TRB EMS Safety Summit 2012](#). Dr. Levick briefly highlighted efforts underway for promoting safe fleet technologies. She mentioned the MIECE project which Dia presented at the EMS Safety Summit. Dr. Carol Cunningham also presented at the Safety Summit in 2012.
  
- VI. **Project and Committee Updates** - Updates on the following projects were not given due to insufficient time.
  - A. Model Rules for Ambulance Vehicle Design (MRAVD) Project (Dennis Blair)
  - B. NFPA Emergency Responder Advisory Panel (Mary Hedges, Dia Gainor)
  - C. NTIMC: National Traffic Incident Management Coalition (Scott Winston)
  - D. NCHRP 20-24(37)K, Measuring Performance Among State DOTs: Sharing Good Practices -- Serious Crash Injury (Dia)
  - E. NCHRP 20-05, Models for Effective Emergency Medical Services Response to Motor Vehicle Crashes in Rural Areas (Dean Cole, Jim DeTienne, Dia Gainor)
  - F. NCHRP 17-57, Development of an Improved Metric for Serious Traffic Crash Injuries (Dia)
  - G. NCHRP 20-07, Developing a Framework for Emergency Responder/Roadside Worker Struck-by/Near-miss Database (Mary Hedges)
  - H. Highway Safety Partners Venture (Dia Gainor)

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 PM.

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

