



HITS Committee Meeting

December 12, 2012

Meeting Record

Attendance

Keith Wages (GA)	Carol Cunningham (OH)	Tomi St Mars (AZ)
Mary Hedges (NASEMSO)	Paul Jodoin (FHWA)	Scott Winston (VA)
Katrina Altenhofen (IA)	Susan McHenry (NHTSA)	C. Wright-Johnson(MD)
Jay Bradshaw (ME)	Sue Morris (OH)	
Frank Cheatham (VA)	Julie Rabeau (AK)	

- I. **Welcome and Roll Call** –Keith Wages called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.
- II. **Traffic Incident Management (TIM) Train the Trainer Courses** – Keith welcomed Paul Jodoin from the Federal Highway Administration. Paul explained the Second Strategic Highway Research Program (SHRP 2) delivered two products to improve traffic incident on-scene management. The first product is a multi-disciplinary training course that promotes a shared understanding of the requirements for quick clearance and safeguards responders and motorists. The second product is a 2-day Train-the-Trainer course that facilitates widespread use of the multi-disciplinary training. Kevin McGinnis, from NASEMSO, was a member of the original group that developed the course. They are presently conducting train the trainer programs throughout the nation. Participants include responders and educators who will be providing the class to multi-disciplinary emergency responders. The intent is to teach those who respond to the scene of a highway emergency to clear the scene quickly and safely. It is a four hour curriculum. The TRB conducted four pilots this past summer and now FHWA has taken over the program and is continuing to offer the train the trainer course in various parts of the country. They would like to engage the EMS community in the training and would like the Committee’s recommendations in this regard. Keith asked Paul who a state EMS director can contact to get involved. Keith noted there has been limited participation of EMS to date because we have had a problem getting enough advance notice of the courses. The course schedule is not on the website, but Paul will email it to Mary Hedges for distribution. For more information, see http://ops.fhwa.dot.gov/eto_tim_pse/about/tim.htm.
- III. **2013 HITS Work Plan** – Keith Wages noted that the 2013 work plan is available through the link on the HITS website that Mary emailed to members with the meeting agenda. The work plan has been updated for 2013, but many of the items are ongoing goals. He noted that Goal 1 is to increase NASEMSO participation in highway safety-related meetings. He asked members to forward any additional thoughts they had for the work plan.
- IV. **Federal Partner Update/Comments** – Susan McHenry, NHTSA Office of EMS, thanked Keith for taking over the chairmanship of the committee. She applauded the goals in the work plan, especially to continue to promote involvement in highway safety meetings. Susan said they are

extremely busy and are looking forward to the upcoming year since Congress passed the new USDOT authorization (MAP 21) in August, which became effective October 1. Susan pointed out that the new law strengthened the National EMS Advisory Council (NEMSAC) by making it a required committee, rather than a discretionary committee. The law also consolidated a number of NHTSA grants, including the section 408 grant program. Some of the 408 concepts have been incorporated into section 205, and there is still specific language regarding the traffic records improvement program. As they develop the rules, NHTSA will get the word out to NASEMSO. They are in the midst of uncertainties given the budget negotiations currently underway in Congress and the potential impact of budget reductions. Keith thanked Susan for all her support.

V. Project and Committee Updates

- A. NFPA Emergency Responder Advisory Panel - Frank Cheatham explained this new panel is developing best practices for emergency response for those responding to electric vehicle crashes. He was recently appointed as NASEMSO's representative on the panel. Frank also noted that he participated in the TIM train the trainer course in Virginia and was the only EMS Person in the class.
- B. NTIMC: National Traffic Incident Management Coalition - Scott Winston had to leave the meeting early but sent a written update, in which he reported on the reorganization that the NTIMC has been undergoing. He noted that a pivotal event was the FHWA's June 26 to 27, 2012 Executive Transportation and Public Safety Summit which generated concepts for evolving a National Transportation & Public Safety Executive Steering Group.
- C. Model Rules for Ambulance Vehicle Design (MRAVD) Project - Keith Wages reported that NASEMSO is working to establish model rules for ambulance design as the KKK standards are soon to be retired. Keith recently attended the MRAVD work group meeting. The General Services Administration has responded that they will extend the retirement of the KKK standards as requested by NASEMSO, to allow more time for model rules to be developed. For more information, see [Ambulance Vehicle Design Project](#)

VI. Federal/State Partner Interaction (Examples of State EMS partnering with Hwy/Transp) –

Keith asked for members to share experiences of partnering with their state highway safety offices. Jay Bradshaw said the Maine EMS Office is finalizing a MOU with the Maine Office of Highway Safety to hire a team of data analysts to work on linkage and analyses of their respective data sets. Katrina said the Iowa EMSC program has partnered with their highway safety office for occupant protection programs. Cyndy Wright-Johnson said Maryland has had a similar grant in past years and they hope to continue that in the future. They have done a buckle-up bill board and poster campaign. When there is a traffic fatality they email the station to find out if the person was wearing a seat belt.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:50 PM EST. The next meeting will be February 13.

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