Wednesday, October 26, 2022

**Meeting Minutes**

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| **Commissioners Present** | **OHSP Staff** |
| Capt. Rick Arnold  Randy Coplin  John Harris  Carol Heinowski  Jeff Lee  Kim Kelly  Katie Bower (virtual)  **Commissioners Absent**  Jeremy Worm  Jeremy Burleson  Brian Hitchcock | Kara Rueckert  Charlotte Kilvington (virtual)  Zada Schriner (virtual)  Emily Shinevar (virtual)  **Guests**  John Wallace  Jon Crippen  Michelle Zemla  George Bracco  Osama Abudayyeh  Siddharth Bhandari  Robbin Sims  Jill Skutar  Pat Muinch |

**ROLL CALL**

The Michigan Truck Safety Commission meeting was called to order at 9:06 a.m.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA –** *will hold approvals for January meeting*

a. Meeting Minutes – September 14, 2022 –

b. Financial Report

c. Enforcement Grant Activity Update

d. Education Grant Activity Update

e. FY2022 Project Updates

**A. Enforcement Grant Activity –** **Lt. George Bracco – MSP CVED**

**Fourth Quarter Report**

Goal 1: Reduce commercial motor vehicle (CMV) involved fatal crashes through high visibility patrols. Use a Data-Driven Approach to Crime and Traffic Safety (DDACTS) in accordance with the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division’s (CVED) Action Plan by September 30, 2022.

*Activity:* The CVED will dedicate approximately 11,000 hours, divided among all districts to conduct STET operations, as mandated by MCL 247.675(4)(c), for the purposes of reducing CMV-related crashes and fatalities. These operations will focus on unsafe driving behaviors and defective equipment violations.

*Toward Zero Deaths:* The CVED will utilize an additional 1,300 hours of overtime for patrol and enforcement activities. This will occur during peak times, locations when and where CMV-related crashes occur, and other periods of high traffic density, such as summer and holiday weekends. Patrols will occur in areas identified by each district’s safety plan.

*Progress Report:* See the STET Activity Table including the STET Hours Worked in this report for Year to Date (YTD) activity. The CVED will would like to ensure the committee we plan on meeting our goals and properly utilize the funds granted.

**Progress Report**

***STET Activity – Year to Date Totals***

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| **ACTIVITY** | **FY22**  **TSF Q1-Q3** | **FY22 TSF YTD** | **FY22 TZD Q1-Q3** | **FY22**  **TZD YTD** |
| **Stops** | 4408 | 5929 | 649 | 1876 |
| **Inspections** | 3510 | 4736 | 532 | 1567 |
| **Verbal Warnings** | 3478 | 4641 | 502 | 1401 |
| **Citations** | 1532 | 2086 | 209 | 646 |
| **TOTAL HOURS** | 7376 | 10,004 | 907 | 2662 |

***CMV-Related Crash Comparison – FY 2022 Year to Date Totals***

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Evaluation period** | **Total Number of crashes** | **Total number of Truck/Bus crashes** | **Total number of fatal crashes** | **Truck/Bus fatal crashes** | **Percentage CMV related crash/fatal** |
| **FY22 to date** | 258,350 | 13,063 | 874 | 77 | 5.0/8.8 |
| **FY21 to date** | 244,158 | 11,770 | 956 | 65 | 4.8/6.7 |
| **Change** | +6.4% | +11% | -8.5% | +18.5% was 24 |  |
| **FY19 Prepand.** | 287,769 | 13,590 | 797 | 84 | 4.7/10.5 |

MSP-CVED is on pace to expend the complete grant. The crash stats from FY19 were added to show the pre-pandemic crash rates.

STET Activity Q1-Q3 and 10-1-21 till 8-20-22. Crash data source: MSP Numetric on 8-26-22.

**B. FY2022 Project Updates – Charlotte Kilvington – OHSP**

MTSC Annual Report

The 2022 MTSC Annual Report is pending approval.

FY2023 Projects

Project Name: Truck Driver Safety Education Project

Recipient: Michigan Center for Truck Safety (MCTS)

Grant Award: $1,000,000

Description: Fund staffing and administration for training programs.

Status: Grant approved.

Project Name: Commercial Motor Vehicle (CMV) Enforcement and Outreach

Recipient: Michigan State Police Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division (MSP-CVED)

Grant Award: $2,000,000

Description: Fund overtime CMV traffic enforcement.

Status: Grant approved.

Project Name Michigan Center for Defensive Driving (MCDD)

Recipient Michigan Center for Truck Safety (MCTS)

Grant Award $1,040,000

Description Provides the CMV operators with significant skills not offered anywhere in the state of Michigan. The training shall provide classroom instruction and real-life exercises utilizing a variety of the CMV combinations. This unique training experience will allow the CMV operators to sharpen their skills of crash avoidance, especially while driving in adverse weather conditions.

Status Grant approved.

FY2023 REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

Project Name [Truck Safety Strategic Plan 2020-2024](https://www.michigan.gov/documents/msp/Michigan_Truck_Strategic_Plan_2020-2024_676120_7.pdf) (renew for 2024-2028)

Description The Truck Safety Strategic Plan serves as the Strategic Highway Safety Plan for commercial motor vehicles action plan.

Status Discussion to either send out as a RFP for FY2023 for renewal or have the OHSP only update the data.

FUTURE PROJECT CONSIDERATIONS

Project Name Frost Law Repository and App

Description ?

Status Added to list per MTSC Chair. See transcript or minutes for May 11, 2022 for details.

Project Name Legal Counsel and Representation

Description ?

Status Added to list per MTSC Chair. See transcript or minutes for May 11, 2022 for details.

Project Name Records Management System for MCTS

Description Based on the recommendations made by the 2015 UMTRI report, the MCTS may

consider obtaining a records management system for all training records for trucking companies, safety managers, and CMV drivers if funding becomes available.

Status The MCTS put this project on hold in FY2016. The costs continued to be explored in

FY2023-24.

Project Name CMV Seat Belt and Hand-Held Device Use Rate Study

Description This research project conducts direct observation surveys regarding CMV drivers’ seat belt and hand-held device use rates. This project was completed in 2015 and is updated every

2-3 years.

Status This project has been tabled for future consideration.

Project Name Truck Safety Road Team

Description The Road Team had been a MCTS-sponsored event in the past. Various members supported resurrecting this educational program that involves taking a truck to various locations to educate drivers on how to share the road safely with large vehicles.

Status This project has been tabled for future consideration.

Project Name Commercial Motor Vehicle Project Solicitation Based on the Strategic Plan 2020-2024.

Description The purpose of these projects is to provide suitable solutions based on any of the emphasis areas that are detailed in the Michigan Truck Safety Strategic Safety Plan 2020-2024.

Dates Due before FY2023.

Received Understanding the Injury and Fatality Risks Among Michigan Commercial Motor Vehicle Drivers: Michigan State University. $233,321

Evaluation of the Effectiveness of the Professional Truck Driver Training Course on

Unsafe Driving Outcomes: University of Michigan Traffic Research Institute (UMTRI). $299,992

Status These projects have been tabled for future consideration.

**C. Financial Report – Ms. Zada Schriner – OHSP**

No comprehensive report provided.

**D. Education Grant Activity – Ms. Michelle Zemla – MCTS**

**FY2022 January – March 2022**

# Goal #1 – Provide Commercial Motor Vehicle (CMV) Safety Training to Drivers and Industry Personnel

The stated ambition for this goal is to provide commercial motor vehicle (CMV) safety training for up to 1,500 CMV drivers and industry personnel during the 2022 fiscal year.

For the fiscal year, MCTS provided safety training to 846 industry personnel.

Goal #2 – Strengthen CDL Programs by Providing Outreach to Include Seminars and Community Events

The stated ambition for this goal is to strengthen CDL Programs by providing outreach to include seminars and community events to up to 5000 individuals during the 2022 fiscal year.

For the fiscal year, we reached 9,587 individuals providing and participating in safety seminars, truck driver simulator demonstrations, Facebook Live programs, and industry safety meetings. Events took place during the UP State Fair, industry requested demonstrations, truck shows, Welcome Center events, Truck Driver Appreciation Week, Industry Safety Conferences, as well as Facebook Live broadcasts.

Goal #3 – Additional CMV Safety Activities

The stated ambition for this goal is to provide additional CMV safety activities during FY2022.

* There were 10 social media posts per month on average, including Facebook live events
* 27,394 Truck Driver’s Guidebooks distributed
* 4017 regulation hotline phone calls

# Goal #4 – Develop or Expand at least one Training Deliverable – Goal Met

The stated ambition for this goal is to develop new or expand and improve, at least one training-related deliverable for the CMV drivers and industry during FY2022.

The Center’s simulator Adverse Driving Course/demonstration program was updated to an all-new scenario for FY22..

# Goal #5 – Public Information and Education Campaign

The stated ambition for this goal is to develop or expand and improve public information and education campaigns during the 2022 fiscal year.

The Center launched a digital media campaign across the state of Michigan, including the UP. The digital media campaign included digital ads, digital pre-roll ads, targeted emails, geofencing, and tv commercials.

**STANDING REPORT/UPDATES:**

1. **Chair’s Report – Capt. Rick Arnold**

Brake testing technology ramp; in lieu of marking and measuring push rods; failed vehicles are retested; CVED will start looking to implement this in Michigan

CVSA conference in South Dakota—national discussion for inspection processes

1. **Commissioners’ Perspectives**

Carol Heinowski – Meijer will be getting two electric tractors; will be a test fleet for Freightliner because they’ve never tested their vehicles in cold weather; will have dedicated drivers doing routes with these trucks. Partnering with Mitsubishi to test and autonomous switch truck; Mitsubishi has been out to map the yard (Creyts and Mt. Hope); there will be someone in the truck during the testing, just in case.

Randy Coplin – saw multi-axel rigs out west; saw one with three trailers with a sign on the back that said “Extra Long.”

John Harris – Next [Road to Restoration](https://www.michigan.gov/sos/license-id/road-to-restoration) clinic to check on driving status/what they need to do to get their license back is November 16 in Detroit; expecting 800-1000 appointments.

Jeff Lee – Wages are up for drivers across the state and they’ve noticed companies are looking at truck drivers as a skilled trade more than ever before. Seeing issues with DOT policy vs. company policy especially related to failed drug tests; finding inconsistency depending on what SAP they get.

Katie Bower – Focusing on National Pedestrian Safety Month (October); Pedestrian Safety week October 30-November 4; Operation Safe Stop; Winter Driving Awareness campaign. November-April: Buckle Up in Your Truck; MSP 3rd District participating in IMPACT. Truck/Bus crashes are still up this year—wondering what factors the commission thinks are causing this. Captain Arnold is curious to see the final data regarding who is at fault (CMV vs. passenger vehicles), also believes speed and distracted driving are factors.

**PRESENTATION**

1. Commercial Motor Vehicle Driver Shortage/Retention Research and Solutions – Dr. Siddharth Bhandari

Positive feedback from Commissioner Heinowski. Wondering what we do with this information moving forward—is there an opportunity through the Truck Center to develop a class for management. Commissioner Coplin does like the idea of putting this to action as far as developing a program. From Captain Arnold—how do we get this out to the public and move forward with a course of sorts. Commissioner Lee agrees that the age portion is a huge area of concern right now; losing potential candidates because of age requirements. Companies have been focusing on making truck driving a skilled trade; widening the gap between the warehouse and drivers by increasing wages and benefits. Captain Arnold hopes this will aid the industry in utilizing the action items put forth.

**ACTION ITEMS**

1. Approval of 2022 Annual Truck Report

National baseline data that was requested was incorporated. No further discussion on report. Jeff Lee made a motion to approve the report. Carol Heinowski seconds the motion. All ayes; report approved.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Captain Arnold is working with the State Transportation Commission to fill Helen Zeerip’s position on the MTSC.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Introduction from Emily Shinevar, OHSP Planning and Administration Section Manager

**ADJOURNMENT**

John Harris motioned to adjourn the meeting; Jeff Lee seconded the motion. All ayes. Meeting adjourned at 10:52 a.m.

**NEXT MEETING** Wednesday, January 11, 2022, at 9 a.m. – Michigan Center for Truck Safety