

Statewide Traffic Records Coordinating Committee

(STRCC) Quarterly Meeting

Meeting Notes

Thursday, May 22, 2014

I. Call to order

Co-Chairs **Joanne Tinker and Dennis Kleen** called to order the regular meeting of the **Statewide Traffic Records Coordinating Committee** at **9:30 a.m.** on **Thursday, May 22, 2014** at In-Trans Ames, IA.

II. Attendees:

Please see attached pages of those persons in attendance.

III. Welcome and Introductions / Updates

1. Bob Sperry and Roger Larsen will be retiring and cards available to sign. Evelyn Mitchell will also be retiring. Bob Thompsen get well card also available to sign. June 30th press conference with Governor for Zero Fatalities Campaign and releases thereafter.

IV. Federal Partner Updates and Reports

1. Dean Scott with NHTSA – Interim Progress Report (GIMS) has been approved for intersection project and will be done soon. Looking for new projects (hoping for 2) for next fiscal year. GTS (grants tracking system) will be redone and more user friendly. Starting in July. New clearinghouse for grants – will allow uploading information. Region IX administrator will be opening up and will be looking to fill that position soon.
2. Art Fleener – National Registry went into effect yesterday – Physicians are now listed in a national database for Medical Cards.
3. Federal Highway – new performance measures for safety – most match up with NHTSA. Please review and submit comments. Jerry Roche is moving over to Office of Safety Headquarters in Ames. He will be replaced and will recommend his replacement be included in STRCC. Grow America – administration's new proposed bill for Transportation tax funds. Congress is looking at it.

V. Crash Report Form Update – Dot Trotter, DOT

1. Driver's crash report. Some differences – new logo and language has been revised. Changed address – were going to PO Box now Ankeny address.
2. Added:
 - a. direction of travel, took out contributive circumstances.
 - b. Insurance agency and phone number
 - c. FRA number – for Railroad
 - d. Non-motorist information

3. Officer's Crash Report is done. Shown report with new fields indicated by red outlined box. Driver distraction was a big interest to DOT. Units have been organized per page. Code Sheets have been redone to include many new options and split some out. Most info based from MMUCC or FARS. Also done is 2014 Investigating Officers Crash Reporting Guide. This is a comprehensive guide explaining the information on the Officers Crash Report form. Close to being done is TraCS. Tested twice with different groups. When the printed the Officers Crash Report will look like the paper form. Driver Distraction will have validation edit. Still to be done is communication between TraCS and APS, and APS update in ARTS. Training will begin to be put together soon. New fields and problem fields will be covered in the training. Getting reports out to agencies – plan on passing out at TraCS user group meeting in October. Rest of agencies will be mailed. Forms will be online for public to view after finalization of items. Dot will send to those who request more information. Form is 98 – 99% MMUCC compliant. Drivers report – Jerry asked if that is something people could fill out online? Dot said no, for security purposes. 51% of Law Enforcement agencies will be on TraCS 10. 94.47% of all crashes are submitted through TraCS. Joanne stated this was a 2011 project and will be a good thing to cross off.

Kathy Leinenkugel with IDPH will be at the Farm Safety Progress Show and in charge of Health and Safety Tent and will be accepting volunteers. Coming up in late August. Outdoor or in the tent displays areas will be available. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday last week of August. Phil and Operation Lifesaver group will have Modular Rail display there and Zero Fatalities will be onsite as well.

VI. FFY 2015 Funding /MAP-21

1. **Interim Progress Report – Joanne Tinker, GTSB.** Sent to NHTSA on May 12th. Review done locally now. Eight different applications submitted for funding for 2015. \$ 711,036 for funding this year.
2. **State Traffic Safety Information System Improvement Grants – GTSB Staff**
3. **FFY 2015 Traffic Records Strategic Plan (TRSP)**
4. **Section 405(c) Project Managers**
 - a) Iowa DOT, Office of Driver Services / IPRC - Tracy Young
 - i) Continue to publicize outreach for students. Goals are to examine outcomes. Build partnerships and communicate with IDOT to identify Behavioral and Medical priority for research. Working on Data usage with Department of Public Health. Collaboration with UIHC and departments at the University. Conduct research on Crash information on elder, bicyclists, etc. Continued research on farm crash with DOT data. 2011-2012 data has been received. NADS – Sue Price and Dan McGeehee has joined Injury Prevention committee and has been attending monthly meetings. Will continue to host one STRCC meeting in the fall.
 - b) Iowa DOT, Motor Vehicle / TraCS – Dave Meyers
 - i) 197 agencies are on TraCS, 43 on web version. 240 total. 51% of all Iowa Law Enforcement agencies. 84 agencies using MACH. 3 agencies away from all agencies that submit 100 or more crash reports on TraCS. Fort Madison, Lucas

County and Clear Lake he believes are the agencies. Get 2010 numbers from Dave Meyer. June 2nd will complete conversion to TraCS 10. 94.47% of all crashes are submitted through TraCS. 65% of all citations transmitted. Would like to add 35 agencies to TraCS and 20 more MACH agencies. Goal is 96% crash reports transmitted and 68% traffic citations transmitted. User Group meeting schedule for October and would like to have 220 attendees – an increase from 200.

- c) Iowa DOT, Office of Traffic and Safety – Michael Pawlovich
 - i) Primary road intersections first year (two years ago) collected. 20,000 out of 160,000 in state. 500 interchanges. Last year proposed to Secondary paved but ahead of schedule and did unpaved last year. Municipal should be done this year. Moving more quickly than anticipated. Collect curve data-Karen Carroll will do RFP in December to collect this data. Hopefully starting next year. Over half of total intersections in by the end of this year. Then on to safety features on roadways. CMAT training has been on back burner – was out for review but hasn't heard anything again. \$175,000 for data collection. \$15000 for training and put toward curve collection data. Next meeting web portal should be available to review.
- d) Iowa Department of Human Rights / CJP – Laura Roeder-Grubb
 - i) Partnered with University of Iowa with 3 projects (bike/pedestrian, younger driver). Intern will do a report and have her create data reporting on citation side. Keep her through summer and retain after grant ends. Run citation Close to wrapping up one project on Bike Pedestrian by September.
- e) Iowa State Patrol – Capt. Larry Grant
 - i) Improve data collection for usefulness to everyone. Money used for equipment such as aircards and etc. to report data faster. Partner with DOT to help fund National Model meeting. Every project looks at how it could benefit other agencies as well.
- f) ISU/ITSDS – Zach Hans
 - i) Continued support of Safety Data. Data reporting group. Helmet surveys, etc and many more requests -100 requests for 30 agencies. Difficulty varies.
- g) Iowa Department of Public Health / EMS Run Reports – Joe Ferrell
 - i) Trauma program to be used in hospitals. One time funding to buy the program and maintenance costs. Next week will be getting online demo from vendors.
- h) Iowa Department of Public Health / CODES – Don Shepherd
 - i) CODES is to link data crash data to public health data. Software currently used was developed for cancer patients and does not include all fields that are needed. Will be able to run reports as well, but not many requests for that. Some data inconsistent and missing. Will continue to work on linking data as it is received. Michael asked for data elements and shared with Zach and others so they can see what information is available. Jerry asked is some records don't have names – hospital info does not include names. Any way to get clearance on that. Kathy said she is not sure if there is.

5. Data-Related Projects Not Funded by Section 405(c)

- a. Michael P. motion to approve and Dave Meyers seconded.

VII. Vote on Current Policy and Funding Priorities and Requests

1. Traffic Records Improvement Program Reporting System (TRIPRS)
 - a. Sandy Bennett will draft contracts from proposals and projects will begin in October.
2. Dean asked for information on Older driver study being done at ODS. Deb Carney would be the one with information. We are working on Younger Driver information for Parents night – 15 schools volunteered to have parents attend first night of driver’s education. Presentation is done but video is not.

VIII. Iowa’s Impaired Driving Blueprint – Pat Hoye, GTSB

1. Pat talked about new equipment purchased under Section 405(c) has leaped forward in information reporting. BAC testing are going well. Additional equipment for the lab was approved last week. LC-MS-MS device. Also will fund a technician to do testing as well. Impaired Driving Blueprint – take a look at where the state is currently for fatalities. Once area that is going up 33% for alcohol 11% drivers are tested for drugs. More testing = increased data. Denver Post last week – marijuana fatalities. Increase in impaired fatalities stated in article. Legislative changes will be addressed – due to states legalizing marijuana and define prescription drugs. Need to address in Iowa – prescription drug defense. Mandatory testing for anyone involved in a fatality. Iowa preserve “Per Say” law – any amount present. Enforcement – ARIDE AND DRE training to make officers more confident in arresting and processing impaired drivers. Change the way officers test – test for .08 and then if any other drugs present. Will also work on training for prosecutors. Public awareness – need for strong campaign. Will consider having Medical Examiners autopsy reports sent to FARS reporter at DOT. Joanne stated equipment should be implemented this year. Will alleviate cost to ship for out of state analysis.

IX. Miscellaneous/Recent Uses of Data/Roundtables (time permitting)

1. Sandy Bennett will be looking for State Fair volunteers soon. Media campaigns are changing from TV to social networks. Sandy has done a great job on this. Join Outreach Liaison per Dean. Pat will be working with JOL Judges, prosecutors from Arkansas.
2. Debbie Cox is back up for Evelyn.
3. Kathy L. did presentation on Fleet Safety for OSHA group. We have higher rating than Region XII. Distracted driving information is being used in many campaigns.
4. EMS - drafting white paper on use of lights and sirens during transports. Look at safety issues regarding long distance transports, etc. Jerry’s department is working at Interchange data.
5. Karen Carroll– mentioned the possibility of testing driverless vehicles in the future.
6. Michael P. –
 - a. Jan Laaser-Webb – State Traffic Safety Engineer since January 2014

- b. Chris Poole – new to Traffic and Safety (TAS) since May 9, 2014 – replacing Jan’s former position
- c. Jim Berger – retiring from TAS at end of May
- d. 10 interns in TAS this summer – 5 w/ Michael, 2 GIS, 1 Traffic Engr, 1 Traffic Counting, 1 Sign Shop
- e. Projects in addition to others mentioned during 405c:
 - i. Zero Fatalities website live for Iowa
 - ii. Using crash and roadway data
 - iii. Iowa-based Safety Performance Factors (SPFs) w/ ISU Statistics (Dr. Alicia Carriquiry)
 - iv. SHSP data updating
 - v. Additional, non-intersection Safety Improvement Candidate Location (SICL) lists – segment, curve, interchange – under development

X. Next Meeting

Next meeting will be at Iowa City.

XI. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 11:43 a.m.

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