Traffic Records Coordinating Committee Meeting Minutes
August 20, 2003
UNC HSRC 3rd Floor Conference Room

Present: Kevin Lacy, Don Nail, Bill Stout, Bill Hunter, L C Smith, Brad Hibbs, Rosa Gill, Sharon Schiro, Todd Hatley, Tony Ku, Cliff Braam, Dwayne Tharpe, Susan Dyson, Ron Hughes, Doug Robertson, Carol Martell, and Eric Rodgman.

Began meeting at 9:40 AM.

Welcome:
Kevin Lacy welcomed everyone and thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. He asked for any comments or suggestions on the proposed mission statement. It was accepted as is. Kevin brought the committee up to date on the national survey being completed by Tony Ku. The NHTSA Traffic Records Systems Survey Inventory was passed out to the committee members. He mentioned they were still waiting on feedback from the NC Department of Justice Administrative Office of the Court contact. Tony plans to finish the NHTSA survey and publish it on our web site by September 30, 2003. At this point, everyone should have a copy of forms (handed out in the last meeting). If you did not receive a copy and/or you need an electronic copy form, please contact Tony W. Ku at 919-715-3128. If you see any questionable data and/or incomplete portion in your expertise area, please make correction and/or help to finish up the incomplete portion send to Tony W. Ku by September 15, 2003. Tony Ku offers his sincerest thanks to everyone who helped him fill out the NHTSA survey.

Kevin opened the discussion with the remarks about the background and history of the Executive Committee for Highway Safety (EC4HS) and introduced the presentation to come. Key members included former chair Gene Conti, Kevin Lacy, the NC Chief Highway Engineer, the NC Chief Design Engineer, David King (in the Transit & Pedestrian area), John Sullivan (FHWA), George Tatum (DMV), Doug Robertson (HSRC), Don Nail (NC DOT GHSP), Jim Long (DOI), Colonel of the NC SHP, and city representatives from Jacksonville and Mooresville among others. As part of their first meeting, the committee adopted the AASHTO key emphasis areas as North Carolina's. Brad Hibbs added that not all states have the structure to set up 2 committees which can address the needs and issues of their state the way North Carolina can. NC, Washington State, Iowa, and Pennsylvania have been leaders in this area.

LC Smith provided an update of the GIS work currently underway. He stated that some components of the LRS are now functional. The Linear Referencing System (LRS) will support additional internal GIS Unit processes by October 1st. Additional functionality and support to other agencies will be accomplished incrementally. Rosa indicated there was no new progress on the Ecrash.

(Susan Dyson provided a copy of her presentation slides describing the North Carolina Hospital Inpatient Discharge Database).

Keynote Presentation from Cliff Braam
Cliff Braam presented an overview presentation of the North Carolina Crash Data and Initiatives as related to the 22 key emphasis areas as described in the AASHTO plan. His presentation was the same as the one given to the EC4HS. Cliff went through each of the 22 key areas, shared the current data, and pointed interesting results in the NC numbers. Cliff mentioned that the EC4HS will soon try to prioritize these 22 issues so that NC can begin addressing them in a timely and productive fashion. (Cliff passed out a handout with the data summaries and copies of his slides).

Key Focus Points in his list:
1) Graduated Licensing for Young Drivers
2) Ensuring Drivers are licensed & competent
3) Older Drivers
4) Aggressive Drivers
5) Impaired Driving
6) Alert/Distracted Drivers

7)	Driver Safety Awareness
8)	Seat Belt Use
9)	Pedestrian Safety
10)	Bicycle Safety
11)	Motorcycle Safety
12)	Truck Safety
13)	Vehicle Safety (Not a feasible concern for NC)
14)	Vehicle/Train Safety
15)	Vehicle On Road Safety
16)	Vehicle Off Road Safety
17)	Intersection Safety
18)	Head-on and Median Safety
19)	Work Zone Safety
20)	EMS Safety
21)	Information Systems Improvements (TRCC concern)
22)	Safety Process and Management Improvements (TRCC concern)

Doug Robertson added that these goals were a starting point and that there were other areas which would possibly be included. Ron Hughes commented that the TRCC group should be aware of the losing sight of the purpose by getting caught up in political goals or clichés. His example was the one from education, "No child left behind!"   The group noted that any effort would require political support in order to succeed. Kevin noted that "measurable" goals need to be set – that way efforts can be measured, evaluate, and hopefully achieved. An example was the efforts in the Railroad Crossing efforts which have shown a positive trend.

Timely data access was mentioned by Ron Hughes and reiterated by Todd Hatley.

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It was noted that partnerships need to be formed and nurtured. Law enforcement, district attorneys, local government officials all need to be working together to identify the problems and work to implement solutions.   Input and linkages as noted the month before are important.

The discussion was interrupted and the meeting was adjourned at 11:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Eric Rodgman.

Action Items:
1) Tony Ku will find a meeting site for the next meeting. The next meeting will take place in Raleigh in the DOT Chief Engineer's Conference from 1:30 till 3:30 PM on Wednesday November 19, 2003 -- this facility is on Beryl Road in Raleigh near the State Fair Ground (see the map). Thanks Tony.
2) Eric Rodgman will send out the minutes via email and update the TRCC web site.
3) Web site will be updated – thanks to Carol Martell.
4) Eric will email out the proposal from LC Smith – you should have received this via email.