

Traffic Records Coordinating Committee Meeting Minutes
Friday December 2, 2005
In the NC DOT Photogrammetry Conference Room at the Century Center in Raleigh

Present: Kevin Lacy, Jeff Jaeger, Brian Mayhew, Brad Hibbs, Ethel Keen, Jerry Burton, Carl Furney, Ron Hughes, Carol Martell, and Eric Rodgman.

Began meeting at 9:41 AM.

Welcome:

The meeting began with each member introducing themselves and the agency they represented. New members included Ethel Keen who represents the NC DOT Traffic Records Section replacing Rosa Gill who recently retired, Sgt. Jerry Burton of the NC SHP who replaced Ed Maness who has been assigned to other duties, Carl Furney who works with Dr. Ron Hughes at NCSU ITRE, Jeff Jaeger and Brian Mayhew of NC DOT who represent different areas of NC DOT after Jeff Rom left their office.

Web Crash Data Query Update Carol Martell (9:50 AM)

Carol Martell showed the latest version of the HSRC crash data query tool. Navigation has been reduced to a single page for table requests. New data filters have been added, allowing users to be even more specific about the population to examine. Previous recommendations have been implemented. Data for 2004 will be added under the current project. The target user population was discussed at some length, and Kevin Lacy clarified the intent as relieving government agencies from using man-hours to respond to public requests for more basic types of information not available in publications. Ron Hughes suggested that commercial vehicle flags be added to help his group use the system. As there are various definitions of commercial vehicle, depending on the context, several would be needed. Ron also pointed out that certain fieldworkers could benefit from using the site as a predictor to help allocate resources. All present were encouraged to request any filters or variables that would make the site more useful for them.

For anyone interested, you can check out the live link:

See <http://www.hsrmc.unc.edu/crash/>

Executive Committee for Highway Safety Update (10:30 AM)

Kevin Lacy joined us late and explained that the Executive Committee for Highway Safety sub-committees is busy working on their data specific directives. He mentioned that there was a speeding group, a run-off-road group, an older driver group, and a driver license group (see below for the complete list). Kevin reminded the TRCC members that the TRCC group could make formal recommendations to the Executive Committee. Kevin added that Tony Ku was actively involved in an overall assessment. Kevin that since he is so involved in these other activities and responsibilities that he should/would step down as the Chair of the TRCC. The group discussed replacing him. Carol Martell nominated Eric Rodgman. He agreed to serve. Kevin suggested that maybe there should be a co-chair and Brian Mayhew volunteered. The committee had no objections so the co-chairs of the TRCC are now Eric Rodgman and Brain Mayhew.

Full List of ECHS WorkGroups:

- Lane Departure
- Ensuring Drivers are Fully Licensed
- Increasing Seatbelt Usage
- Keeping Drivers Alert
- Speed
- Intersections
- Older Drivers
- Motorcycle Safety

The web page for the Executive Committee for Highway Safety is:
<http://www.ncdot.org/doh/preconstruct/traffic/ECHS/default.html>

Other Wrap-up Topics (10:30 AM)

Sgt. Jerry Burton of the NC SHP brought up the issue of E-crash and E-citation. He noted the SHP laptops used for these direct data entry systems had technical difficulties using the TRACs system format. The packets sent by this software are too big. The SHP was under the impression that TRACs was the only acceptable software for crash report electronic submission. Ethel Keen of NC DOT DMV noted that the state had approved other software solutions for transferring the crash data report information. Ethel added that other software solutions could be used if they met all the required crash report and security criteria of DMV. They agreed to meet to further discuss options which would allow the SHP to proceed with direct DMV 349 crash report and send finished reports electronically to DMV. (This is why these regular TRCC meetings are so important – it provides a way to keep different agencies in communication with one another). The proposed next meeting date and time was discussed. If there are no major conflicts, then the location and speaker need to be set. Committee suggestions included LC Smith from NC DOT GIS and David Harkey from HSRC.

It was revealed at the meeting that many present had not received the emails announcing this meeting. Subsequently, it was discovered that DOT was blocking email from the listserv, preventing delivery to anyone with dot.state.nc.us as part of their email address. This issue has been resolved and verified.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Eric Rodgman.

Action Items:

- 1) The next proposed meeting will take place in Raleigh at the Century Center Photogrammetry Conference Room in Raleigh Wednesday March 8, 2006 from 9:30 till 11:30 AM.
- 2) Eric Rodgman will send out the minutes via email and update the TRCC web site.
- 3) Web site questions/comments should be sent to Carol Martell and Bill Hunter at HSRC.
- 4) Eric Rodgman will send out an announcement about the next meeting along with a tentative agenda. If you have specific issues or topics you want added to the agenda, please send them to either Co-chair Eric Rodgman (eric_rodgman@unc.edu) or Co-chair Brian Mayhew (bmayhew@dot.state.nc.us).