

NC TRCC meeting from 9:30 am to 11:30 am

February 3, 2016

At NC AOC in the Magnolia Room in Raleigh, NC.

Attending: Frank Hackney (NC GHSP), Don Nail (NC GHSP), Eric Schaberg (NC SHP), Greg Ferrara (NCSU ITRE), Roger Smock (Be Rail Safe – NC DOT), Brian Murphy (NC DOT), Pam Guptill (NC DMV TR), Brian Mayhew (NC DOT TSU), Cindy Blackwell (NC AOC), Jeff Robertson (EMSPIC), Vish Tharuvesanchi (NC DOT – IT), Jennifer Jones (UNC grad student – UNC IPRC), Brad Hibbs (FHWA), David Harkey (UNC HSRC), and Eric Rodgman (UNC HSRC).

9:35 Introductions/ Plan for the Day – Eric and TRCC members present. Special welcome to Cindy Blackwell from AOC who is standing in for Janet Greene who is on medical leave and to Jeff Robertson from EMSPIC who has replaced Derek Traugher who recently left.

9:39 NC 405 (c) Update -- Frank updated the TRCC that NC received \$1.3 million this past year as their allocation of 405 (c) money. The money will be used during the coming year to pay for the updated 2016 NC TR Strategic Plan, travel for TRCC members to the 2016 International TR Forum in Baltimore, MD this August 7-10th, continued support for the crash data and medical linking data project through UNC IPRC projects, any preparation efforts for the 2017 NC TR Assessment, and an on-going project to help AOC with computer upgrades and the analyst time to complete them.

9:50 Jennifer Jones from UNC provided an update on the linking project noting that 61% of the crashes were linked to medical data. The efforts have included updating the User Agreement forms and using the date-of-birth to help identify matches. Frank added that the project would be part of a progression allowing the matching to go from a county to a regional matching and then finally to a state matching. Brian noted that the effort needs to be tied to a specific purpose so the state truly gets something useful and helpful out of the process.

10:00 It was noted that the Federal requirements want the injury ratings to be done by hospital evaluators instead of LE officers. Brad noted that he and his FHWA field colleagues have been talking with the main office managers about the guidelines for the states. Nothing has been set forth yet though it should be released soon.

10:15 Brian Mayhew noted that the states should proceed doing what they are already doing until new guidelines are released. For the moment, the state should work toward including more roadway data. David Harkey noted that the Federal websites are up, but they do not yet have any of the guidelines outlined. David emphasized that states should continue to improve their goals and their performance measures.

Pam Guptill updated the TRCC on the evaluation of the NC crash data when compared to the MMUCC standard. NC is approximately 61% compliant based on the current evaluation. Pam noted that they have three ways to try and improve the NC crash data:

- 1) Change the verbage on the forms (minor changes),
- 2) Make select minor crash report changes (more work) , or
- 3) Commit to a complete re-write of the NC rash report data and form (major work effort).

Brian Mayhew reminded the TRCC members that the MMUCC standards are not Federal requirements, but Federal guidelines for the states.

10:35 Don Nail noted that a major emphasis has been for start TRCC and /or Executive Committees to show that they have oversight over the selection of state work efforts within the state for 402 and 405 (c) monies. Frank suggested that when we meet again in May, that he will present an overview of all the projects currently under consideration for the TRCC to review. Before that May 4th meeting, an evaluation tool will be prepared (by Frank, Brian Mayhew, Don, David, and Eric R) for the TRCC to use in rating the project recommendations.

10:35 David Harkey provided the TRCC with information on what to expect in preparation for updating the 2016 NC TR Strategic Plan. He noted that all key members will receive three emails. One for updating the agency descriptive summary (old summary will be included), a second with all project updates (old projects will be noted), and the third will be the plan itself as to agency goals and performance measures. The TRCC meeting on May 4th will help finalize all the changes to be included. The projects should include both internal and external ones regard less of the source of funding.

10:50 Frank noted a second point of emphasis is that states need to have local PD representation on the TRCC. Previous local PD officers have struggled to come regularly. Eric Schaberg from the NC SHP said he would contact several Raleigh PD officers and see if one can commit to coming to the TRCC meetings three times a year.

Pam Guptill raised an issue about getting the BAC results for fatal crashes and for crashes. Pam discovered a 2006 state law noting that the BAC results are to be sent to the arresting officer, DMV, and to the court who will be trying the case. This is not being done. There are many problems associated with this issue:

- 1) State backlog and loss of qualified chemical analysts,
- 2) Labs do not know about this requirement, and
- 3) What was the intent of the law when enacted by the NC legislature.

Members suggested Pam start with DMV legal and get as much background as possible before proceeding.

11:05 Frank suggested that we had a new meeting after the updated 2016 NC TR Strategic Plan has been completed and submitted to NHTSA on July 1, 2016. This meeting will focus on preparing for the 2017 NC TR Assessment. It was recommended by Brian Mayhew and Frank Hackney that each agency appoint a module assessor manager to oversee that section. That person does not have to answer all the

questions, but is responsible for getting all the questions answered along with providing any necessary supporting documents for the process. This meeting will be scheduled at a later time.

11:25 am Upcoming TRCC meetings in 2016:

Wednesday May 4, 2016 -- UNC HSRC from 9:00am till 4:00 pm

11:29 am Thanks to all and especially Jennifer Barbour at AOC for reserving the meeting room

-- Eric and Brian

Two important document links:

2015 Counter Measures that work updated manual:

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2015 TRCC Best Practices Report:

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Respectfully submitted,

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