

Traffic Records Coordinating Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday February 15, 2012

In the Magnolia Room at the NC Judicial Center at 901 Corporate Center Drive in Raleigh, NC.

Present: Angela Hicks, Tony Fernandez, Alan Dellapenna, Eric Schaberg, Mike Thomas, Vish Tharuvesanchi, Ryan Brumfield (subbing in for Brad Hibbs at FHWA), Bob Stevens, Greg Ferrara, Burke Foley, Brian Mayhew, Frank Hackney, Don Nail, Julian Council, Janet Greene, David Harkey, Bill Hunter, and Eric Rodgman.

9:30 am Eric Rodgman welcomed all the members; Frank Hackney gave a quick update on the status of the 2012 NC TR Assessment completed in January; everyone introduced themselves briefly with their name and the agency. Tony Fernandez and Angela Hicks will be attending for EmsPIC and replacing Chad Lohmeier who is away on military leave.

9:40 am Updates on all the recent / current / new 408 Data Development Projects: Janet Greene from AOC noted that they were still in process of distributing printers in the field to support eCitation. Janet noted they had 152 printers left to be distributed (they were ready to go). Janet added that there is a new effort underway focusing on LE arrestables and the processing of these individuals in the courts. The task will develop an application to greatly improve the processing of these arrestees at the magistrates office. This effort could save lots of time (approximately 3 hours) for each LE officer performing the arrest. This application will be developed internally to NC AOC. Brian asked about the location information of arrest. Now there is only a street name indicated. It would be nice to capture the (x,y) GPS coordinates. That change would involve a change to the current citation / arrest form. If available, it would allow LE to compare citation locations and crash locations.

From EMSPIC area, Tony Fernandez provided an update on the probabilistic matching of the PreMIS data with the NC Crash data. Tony noted that they had matched about 75% of the data for 2011. Brian asked about how the matched data might be presented using a three tiered security access structure with the top tier being internal (in their office only), the second tier may be accessible to TRCC members and other select state agencies, and the third tier would be the access allowed to the general public on the web. Tony said they were working on it. Alan Dellapenna added that the medical data being matched includes hospital patient and trauma registry data.

Greg Ferrara from ITRE noted they have been mapping CMV crashes and that capability could easily be expanded to map all crashes. This would be a great help to the NC SHP and other PDs who might be interested in mapping their crashes. Knowing where the crashes occur could help direct enforcement efforts to the high crash locations. Bob Stevens from the Garner PD added that small PDs often don't have the money or resources to employ technology applications.

Julian Council from NC DMV posed the question of a major link of all data that was initially started through Ethel Keen before she retired. It was a goal of NHTSA probably based on the CODES project efforts. Brian noted that getting to this level would require a great deal of money and resources. Not currently doable or practical for NC.

10:10 am NC TR Assessment Draft Update

Frank Hackney from NC GHSP and the new NC Data Coordinator noted that all the comments submitted to him have been reviewed and sent on to Joan Vecchi at NHTSA. Joan will share those comments with the entire Assessment Team. Probably within 30 days, the draft report will be revised into their final report. The Assessment fulfills an NHTSA requirement for applying for the 408 Data Development grant money for NC. In addition, this report can be used for creating a 2012 NC TR Strategic Plan which is also required for applying for the 408 money. The report is a great NC resource for tracking the progress of all NC Data Development Projects for the NC Data Coordinator and for NHTSA.

Frank added that anyone interested in an applying for an NC GHSP FY 2013 grant needs to get their application in by March 30th for consideration (separate pot of money). Frank noted HSRC has been contracted by NC GHSP to facilitate the creation process of the 2012 NC TR Strategic Plan document.

To create the new 2012 NC TR Strategic Plan, it will be necessary for all the key TRCC agencies represented to provide a current list of their Data Development Projects to Frank Hackney and Eric Rodgman. Frank provided an example of the project task descriptions included in the 2009 NC Strategic Plan (typically half a page of basic information on each project – agency, name of project, cost, time period, notes, project contact person).

David Harkey from HSRC added that HSRC will provide a simple project template document similar to those in the examples from 2009. These new templates will have a few extra fields to be completed, but will not be too long.

The deadline is Friday March 2, 2012. *****

HSRC needs the information as background for hosting a NC TRCC Strategic Planning all day Workshop to pull together input from all the TRCC agencies. The input will be used to create the five year strategic plan recommendations. HSRC estimates that it will take about three weeks to prepare for the Strategic Planning Workshop (all day) in late March.

Eric Rodgman will send out the email to all TRCC members with a copy of the task description template to be used for each task description your agency is considering or doing. In addition, there will be a doodle calendar link for each agency representative to select the best 3 days for the Strategic Planning Workshop (between Monday March 19 and Friday March 30th). Top date selected will be the date of the workshop. That planning workshop will be hosted by UNC HSRC in Chapel Hill at HSRC and lunch will be provided.

The Strategic Planning workshop will allow all the members to participate in planning out their data development goals and help create the state recommendations for the next five years. The mission statement will be reviewed and updated as needed. The mission statement will then be used to clearly formulate the goals, the objectives, and the performance measures for the near future. These new recommendations will be compared to the previous Strategic Plan (2009) and the previous NC TR Assessment (2007).

After the Strategic Planning Workshop, HSRC will use your input to create a new 2012 NC TR Draft Strategic Plan working document (goal is to complete it in three weeks – done by Friday April 20th). The draft document will be given back to all the participating NC TRCC members for your review, your comments, and corrections.

Most of this communication can be done via email. However, it may still be necessary to have a second meeting in early May to finalize the Strategic Plan document. Once the document is finalized, the 2012 NC TR Strategic plan will be used to prepare the 2012 408 Data Development Project Application (due at NHTSA on June 15, 2012). HSRC will work with NC GHSP to prepare the application.

10:55 Final Comments

Julian Council noted that more cities are now beginning to use the electronic crash report submission. Julian noted that Raleigh, Charlotte, Davidson, Greensboro, and New Bern will be electronically submitting crash reports in the coming year. Don Nail noted that when he attended a recent meeting on the 408 Projects in Baltimore. NC was overpaid \$114K and had to return the money to NHTSA. Other states had similar problems and are having to pay the money back.

11:00 am Meeting was adjourned.

See <http://www.hsrc.unc.edu/nctrcc/index.cfm>
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