

Executive Committee for Highway Safety (ECHS)

Meeting Minutes

May 8, 2015

Location:

Chief Engineer's Conference Room, Beryl Drive @ 9:00 a.m.

In Attendance: Tracy Anderson, Isaac Avery, Paul Black, Lauren Blackburn, Billy Clayton, Alan Dellapenna, Daniel Findley, Janet Greene, William Grey, Tony Hayes, Brad Hibbs, Terry Hopkins, Kristy Jackson, Heather Jeffreys, Freddy Johnson, Kevin Lacy, Suzanne LaFollette-Black, Jon McCormick, Don Nail, Chris Oliver, Timothy Peedin, Drexdal Pratt, Dedric Robinson, LaRonda Scott, Kathy Shortt, Harriett Southerland, John Sullivan, Anthony Tata, Nicholas Tennyson, Kelly Thomas, Jonathon Weisenfeld, Leigh Wing

Task I/II – Call To Order/Introductions

Secretary Tata thanked everyone for coming and reflected on the recent loss of NCDOT Engineering Technician Grey Bailey who was ironically killed during National Work Zone Awareness Week. Secretary Tata emphasized that as we enter the busy summer travel season and prime construction season, highway safety and the mission of the ECHS will continue to be more important. After thanking everyone for their hard work helping to complete the update of our state's Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP), self-introductions were made.

Task III – Fatal and Serious Injury Trend Update

Ms. Terry Hopkins gave a presentation on the Fatal and Serious Injury Trend Update (*pdf attachment Fatal and Serious Injury Trend Update Presentation*). While the statewide 2014 fatalities are still lower than the 2013 numbers, we continue to see an increase in the reported numbers and a flattening in our trend line over the past three years. Our 2014 serious injury numbers are above the 2013 numbers and we are also seeing a flattening in our trend line over the past four years. Year to date comparisons of fatalities and serious injuries for each emphasis area of our SHSP were also provided.

Task IV – North Carolina Strategic Highway Safety Plan Website/Dashboard Demonstration

Mr. Jonathon Weisenfeld gave a presentation on the functionality of the NC SHSP website (*website link: www.ncshsp.org*). A pdf copy of the 2014 NC SHSP can be downloaded from the website and further discussions are on the way to provide monthly updates of the fatalities and serious injuries for each of the emphasis areas within the Progress (Dashboard) section of the website.

Task V – Committee Members' Voting on Resolutions

Mr. Don Nail formally presented the Resolution for the Adoption of a Vision Zero Initiative for the State of NC to the ECHS for approval. After some discussion, the resolution was voted upon and adopted with necessary corrections (*pdf attachment Final Vision Zero Resolution*). Mr. Daniel Findley will be forming a Vision Zero Task Force and he encouraged members of the ECHS to participate. Mr. Kevin Lacy formally presented the Resolution for Support of NC's Universal Motorcycle Helmet Law to the ECHS for approval. After some discussion, the resolution was voted upon and approved (*pdf attachment Final Motorcycle Helmet Resolution*).

Task VI – Ignition Interlock Legislative Activities SB470 and SB619

Commissioner Kelly Thomas gave an overview of the current bills being tracked by the NCDMV (*pdf attachment Bill Spreadsheet*). Commissioner Kelly Thomas highlighted that there would be additional administrative costs associated with tracking the increase of ignition interlocks should certain proposed bills become law (Note: Case Management for H877, SB470 and SB619 grow from 11,196 to 73,792). Ms. LaRonda Scott shared that she has spoken to three vendors that were ready to meet the demand of increased ignition interlocks should the proposed bill(s) become law.

Task VII – Move Over Law

Captain Freddy Johnson gave a presentation on NC's Move Over Law (*pdf attachment Move Over Law Presentation*). After a discussion of the general statute (G.S. 20-157), Captain Freddy Johnson provided statistics for the 2014 Highway Patrol statewide move over violations and stressed that public awareness and education are key in making sure motorists are obeying this law. Captain Freddy Johnson also provided 2014 Highway Patrol Work Zone crash and violation statistics and reference cards information that are provided to emergency responders.

Task VIII – Governor's Highway Safety Campaigns

- **“Obey The Sign or Pay The Fine”**
- **“Click It or Ticket”**

Ms. Heather Jeffreys gave a presentation on the “Obey the Sign of Pay the Fine”, “Click It or Ticket” and “Booze It & Lose It” campaigns (*pdf attachment GHSP Campaigns Presentation*). Ms. Heather Jeffreys shared the number of violations from the previous “Obey the Sign or Pay the Fine” campaign and the marketing strategies for the upcoming “Click It or Ticket” and “Booze It & Lose It” campaigns.

Task IX – Committee Members' Responsibilities

In preparation for the ECHS's September 4, 2015 meeting, Secretary Tata asked Ms. Heather Jeffreys to provide a presentation on the results from the upcoming GHSP safety campaigns.

Committee members are also requested to contact Mr. Chris Oliver if their agencies would like to share ongoing safety initiatives at future ECHS meetings. All of our safety partner's efforts towards reducing fatalities and serious injuries are much appreciated.

Task X – Confirmed Meeting Dates

The dates for upcoming meetings have been set as followed:

- *September 4, 2015 @ 9:00 am*

*Chief Engineer's Conference Room
4809 Beryl Road
Raleigh, NC 27606*

If there is a need to reschedule any of the meetings listed above, we will let you know well in advance of the scheduled dates.