

# **Executive Committee for Highway Safety (ECHS)**

## **Meeting Minutes**

### **September 8, 2017**

#### **Location:**

Chief Engineer's Conference Room, Beryl Drive @ 9:30 a.m.

**In Attendance:** Tracy Anderson, Isaac Avery, Dominic Ciaramitaro, Alan Dellapenna, Anne Dickerson, Irene Dwinell, Mark Ezzell, Greg Ferrara, Daniel Findley, Adam Fischer, David Harkey, Kella Hatcher, Tony Hayes, Brad Hibbs, Edward Johnson, Freddy Johnson, Kevin Lacy, Cheryl Leonard, Brian Mayhew, Glenn McNeill, Todd Messer, Chris Oliver, David Phipps, Andrew Poitkeiter, Lisa Riegel, Mark Scaringelli, Jennifer Smith, Aaron Williams

#### **Call To Order and Introductions**

Mr. Kevin Lacy thanked everyone for coming and self-introductions were made.

#### **Fatal and Serious Injury Trend Update**

Mr. Brian Mayhew gave an update on the Fatal and Serious Injury Trends (*pdf attachment Fatal and Serious Injury Trend Update*). Mr. Mayhew noted that the 2016 fatalities and serious injuries have shown a slight increase from the statistics provided at the previous meeting and the effect of the revised serious injury definition resulted in higher 2017 year to date serious injury comparison numbers for the Strategic Highway Safety Plan emphasis areas. Possible factors that could affect the 2015 Border State Fatality Comparison Rankings were also discussed.

#### **NHTSA Demonstration Project Promoting Highway Safety Program Guideline # 13**

Ms. Anne Dickerson presented information on the NHTSA Demonstration Project Promoting Highway Safety Guideline # 13 cooperative agreement that was awarded to NC (*pdf attachment Demonstration Project Promoting Highway Safety Program Guideline 13*). The project will focus on the four following older driver safety areas: 1) Driver Licensing (Medical Review Unit), 2) Medical Providers, 3) Law Enforcement and 4) Social and Aging Service Providers. The City of Greenville will be the demonstration location for this project, with hopes that the lessons learned can serve as a model for other municipalities throughout the nation. Additional handouts were also provided (*pdf attachment Project Fact Sheet, Spectrum of Older Driver Services and NHTSA Highway Safety Program Guideline 13*).

#### **NC Child Fatality Task Force Overview and 2017-2018 Plans**

Ms. Kella Hatcher presented information on the NC Child Fatality Task Force (*pdf attachment NC Child Fatality Task Force*). A study commission that was created in 1991 by state statute, the Child Fatality Task Force (CFTF) acts as the "policy arm" of the State's Child Fatality Prevention System. Three task force committees (Intentional Death Prevention, Perinatal Health and Unintentional Death Prevention) work to create a yearly "action agenda", that is part of its annual report to the Governor and General Assembly, of recommendations for changes in law and policy to prevent child deaths and maltreatment. Additional handouts were also provided (*pdf attachment CFTF Fact Sheet and CFTF Primary Backseat Restraint Fact Sheet*).

#### **Administrative License Revocation**

Mr. Isaac Avery presented information on proposed changes to the Administrative License Revocation (ALR) process (*pdf attachment Administrative License Revocation*). Proposed changes to the ALR process have been discussed by various Governor's Task Forces on Driving While

Impaired and documented in the 2014 NC Strategic Highway Safety Plan. Changes in the ALR process would increase the required usage of ignition interlock systems throughout our state, a demand in which our current three interlock providers should be able to meet. The proposed changes would also place the processing of ALRs under the purview of the NC Division of Motor Vehicles. Additional handouts were also provided (*pdf attachment ALR Task Force Proposal and ALR G.S. 20-16.3 Proposed Changes*).

### **National Governors Association Learning Lab – States Strategies to Increase Traffic Safety**

Mr. Kevin Lacy and Mr. Mark Scaringelli presented information on the initiatives that were discussed among the four selected states (Colorado, Illinois, North Carolina and South Dakota) while attending the National Governors Association – State Strategies to Increase Traffic Safety Learning Lab. The three action items that were discussed for the state of NC are as followed: 1) Initiation of two stand up Vision Zero cities, 2) Identification and initiation of Vision Zero in a rural county area and 3) Selection of five highway corridors on which to take a multi-disciplinary approach to increase safety for all users. At the end of this six month process, each state will report back to the National Governors Association on the implementation of their safety strategies.

### **Committee Members’ Responsibilities and Adjourn**

Committee members were reminded to contact Mr. Chris Oliver if their agencies would like to share ongoing safety initiatives, legislative support items or any safety media topics at future ECHS meetings. All of our safety partner’s efforts towards reducing fatalities and serious injuries are appreciated.

### **Future Meeting Dates**

- *January 12, 2018 @ 10:00 am (TENTATIVE)*      *Chief Engineer’s Conference Room*
- *May 11, 2018 @ 10:00 am (TENTATIVE)*      *4809 Beryl Road*
- *September 7, 2018 @ 10:00 am (TENTATIVE)*      *Raleigh, NC 27606*

*If there is a need to reschedule any meeting, we will let you know well in advance of the scheduled date.*