



Board of Transportation Safety

Meeting Minutes

02/03/11

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VDOT, General Assembly, Richmond, Virginia

Chair: Walter Yeatts

Recording Secretary:

Audrey Odum

Board Members Present: Walter Yeatts, Seldon Rhodes, Melvin Robertson, Bruce Wingo, Charles Rosemond, Charles Quillin, Richard Baugh, Curtis Carr, Kenneth Butler

Board Members Absent: Rebecca Martin, Paulette Benson, Tom McGrath

DMV Staff: David Mitchell, John Saunders, Audrey Odum, Robert Weakley, Eula Moore-Anderson, Bruce Biondo, Lam Phan

Special Guest(s): Lorraine Novak – NHTSA Regional Program Manager
Dale Bennett – Virginia Trucking Association
Lori Rice – VCU Transportation Safety Training Center
James M. Burke, Ph.D. Director (TSTC & PMG at VCU)
Mark Alderman, VMCIT Highway Engineer
Senior Trooper Steven Kean, (VSP) assigned to VMCIT

Chair Walter Yeatts called meeting to order and thanked everyone for attending. The Chair recognized the two new Board members, Kenneth Butler and Curtis Carr and NHTSA Representative Lorraine Novak. Introductions and brief remarks were furnished from all attendees.

DMV Deputy Commissioner and Secretary to the Board David Mitchell furnished welcoming remarks and thanked the Board for taking time out of their busy schedules to attend and support the Commonwealth. Mr. Mitchell discussed highway safety trends, fatalities, and the strides Virginia has made.

Public Comment - None

Board Business

Chair Walter Yeatts asked Secretary to the Board, David Mitchell to call roll. Representation was sufficient for a quorum.

Chair Walter Yeatts asked the Board for approval of December 2010 minutes. Approved with no amendments.

Secretary Mitchell addressed past action items:

- AAA request for information. “JST DRIV” packet was distributed.
- Report furnished of activities relating to DRIVESMART, VA and Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police.
- Information on taking sample driving test.

Suggestion: Set up time for Board to visit branch office and participate in taking a sample driving test on KATS machine.

Secretary David Mitchell furnished a brief overview of current legislation.

Lorraine Novak, Regional Program Manager for the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) furnished a brief update on Region III’s activities this past year. Lorraine discussed the Data Driven Approaches to Crime & Traffic Safety (DDACTS) program, where localities are reviewing crime areas with an overlay of traffic incidents in same areas. High Visibility Enforcement was discussed and the successes that are generated from this type activity. Ms. Novak mentioned that everyone is waiting to see what the new appropriations on funding for highway safety will bring.

Standing Reports

John Saunders provided an overview of crash statistics. Report on various areas of concern was furnished and discussed

Eula Moore-Anderson provided an updated financial report.

New Business from Floor

Bob Weakley presented new and increase grant requests:

New Grants – Dept. of Health, Division of Prevention and Health Promotion
Child Passenger Safety Incentive 2011 – \$86,831.

Received Board’s recommendation for approval.

Increase in Current Grants –

Supreme Court of Virginia – Reduce Impaired Driving-Related Crashes, Injuries and Fatalities - \$22,000.

Henrico PD – Traffic Safety Enforcement - \$59,354.22

TREDS – Traffic Records Electronic Data System for \$137,138.

Received Board’s recommendation for approval.

Update on Grant Request –

Board was updated on Franklin County Sheriff’s Office grant request for Special Emphasis Alcohol-Selective Enforcement. This grant is still pending due to ongoing review by staff to ensure that the locality has adequate controls in place.

Chair Walter Yeatts requested members to serve on various other committees:

Awards Committee - Charles Quillin will serve as Chair with members Melvin Robertson and Richard Baugh.

Allocations Committee - Vice-Chair to the Board, Seldon Rhodes will Chair with members Paulette Benson and Kenneth Butler. Curtis Carr will serve as alternate.

Presentation

Dale Bennett with Virginia Trucking Association furnished a brief overview of the association and their partnership with the highway safety office.

Lori Rice with the Virginia Transportation Safety Training Center (TSTC) furnished a brief overview of activities performed by TSTC and their partnership with the highway safety office. Ms. Rice also introduced new members of the TSTC team; James M. Burke, Ph.D. Director, Mark Alderman, Highway Engineer and Senior Trooper Steven Kean, (VSP) assigned to the crash investigation team.

Dates of Future Meetings

April 7, 2011 – Tentative Awards Committee Meeting

May 19, 2011 – Allocations Committee Meeting

June 23, 2011 – FY12 Grant Review (Full Board)

June / July – Awards Ceremony