



Board of Transportation Safety

Meeting Minutes

12/08/10

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Governor's Transportation Conference, Roanoke, VA

Chair: Walter Yeatts

Recording Secretary: Audrey Odum

Board Members Present: Walter Yeatts Selden Rhodes Charles Rosemond Bruce Wingo
Charlie Quillin Allen Muchnick Rebecca Martin Paulette Benson
Richard Baugh Melvin Robertson

Board Members Absent: Tom McGrath Vacant Position

Guest: Janet Brookings with DriveSmart, VA
Martha Meade with AAA Mid-Atlantic

DMV Staff: John Saunders Audrey Odum Angelisa Jennings

Chair Walter Yeatts called meeting to order and thanked everyone for attending.

John Saunders, Director of the Virginia Highway Safety Office mentioned that Commissioner Holcomb and Secretary to the Board, David Mitchell were unable to attend and sent their regrets.

Public Comment - None

Board Business

John Saunders conducted roll call. Representation was sufficient for a quorum.

Chair Yeatts asked the Board to review for approval the minutes from the September 2010 meeting. Approved with no amendments.

John Saunders mentioned there was one past action statement dealing with vehicle miles travelled (VMT) and that it would be addressed during the crash report update. Mr. Saunders also mentions the report from NHTSA that was included in packet referencing Drug Driving and indicated that this was a growing trend.

Standing Reports

John Saunders and Angelisa Jennings updated the Board on current crash data and discussed the request for information on VMT.

Action: Board asks if insurance companies had information on VMT and ties to insurance, miles reported. Martha Meade will check with AAA.

John Saunders provided an updated Financial Report.

Presentation

John Saunders recognized two guests. Janet Brookings from DriveSmart, Virginia and Martha Meade from AAA Mid-Atlantic. These two safety partners along with others were ask to join us for introductions to the Board and to furnish a brief update of their 2011 funding projects. Dale Bennett with the American Trucking Association could not be with us but will attend a future meeting.

Janet Brookings furnished a brief overview of the Virginia Association of Chief's of Police program on behalf of Dana Schrad and on DriveSmart, VA. Janet referenced many activities that the two groups were involved in and recognized many safety partners. These two non-profits represent key transportation safety partners in Virginia.

Martha Meade was present to tell the Board about a program that AAA held at the Insurance Institute of Highway Safety called "JST DRIV" (Just Drive). This program is an interactive, multi-faceted educational experience for teen drivers focused on improving driving safety. The program provides interactive demos such as seat belt convincer, distracted driving obstacle course, DUI fatal vision goggles, and 18 wheeler blind spot. Together with a number of volunteers, they were able to educate approximately 600 youth in two days on transportation safety related issues. AAA is looking to partner with the VAHSO and others to promote this program.

Action: Board members requested a report showing programs managed by these non-profits. Board members ask if possible to present a driver's license practice test at the next meeting.

John Saunders discussed the recent motorcycle funds that had been received and furnished a report showing expected expenditures. (\$78,088.) Board recommendation for approval was received.

John Saunders presented a new grant request for a Multi-State Motor Carrier Safety Pilot Study with Virginia and North Carolina. (\$55,218.) Board recommendation for approval was received.

Dates of Future Meetings - February 3, 2011 – General Assembly / VDOT – Richmond, VA
More details forthcoming.

Meeting Adjourned