



# Board of Transportation Safety Meeting Minutes

05/10/06

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VA Tech, Blacksburg, Virginia

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**Chair:** Dee Bowles

**Recording Secretary:**

Audrey Odum

**Board Members Present:** Dee Bowles, Charles Rosemond, Bruce Wingo, Melvin Robertson, Walter Yeatts, Judy Suddith, Seldon Rhodes, Charles Quillin, Tom McGrath, Allen Muchnick, Paulette Benson, Rebecca Martin

**DMV Staff:** David Mitchell, James Bradford, John Saunders, Audrey Odum, David Mosley, Angelisa Jennings, Kathy Aebischer, Bruce Biondo, MaryAnn Rayment

**Special Guest(s):** Deputy Secretary Ralph Davis, Vince Burgess, Commissioner of Veterans Affairs, Susan Marchon and Richard Foy, VASAP

Chair Dee Bowles called meeting to order and thanked everyone for attending.

Deputy Secretary Ralph Davis acknowledged the Board and emphasized the Governor's interest in transportation safety. He commented on the importance of keeping crash statistical information in the forefront for everyone's attention. He briefly discussed Virginia's strategic highway safety plan and recognized the ACTS Conference and the networking opportunities available amongst Virginia transportation safety advocates.

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

## **Board Business**

Chair Dee Bowles asked the Board to review for approval the minutes from the February 2006 meeting. Approved with no amendments.

Chair Dee Bowles asked David Mitchell to give update of past action statements:

**Enforcement Activity Report:** David indicated the Board would be furnished an updated report which would include roadways where enforcement took place twice a year in July and January.

**Mature Drivers / School Bus Data:** David referred to Angelisa Jennings to give updated. Angelisa provided statistics to the Board in reference to mature driver by age and driver actions for 2004 and furnished stats on school bus crashes for years 2000-2004.

**Seatbelt Resolution:** David informed Board that their interest to prepare a letter/resolution in support of primary seatbelt had been submitted to DMV's Legal and Legislative Office to be included in their 07 legislative review process.

David Mitchell gave a brief update of transportation legislation from the 2006 General Assembly Session.

Chair Dee Bowles asked Bruce Wingo, Chair of the 2006 Awards Committee, to give a report from the committee. Bruce recognized the other two members of the Committee, Charles Quillin and Rebecca Martin. Chairman Wingo mentioned the many great nominations received for this year's awards and thanked the committee and staff for all their hard work. .

### **Standing Reports**

Angelisa Jennings provided an overview of the most recent crash statistics.

Kathy Aebischer presented the year-to-date Financial Report.

### **Presentations**

Susan Marchon and Richard Foy gave a brief update to the Board on the Virginia Alcohol Action Program and the projects that were funded through our federal grants process.

Kathy Aebischer gave an overview of the FY07 Grants Process timeline.

David Mitchell furnished an update from NHTSA on DOT's recent release on 2005 Motor Vehicles Traffic Fatality and Injury Projections based on FARS data. ([www.nhtsa.dot.gov](http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov))

### **New Business from Floor**

David Mosley reviewed and discussed for recommended approval, grants (new and increase funds) submitted out of cycle to Board:

#### **New Grant(s):**

DWI Court Training – Chesterfield County (Approved - \$8,500.)

Click It or Ticket / Paid Media – DMV (Approved -\$620,000.)

Click It or Ticket / Mini Grants – DMV (Approved – \$100,000.)

DUI Data Integration – National Center for State Courts (Approved – \$40,335.)

SFST Training – Virginia Alcohol Safety Action Program (Approved - \$15,000.)

**Increase Grant(s):**

Travel & Training – DMV (Approved - \$6,000.)

**Governor’s Initiative (Pending):**

David discussed the Governor’s directive to Secretary of Public Safety to increase speed limit enforcement on I-81 and possibly I-95, and funds that would be needed to fulfill this initiative.

Virginia State Police Governor’s Initiative – Estimate Request \$850,000.

***Action:** Board requested updated information on this initiative when the course of action has been finalized. Staff will work with Board to get necessary recommended approval, if this request falls “out of cycle” prior to next Board meeting. (July 11<sup>th</sup>)*

***Note:** Chair Dee Bowles emphasized the need for the Board to obtain information on “out of cycle grants” and other items needing to be reviewed, at least two weeks prior to Board meeting.*

**Recognition Request:**

Charles Quillin asked the Board to review newspaper articles provided in reference to an Augusta County police officer who stopped a convoy of New Jersey Police officers traveling at a high rate of speed on Virginia’s I-81 with their emergency lights blazing, when there was no emergency.

He asked the Board to consider recognizing this officer with a letter from the Board for going above and beyond his normal job duties. Board agreed.

***Action:** Board requested staff to work with Charles Rosemond to prepare letter. Charles Quillin and Judy Suddith will present to the officer on behalf of the Board.*

**Public Comment** - None

**Dates of Future Meetings -**

May 23, 2006  
Allocations Committee Meeting  
DMV Headquarters - Richmond

July 11, 2006  
Full Board Meeting – FY07 Grant Review  
DMV Headquarters - Richmond