Safety Management Council Meeting Minutes

November 21, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 8 am by Vice Chairman Norman Patchell. Approximately 30 members attended and attendance was taken.

**Presentations:**

1. Brian Burne, MDOT’s Highway Maintenance Engineer, gave a very detailed presentation on MDOT’s winter maintenance efforts and strategies used to keep the highways safe. Members asked questions related to the materials utilized for anti-icing efforts. The full presentation is on the MMTA website.

**Old Business:**

1. Tim Doyle recapped the 2018 APTA/MMTA Conference that was held at the Samoset. Feedback has been very good and members voted to hold the 2021 conference at the Samoset. The conference will be in Canada in 2020 and details will follow. Tim asked the members present for ideas for the 2021 conference.
2. Tim reminded those present of the December 17th deadline for the ELD mandate, and also discussed the most common violations seen roadside by inspectors. Many drivers are still not aware if they are using an AOBRD or an ELD.

**New Business:**

1. Harold Jones, Sazerac, gave a presentation on close calls/near misses by showing to pieces of video from dash cameras. Members discussed the video and learning lessons.
2. Tim reminded all of the 1/6/20 Clearinghouse deadline.
3. Tim reminded members of the importance of clearing trailers of snow and ice and also the avoidance of rumble strips (road noise) caused when drivers intentionally drive on rumble strips. The SMC discussed the political and safety aspects of this issue.
4. Randy updated the group on MMTA’s wheel off training and the planning for future wheel replacement certification that he is working on. The recent training conducted by Maine Commercial Tire, Maine State Police, and MMTA reached approximately 200 attendees at 4 classes.
5. The SMC voted to not meet in August. Next year’s meeting dates are as follows:

* February 20, 2020
* May 21, 2020 – Observe MSP Level I inspections
* August – NO MEETING
* November 19, 2020

The SMC will be voting on the election of officers at the February meeting. Open for election will be the Vice Chair and Secretary. Norm Patchell of HO BOUCHARD will assume the Chairmanship. Please consider serving the SMC and make your intentions known at the next meeting.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:15am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Timothy Doyle, MMTA

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