

## Safety Management Council Minutes – February 18, 2021

### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8 am by Chairman Norm Patchell. Due to COVID, the meeting was convened via ZOOM. Approximately 30 members were present, attendance was not taken.

### Presentations:

#### 1. Data Q Challenge Process - Lt. Aaron Hayden

- Lt. Hayden shared a comprehensive PowerPoint titled “Data Qs”
- DataQs allows you to request and track a review of Federal and State data issued by FMCSA that you feel may be incomplete or incorrect. The system automatically forwards your Request for Data Review (RDR) to the appropriate office for resolution and collects updates and responses for current Requests.
- Who can file a Data Q? Motor Carrier, Driver, Association, Consultant, Attorney
- Data Q Process
- The stats for Maine are very similar to the National average of Data Qs
  - It was mentioned that it is much easier to resolve a Data Q in Maine than it is for other states.
  - It took Randy over six months to resolve one for the MMTA truck that was not truly for this truck. It was in Texas and the MMTA truck does not leave the state of Maine.
- There is not currently a repeal process.
- If there are crashes on the Data Q that are not DOT recordable, they would be removed through this process.
- Jim Wright from the MSP stated that there are times that it takes a little longer or they do not receive all of the information when the accident was attended by a local PD.
- Eric Adair from the FMCSA explained that there is a Crash Preventability Program in the works but it is not active yet. He also said that non-preventable crashes can be petitioned and they will not factor into the FMCSA SMS (Safety Management System) rate.
- If you are going to challenge an incident, you should build your case before submitting it – witnesses, photos, video, etc.
- Link to Data Q page:  
<https://dataqs.fmcsa.dot.gov/Default.aspx?enc=v6FuzEnmDsz57AZpABDG04R2gSGNS6+N/G5WJoMo1/IODsjBwl1RrVjFLkWuJ2Nj36SGdh/3KzBVeX/MCXR5efHk9GuTWYh9LoXt4WEaeJLDTBjvzdmkHs6j07NGAibznmHda3l4RFUY08QKujb57cr0gi6kMI2uW0vMlpQO0MY=>

#### 2. Pre-trip/Wheel Off – Randy DeVault

- Randy as worked with Maine Commercial Tire and the Maine State Police to develop a training for driver pre-trip tire inspections, tire technician training of what to look for and repairs.
- Randy presented a PowerPoint that included:
  - “Wheels just don’t come off” and reasons why they do...root causes
  - Photos of wheel issues
  - TIA (Tire Inspection Association) Training Classes – April 15<sup>th</sup> & June 24<sup>th</sup>
  - Link to register for a TIA Class: <https://www.mmta.com/mmta-offers-tia-tire-safety-training/>

3. Close Calls & Near Misses – Scott Clark, Savage Safe Handling
  - Scott presented excellent examples of video from the truck and close calls as well as exceptional defensive driving
  - Watching the video tells part of the story but discussions really help with understanding exactly what happened – near to look at the whole picture...time of day, road conditions, weather, speed, lane condition, etc.
  - Savage put “SPEED MONITORED BY GPS PLEASE DON’T TAILGATE” bright orange decals so that drivers behind do not tailgate.



- Tim mentioned that if anyone wants to volunteer to share their videos, we can view them at a future meeting.

### **Old Business:**

1. MMTA/APTA Transportation Safety Conference – Tim
  - Last year’s conference was canceled
  - Sept 21 & 22, 2021 at the Samoset
  - Looking for suggestions on topics and speakers for the agenda
  - Planning for an in-person conference
2. TDC/PTSC – Randy
  - National TDC meeting on Feb 16<sup>th</sup> – ATA and the committee has canceled the 2021 competition
  - National Technician Competition is being discussed
3. FMCSA Medical Card Rule Update – Eric Adair, FMCSA
  - No new updates at this time – extension is for June 22, 2021 – paper cards will still be issued
  - Link to information: <https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/regulations/medical/extension-compliance-dates-medical-examiner%E2%80%99s-certification-integration-final>
  - Extended May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021 for valid medical certification – expired after Dec 31, 2020 extended to May 31, 2021
    - Tim mentioned that Maine BMV is not participating in the medical card extensions
  - New Deputy Administrator – Meera Joshi – getting very involved

4. Tim shared that he will be in a meeting with the State regarding a potential Hours of Service waiver due to workload and Covid. It has been a mild winter, but with the driver shortage and illnesses, some fuel companies are in need of additional hours to deliver to their customers.
  - Have asked fuel haulers for feedback – how many hours down, etc.

**New Business:**

1. May SMC meeting will be at the York Weigh Station on 5/20/21 (TENTATIVE)
  - Tim will work with Lt. Hayden to discuss where to hold this meeting and what should be on the agenda.
2. Norm – reminded committee to submit ideas for the committee meetings and the safety conference.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 09:28 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

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