



## MMTA SAFETY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL MINUTES

November 17, 2022

OPEN 8:01 am

Meeting opened by Tim Doyle

Introduction of Chair, Norman Patchell - Good morning and welcome

Tim Doyle

- Virtual allows us to join presenters
- Introduction of Ed Therrien

Ed Therrien

- Introduced Jill Treadwell and Kathy Boudreau

### **PRESENTATIONS:**

1. Staged Crashes – Jill Treadwell – Travelers Insurance and Kathy Boudreau – Northland Insurance
  - Kathy
    - International Fraud Awareness Week – Nov 13 - 19
    - Proactive Anti-Fraud Services

- Jill
  - Insurance Fraud over \$300 Billion in the US – property and casualty
  - Cost of staged auto accidents \$20 Billion
  - Deter Fraud - Tips to avoid becoming a victim of a staged accident
    - Avoid tailgating, immediately call police to the scene, document damages, etc.
  - Indicators – vehicles travel in tandem, multiple people in older vehicle, people that just “show up” with business cards for attorneys, chiropractor, etc, tow truck that shows up without being called, etc.
  - Common schemes –
    - Swoop and Squat
      - Typically three vehicles
    - Dual Turning Lanes Sideswipe
    - T-Bone – claim company vehicle ran stop sign or traffic signal
    - The Wave-In – driver waves someone in, accident, then says they didn’t wave in
    - Jump-In – people that claim to have been in accident that were dropped off after accident
    - Adding Damage – causing of damage after accident
      - Keep dashcam camera footage running after accident – example of video of someone claiming injury after accident of someone not truly injured
  - Investigate
    - Call police, do not admit fault, count # of occupants, record contact info for everyone involved, etc
    - Witness interviews
    - Checklist of what to do after accident
    - Kathy will share example checklists

## 2. Digital Documents for Off-Site CR Process – Cheryl Quirion, FMCSA

- Powerpoint – FMCSAs Offsite Compliance Investigation Process
  - Initiated – email or phone call
  - Letter will list items and information that will be checked
  - Document Request Letter will ask for additional information that needs to be gathered
  - Pay attention to dates when information is due
  - Once docs are requested login with DOT PIN
  - CSA SMS – “Take Action” with number of items requested
  - Templates provided for vehicle and driver lists and can be uploaded
  - Do not have to upload items twice – note where they were uploaded originally
  - Can upload paper documentation and transmit
  - Can use Review/Replace function to change information – have to do before you submit

- Once everything is uploaded, investigators will let you know if you are missing anything or if they have questions – will call or email you
- Completion and Closeout done remotely
- Drug & Alcohol Clearinghouse
  - Reminders about Pre-employment and Annual queries
  - DACH compliance is verified every onsite and offsite investigation

**FMCSA** Get Road Smart.

## Get Road Smart

**Stay connected.**

- Visit the Motor Carrier Resource Center at: <http://csa.fmcsa.dot.gov/?carriersafety>
- Sign up for important updates via the CSA Website at: <https://csa.fmcsa.dot.gov/Home/Subscribe>
- Drug & Alcohol Clearinghouse - <https://clearinghouse.fmcsa.dot.gov>
- DataQs - <https://dataqs.fmcsa.dot.gov>
- Motor Carrier Safety Planner – <https://csa.fmcsa.dot.gov/safetyplanner>

### 3. Review of Stats – Road Check, Brake Week, Safe Driver – Lt. Hayden, Troop K

- Take aways from earlier presentations
  - Law enforcement will be onsite for collisions if personal injury or damage over \$1000
  - Dashcam are helping with incidents and collisions
- Powerpoint
  - Operation Airbrake powerpoint
    - Brake Safety Day – April 2022 - unannounced
    - OOS and not-OOS violations defined
    - Brake Safety Week – August 21-27, 2022 - announced
    - Nationally Maine is under the stats for the US and North America
  - PBBT inspections – Performance Based Brake Testing
    - Over 43.5% will put OOS
    - Maine is buying the machine that checks PBBT – can see if brakes are braking harder than others or wheel system issues

- 2022 International Roadcheck data
  - Operation Airbrake 2023
    - Beta Test over 700 in 2022 Maine and Montana
  - Partner with BMV – Share the Road program
4. Close Calls/Near Misses – Chris Cyr, RF Chamberland Inc
- Dashcam videos
    - If drivers had not been paying attention or were reaching for something or looked away, collisions could have been catastrophic – very close calls where driver was able to avoid vehicles pulling in front of them, losing control in front of them, etc.
    - Bangor PD had been following vehicle and when they got on interstate, vehicle stopped, but truck driver was able to avoid hitting it
    - Moral of the story: pay attention, keep proper distances, etc. – use these videos for training

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Canadian Non-Vaccinated Driver Status – Tim
  - Allowing foreign national drivers
  - US is not allowing non-vaccinated
2. APTA/MMTA Transportation Safety Conference wrap up – Tim
  - Held back in September in Canada – eight or so from Maine
3. MMTA/APTA Transportation Safety Conference – Sept 18 & 19, 2023 Samoset
  - Looking for speakers for the event – contact Tim
  - Lt Hayden asked for dashcam videos that can be used publicly for State program – Chris Cyr volunteered
  - Eric Adair mentioned using them for new driver training

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Annual Banquet
  - January 12, 2023 – Sheraton Sable Oaks – seating limited
2. Universal Electronic ID Req – ANPRM from FMCSA – Tim
  - Would require all CMV to have a transponder
3. Topics for future meetings: TSA Precheck for HM holders, ELDT discussion round table

Tim turned meeting over to Chairperson Norm

Motion to close meeting at 9:59 am