



MMTA SAFETY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

November 16, 2023

In Person at MMTA

8:00 AM

MINUTES

Approximately 26 people in attendance. Chairman Chris Cyr called the meeting to order at 8 am.

Presentations:

1. Close calls near misses - John Cote, Bison USA
 - a. new volunteers, Chris Fierro and Vicki Witham are on deck
2. FMCSA - National Roadway Safety Strategy presented by Eric Adair, Division Administrator for Maine.
3. Lt Hayden - Road check 2023 stats were presented in detail.
 - a. Maine- flat tires are number one violation followed by brakes
 - b. Brake inspection tools will hopefully be available next year to inspect disk brakes.
4. Brian Parke – Advanced Clean Trucks – Maine BEP Board will likely vote down the California Advanced Clean Trucks but appears to be in favor of ACC II.

Old Business:

- MMTA/APTA Conference wrap up. Next conference likely will be in St. Andrew NB at the Algonquin in September of 2024.
- MMTA's next opportunity to host will be in 2025 and planning with start one year out. The SMC will have a planning committee led by Norman Patchell of HO BOUCHARD. The exact location will be selected by the SMC at a future meeting.

New Business:

- **Canadian Carbon Tax – If travelling to Canada you need to register and pay Carbon Tax quarterly. This is in addition to IFTA. Contact MMTA for more information if needed.**
- **Oral testing - regulation has passed, they do not yet have certified labs so it has not begun.**
- **Additional topics for meeting – contact SMC officers or MMTA with ideas.**

Chairman Chris Cyr adjourned the meeting with a challenge to each Safety Director to share information and work together as an industry for the benefit of highway safety.

Meeting adjourned approximately 1030 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Abby Chadbourne, Secretary