

MMTA SAFETY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

February 15, 2024

In Person at MMTA

8:00 AM

MINUTES

Approximately 27 people in attendance

Presentations:

1. Tim introduction in person meeting
2. Close calls near misses - Chris Fierro, Northeast Transport. Camera quality is important.
 - a. Next volunteer Vicki
3. Lt. Hayden retired and now works for FMCSA in Maine.

Old Business:

1. Annual Banquet Wrap Up - venu was great, food was great, work on entertainment. Switch between Bangor and Portland.
 - a. Suggestion for Bob Marley was made for entertainment.

New Business:

1. Fleet Safety Awards – Discussion to help inform the board:
 - Problem overall too few entries
 - Perhaps fewer mileage categories to broaden entries in each
 - More award categories ie Rookie of year, most improved etc
 - Video advertisement of process, stress ease of entry and refined phase III to ease fears of the complication of process
2. New award - Close call/near miss award, individual doing/seeing something good with camera proof of what the driver did. Would this be a safety or highway hero award? This would be a way to educate the public about what our truck drivers

deal with. Ensure it does not compete with Driver of Month and Year Award. Would award be cash, trophy, etc.?

3. How do we get more people involved in applying for the awards? Are there different platforms that could be used? How do we promote the first phase that only takes 5 minutes to fill the form out?

4. Round Table - Integrating Safety with Operations - Safety is always first, Accident review board with HR and safety get more engagement to have everyone on the same page. Meet monthly, to go through accidents with the team. Have to have correct people that are consistent with the message EVERY TIME. Safety has to stay on top of things. How do we change the culture in the big picture for everyone?

1. DACH II - Nov 18, 2024, downgrade license if prohibited in the clearinghouse. BMV is also working on a system to sign up to get a notification if an employees license is downgraded or suspended.

2. May SMS meeting Location - Date and location to be announced.

3. Topics for Future meetings -
 - a. Sharing of training tools and ideas
 - b. Share behind the scenes data with the cameras - Scott Clark from Savage
 - c. Reminder to register your drivers for TDC
 - d. Login.gov - be patient with portals
 - e. Training - difficult drivers and what causes them. - Maybe a good topic for Safety Conference.

A reminder registration is coming soon for the TDC. Start talking with your drivers, get them excited!!! Also if you can volunteer, reach out to Randy!

Chris ends the meeting.