



MMTA SAFETY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes – February 20, 2025

Meeting was opened by Chairperson Nycole McGlaulin at 8:02 a.m. with twenty-nine in attendance

- Welcome, Introductions and a Safety Moment was shared about Winter Snow Removal and Jessica Law. Trucks in NH with snow will be put OOS.

PRESENTATIONS:

1. Close calls/near misses – Abby Chadbourn, Sibley Transport
Lessons learned are to focus what you can control, coaching on speed, distance and hazards

OLD BUSINESS:

1. MMTA/APTA TRANSPORTATION CONFERENCE Planning –Tim Doyle
 - Planning Committee has completed Agenda.
 - One additional meeting to tie up any loose ends.
 - September 29-30 in Rockport at Samoset.
 - Reminder to welcome Canadian colleagues.
2. Career Exploration Trailer – Derek Kennedy, MMTA
 - Truck has arrived and working on decals.
 - The trailer is set to arrive on or about 4/12/25.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Med Cert Process/DACH II – Chris Ireland, Maine BMV
 - BMV associates, including Jim Walker, CDL Supervisor for CDL Examinations, along with schedulers Mikah and Kathy, attended the meeting to address any questions related to examination scheduling and medical certification processes.
 - Medical Certification Process
 - June 23, 2025, All Medical Examiner's Certificates will be digital. Physicians must send results electronically directly to FMCSA.
 - For now, Self-certification process will remain the same. More to come once process is developed.
 - Drug & Alcohol Clearinghouse (DACH II)

- On 11/18/24, the program went live. Once a driver is declared prohibited, a 60-day period begins, allowing them to resolve their status. A notification letter is sent to the commercial driver on the second day. If no action is taken, the CDL license will be downgraded, restricting the driver from operating a commercial vehicle.
- Law enforcement now has instant access to a CDL driver's prohibition status.
- Chris reported that initially, 400 drivers from the State of Maine were prohibited. Currently, this number remains unchanged.
- Important FMCSA Phone number to have for assistance is 1-888-792-2727.
- 1/1/25, BMV implemented rehabilitation and reinstatement program for CDL drivers who have served at least 10 years of a lifetime CDL suspension. For detailed information, you can contact Maine BMV at 207-624-9000 Ext. 52104 or email OUI.BMV@maine.gov
- Chris and members of the BMV team are available to do presentations on the road if members are interested.

2. New FMCSA Registration System – Kim O’Kelly, FMCSA

- Tim reported due to the change in government, FMCSA is currently unable to participate in public meetings.
- Tim reminded members to make sure their FMCSA portal is updated in order to update their MCS150 electronically.

3. CVSA Safety Initiatives and Eastern Service Center Crash Prev. – Lt. Keaten, Troop K

- Troop K has fifteen new Level III Inspections along with eight new hires. Reminder to check inspections for mistakes and use DataQ to review said mistakes.
- MMTA facilitated a day long training for East Coast Group-very beneficial
- Currently working on facilitating smaller initiatives-be on the lookout for 2- or 3-day blitz in third quarter.
- Grant Money has been received allowing Troop K to put on a night shift starting in May.
- Lt. Keaten shared information about fatal crashes involving CMVs which revealed the most common days and time for fatal crashes occur on Tuesdays-Thursdays at approximately 14:18 p.m. on secondary roads.
- Members have asked if the chart could be shared and Lt. Keaten will provide it to MMTA once completed.

4. Winter Safety Tips – Paul Mills, Day & Ross

- The presentation by Paul Mills showed drivers who become complacent while listening to podcasts, etc.
- Day & Ross drivers are provided safety blitzes every other month, one on ones and constant communication has decreased safety incidents.
- Feedback was to slow down, focus on road-changes can occur instant, pay attention to weather conditions.

5. TDC/PTSC – Randy DeVault, MMTA

- 5/17/25 at Dysarts Service Center

- Troop K will perform Pretrips
 - Jeff Catering is confirmed as a venue for banquet
 - Volunteers are still needed
 - Looking for donations for goody bags
6. May SMC Meeting – Pittsfield Weigh Station PBBT Demo
- Reminder SMC Meeting will be on 5/22/25 at Pittsfield weight station.
 - PBBT demo will be available
 - Fantastic opportunity to bring staff to see behind the scenes
7. Once Around the Room
- Continued concerns surrounding commercial trucks running through red lights-Kitty Hawk Intersection.
 - With the collaboration of DOT and MMTA, certain intersections are being investigated for timing of the lights. More to come.
 - A & A Brochu gave update on re-organization of business.
 - Previous Safety Conference held in Canada discussed controlled substances, in particular edibles which brought about a discussion of making certain companies have Trained Drug & Alcohol Supervisory.
 - Question was posed to members about Fleet Camera Policy and discussion
 - Some members spoke about incentives for drivers that have clean DOT inspections.
 - Ergonomic training for Commercial Driver has decreased injury reduction-one example was landing gear injuries
 - Thank yous were given to all the member for collaboration and sharing lessons
 - Next Meeting will be in November of 2025

Future Topics:

Determine if there is a place to store generic PowerPoint presentations by topic

Meeting was adjourned by Chair Nycole McGlaulin at 9:59 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Vickey Witham, Secretary

