

**NYS Safety Working Group - NOTES**  
**Teleconference – February 29, 2008**  
**1:00 PM**

Participants:

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Jim Levy – Wilbur Smith

**1) Preliminary Discussion**

Sandy has authorization to attend AMPO in Seattle to present the SA SCI project.

The SWG never received December meeting notes. Jim L will look for these and send them to the SWG.

**2) Safety Assessment SCI Project Status**

The SWG should receive draft documents from the consultants soon. The SWG should have a discussion about the document on the 3/28 call. The SWG needs to decide on when to hold the next face-to-face meeting and where - in Elmira?

Still looking for a 3<sup>rd</sup> study location. CDTC will provide one if there are no other requests. SMTC is currently looking for location. Jim L will send out an email to SWG asking for 3<sup>rd</sup> location.

**3) GTSC Outreach**

Sandy has a letter to send to Chuck DeWeese. It should be in the mail next week.

**4) ALIS**

Some MPO staff has been able to access the system. Sandy will poll the SWG to assess needs, problems, etc. All branches for MPO access to ALIS are active. There will be a 2<sup>nd</sup> training opportunity that will be available to MPO staff – there are no dates scheduled.

**5) Conferences**

NYSMPO Annual Conference - Safety Roundtable. There were 3 issues discussed at the last conference – the Safety Assessment, ALIS and TraCS.

2008 NY Highway Safety Conference - Jim submitted a program session application on behalf of the SWG for a Safety Assessment session. We will find out if the session proposal was accepted by May 1.

2008 AMPO Conference in Seattle - Sandy to attend to present the Safety Assessment SCI and discuss NYSMPO SWG efforts. Jim to assist Sandy in compiling materials for the application.

Upcoming web sessions/conferences

Email from Chris Hardej - Pedestrian Safety Training Opportunity

## 6) **TraCS**

SWG welcomed and thanked Jim Daily from the NYS Police for joining the group to discuss this topic. MPOs want to understand how TraCS works and how to promote use of it to their member agencies. Many MPOs are actively involved with traffic safety Boards so coordination is important and useful. Jim stated that all state cars have GPS units and is mandatory to put in GPS coordinates. For other agencies, the State Police really can't dictate what locals have to do. Jay – it would be helpful if there could be minimum specs/requirements for agencies using TraCS.

The State Police have received approximately 230 grant applications since taking responsibility for administering the grant application process (However, it is still a GTSC program). Currently, the State Police are purchasing equipment for locals. GPS is available but not mandated. Not all laptops being requested by locals are GPS capable. The State Police can't require a specific type/brand of equipment, they can only require it is compatible with TraCS. There is also a team at the State Police available to assist with questions via phone.

Is there a document that explains what they can have and that GPS capability is available? Maybe the group should talk with GTSC about the ability to make GPS a requirement.

The State Police provides a bi-weekly report of agencies transmitting and also has info on how many are transmitting.

Is it possible to get info on the use of TraCS to the MPOs? Jim Daily will send info bi-weekly to Sandy. Sandy will forward information to each MPO.

Statewide reporting – The Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) regulates reporting of all agencies. The DCJS is working to create a statewide database (mainly for crime) but it is hoped that they will include crash data in their database as well.

The DMV is currently the record keeper for all ticket and accident report data. ITSMR would likely be the best source to work with on receiving detailed data. It was stated that ITSMR data is not necessarily that specific.

The local State Police Barracks provided data to ECTC, but it wasn't very detailed – essentially at a geographic level that included the entire Finger Lakes region. Jim Daily stated that the Barracks are really not equipped to provide data. His office creates maps and posts them on the intranet for use by each Barracks. The office does maps for every troop on alcohol, seatbelt and speed related records.

Since the State Police is administering the grant program, Jim Daily can look at opportunities to work with and ask locals about using GPS as long as it is acceptable to GTSC. Jim Daily will contact Chuck Dewese to begin dialogue about requiring GPS.

Jim Daily will provide a list of lead agencies to Sandy for every county that has TraCS.

It was mentioned that New York City and Suffolk County are the only know agencies using their own system.

Annual Traffic Safety Analysis – Can the MPOs be involved? Capt. Lenny Casper is in charge of Traffic Services Unit and the person to contact.

**Next meeting:**

Conflicts with the scheduled March 28<sup>th</sup> date. The meeting will be moved to the 27<sup>th</sup>.