

NYSMPO Safety Working Group – Meeting Notes
Teleconference – January 27, 2011
1:30 PM

Participants:

Mike Perry, ECTC
Emily Dozier, PDCTC
Bob Torzynski, GTC
Jay Schissell, ECTC
Cyndi Paddick, BMTS
Mario Colone, SMTC
Todd Cohen, OCTC
Sandy Misiewicz, CDTC
Hector Boggio, GBNRTC

Harry Miller, HOCTS
Chris Thorkildsen, FHWA
Chuck DeWeese, GTSC
Marty Neveu, NYSDOT
Andrew Sattinger, NYSDOT
Rob Limoges, NYSDOT
Shannon Purdy, NHTSA
Chief Salvatore Trentanelli
James Levy, Wilbur Smith Associates

1. Introductions

2. Meeting Notes

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3. SWG Goal Area Updates

a) Human Behaviors Subcommittee

Mr. Schissell introduced Chief Salvatore Trentanelli. He is the Chief of Police in the City of Corning, a member of the NYSATSB, and the regional VP. Until recently ECTC wasn't aware of his safety-related work and he was unaware of the SWG. Chief Trentanelli stated that he sees a lot of similar focus between the work of the SWG and the TSB's.

There have been significant issues getting all counties in NYS involved in the NYSATSB and some are more active than others. Chief Trentanelli hopes that by working together the SWG can become more active in the NYSATSB and also possibly be able to reach-out to counties the NYSATSB has been unable to reach to get them more involved. He offered to schedule and host a meeting in his region to get more involvement and kick-start a networking process. Ms. Misiewicz stated that trying to find out who is the TSB region representative in the non-involved counties can be difficult.

Chief Trentanelli stated that it is vital that the right people are involved with

the NYSATSB. TSB representatives are appointed by County Legislatures so it is important to show legislators how important the work is and convince them to name the right people for the job.

Mr. Schissell stated that the NYSMPO Assn. is working to develop an MPO safety planning process. It may be worthwhile to concurrently have the TSB's look at their role(s) and assess how working together could encourage further participation.

A large missing element to these discussions is the health sector. It was agreed that both the TSB's and MPO's need better participation from this sector. The idea of a joint teleconference call/meeting with TSB's, MPO's, and the health department was suggested. Chief Trentanelli stated that a goal of GTSC, which helps fund the NYSATSB, is to foster communication between organizations. Mr. Levy will add Chief Trentanelli to the NYSMPO SWG email distribution list.

b) Data/HSIP Subcommittee

Ms. Misiewicz discussed the Comprehensive Safety Planning and Monitoring Process. Recently there was a conference call with Mike Perry to get him up to speed on the process. He will be developing a methodology to undertake the data analysis using the new AASHTO Highway Safety Manual. Mr. Schissell will talk with the Directors about purchasing the Manual – the cost is approximately \$400.

Matt VanSlyke volunteered to discuss what HOCTS has done with ALIS on the March or April teleconference call. Ms. Misiewicz has asked Mr. VanSlyke to document the process so that it can be used by both HOCTS and other MPOs. Ms. Misiewicz will work with BMTS staff to document their process, as discussed last month.

Mr. Limoges stated that some data in ALIS is underutilized, in some cases analysis tools, and asked if it would be worthwhile to MPO staff to have a demonstration of QRA to do statistical analysis. Ms. Misiewicz stated that MPO staff has had basic ALIS training but is still working to understand how to use QRA. This might be best done as an in-person demonstration and should be opened-up to the SWG and GIS Working Groups/staff. Since there is no MPO Conference in June, it might be possible to hold an in-person meeting in May – maybe on the teleconference date. HOCTS offered to host the meeting in Utica. Ms. Misiewicz stated that they have used the NYSDOT Training Facility in Syracuse and might be able to use the facility in Schenectady.

A sub-committee was created to develop and coordinate this meeting: Sandy

Misiewicz, Matt VanSlyke, Rob Limoges, Andrew Sattinger, Mike Perry.

Mr. Levy will put the Safety Survey results comment request on the next Directors agenda and ask for comments within the next few weeks.

c) Safety Roundtable

The Highway Safety Conference is being held in Hauppauge, NY in 2011. Ms. Misiewicz will talk with Mr. Hardej and Ms. Garcia from NYMTC and report back to the SWG.

d) Website/Outreach

Ms. Misiewicz has additional information that she would like to ask GTSC to post to the SWG section of their website.

e) Training

Ms. Misiewicz mentioned the January 26th email distributed by Chris Hardej discussing the February 8th and February 24th 2-part webinar titled *Addressing Safety on Locally Owned and Maintained Roads* sponsored by FHWA. Ms. Thorkildsen stated that FHWA has a CD with data on local roads and safety that she would normally bring to the Conference but since it isn't being held this year she will provide the SWG with a link that will allow them to request a copy directly.

f) GTSC Update

2009 crash rates and county crash rates are both available online. Not sure where federal reauthorization funding levels are headed – have heard some discussion(s) of reductions to 2008 or even 2006 levels.

4) NYSDOT Update

There is a meeting scheduled for February 1, 2011 with the NYSDOT video production staff to discuss development of a work plan for creation of the TraCS/Police Video DVD. The ALIS contractor contract is moving forward. The contract will likely be released as an RFP sometime toward the end of 2011. The HSIP Manual update has been put “on hold” while staff gather information from a working group that is looking at a systematic approach.

The next call will take place on February 24th, 2011 at 1:30PM.