



# Board of Transportation Safety

## Meeting Minutes

06/19/08

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DMV Headquarters, Richmond, Virginia

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**Chair:** Charles Rosemond

**Recording Secretary:**

Audrey Odum

**Board Members Present:** Charles Rosemond, Dee Bowles, Bruce Wingo, Charles Quillin, Seldon Rhodes, Allen Muchnick, Paulette Benson, Rebecca Martin

**Board Members Absent:** Walter Yeatts, Judy Suddith, Tom McGrath, Melvin Robertson

**Special Guest(s):** Dr. Elizabeth Baker, NHTSA Regional Administrator  
Lorraine Novak, NHTSA Regional Program Manager

**DMV Staff:** David Mitchell, John Saunders, Audrey Odum, David Mosley, Angelisa Jennings, Elroy Bentick, Ernestine Barrett, Eula Moore, Shuron Booker, Darlene Kelly

CTSP Staff: Steve Goodwin, Monty Mills, Doug Stader, Bob Weakley, Butch Letteer, Kimberly Burt, Mary Ann Rayment, Dwight Jenkins, Bruce Biondo

Chair Charles Rosemond called meeting to order, thanked everyone for attending and recognized Lorraine Novak from NHTSA. The Chair also recognized four Board members on their re-appointments to the Board; Paulette Benson, Bruce Wingo, Walter Yeatts and himself. He also acknowledged DMV staff for their work in preparing for both the Allocations meeting and full Board meeting. The Chair complimented David Mosley for the success of the ACTS Conference. David Mitchell introduced Eula Moore, new Grants Manager.

Secretary to the Board, David Mitchell did roll call. Representation was sufficient for a quorum.

### **Board Business**

Chair Charles Rosemond asked the Board to review for approval the minutes from the January 2007 meeting. Approved with no amendments.

David Mitchell mentioned the past action item relating to the Board's support on Safety Belt Legislation and furnished a copy of support letter and data. The HERO Campaign was also mentioned and the Board was furnished information on this designated driver program.

Bruce Wingo, member of the Awards Committee, furnished an update on the transportation safety awards ceremony. Bruce Wingo recognized the other two members of the committee, Melvin Robertson who served as Chair and Judy Suddith. The Awards Ceremony was held on June 11<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with the annual conference on transportation safety (ACTS). Deputy Secretary Ralph Davis served as honored guest to present the awards on behalf of the Governor.

Dave Rhodes, Chair of the adhoc 2008 "By-Laws" committee furnished the Board a DRAFT revision to the by-laws and recognized the need for an update. Board was asked to review by-laws and provide any comments back to staff before the next meeting. The revisions will be voted on at the fall meeting. Mr. Rhodes also asked that the Board consider using "The Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure" instead of "Robert's Rules of Order" as their guide to parliamentary procedure.

David Mosley asked the Board to review and consider approval on one FY08 out-of-cycle grant for the Town of Haymarket. Projected budget amounts were adjusted due to months remaining in grant cycle. Revised amount of \$4,128 was approved by Board.

### **Standing Reports**

Angelisa Jennings provided an overview of crash statistics.

**Action:** Would like DMV to furnish any data collected related to crashes / fatalities on motorcycles/scooters/mopeds at the next meeting.

Elroy Bentick provided an updated Financial Report.

### **Presentation**

Dr. Beth Baker addressed the Board and mentioned a number of upcoming activities such as: National Alcohol Crackdown, World Crackdown on Country Roads, Checkpoint Strickforce and the upcoming Traffic Safety Summit. Dr. Baker also discussed correspondence from Brian McLaughlin, NHTSA Senior Associate Administrator and the importance of data driven funding, improving safety performance, and planning for sustained safety gains. Dr. Baker recognized Virginia on their current fatality rate drop vs. this time last year (20%).

Another topic that was brought forth was Primary Safety Belt legislation. Dr. Baker indicated that FY09 was the last year for Virginia to be eligible for incentive funds (16 million) covering primary safety belts before reauthorization occurred. Board member Charles Quillin recommended that each Board member contact their local officials and legislators to make them aware of crash stats relating to safety belt data. Staff was requested to work closely with their non-profits and safety advocate groups in order to spearhead their support in getting primary safety belt legislation on the forefront.

Dee Bowles, member of the Allocations Committee, gave a brief overview of the May 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting and recognized committee members, Walter Yeatts, who served as Chair and Allen Muchnick. She also recognized staff for all the hard work it took to prepare for meeting.

David Mitchell addressed the Board regarding the 2009 grant process. He discussed how federal funds would be allocated by district and funds distributed based on data, which identified the specific highway safety related problems for that geographic region. Additionally, it was reiterated the fact that again this year performance measures will be in place to determine the effectiveness of those safety projects approved for funding.

David Mosley began the review of the 2009 grant requests. Attached is a summary of grants reviewed and recommendations on funding. The Board agreed with the recommended funding brought forth by the Allocations Committee, grants approved.

Several grant issues were discussed:

Dwight Jenkins, Community Traffic Safety Program Manager informed the Board that he has a meeting set with Lunenburg County in reference to the opportunities available to them on becoming an active traffic safety partner. A new grant request may be forthcoming.

David Mosley revisited the HERO Campaign and indicated that as this program grows; there may be an out of cycle grant submitted to assist with this designated driver campaign.

David Mitchell discussed the funding for the Highway Safety Challenge grant request and the reasoning behind the denial of this grant. NHTSA representative Lorraine Novak substantiated David Mitchell's comments and will be furnishing the Highway Safety Office a letter to support decision.

**Action:** Bruce Wingo asked that a column be included on the grants spreadsheet to show amount of funding grantee received the prior year.

**New Business from Floor** - None

**Public Comment** - None

**Dates of Future Meetings** - TBD

**Meeting Adjourned**