



Board of Transportation Safety

Meeting Minutes

10/29/09

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DMV Headquarters, Richmond, Virginia

Chair: Charles Rosemond

Recording Secretary:

Audrey Odum

Board Members Present: Charles Rosemond Bruce Wingo Dee Bowles Charlie Quillin
Seldon Rhodes Allen Muchnick Tom McGrath Richard Baugh

Board Members Absent: Walter Yeatts Melvin Robertson Rebecca Martin Paulette Benson

Special Guest: Judy Suddith (Former Board Member)

DMV Staff: David Mitchell John Saunders Audrey Odum
Angelisa Jennings David Mosley Elroy Bentick
Eula Moore-Anderson

Chair Charles Rosemond called meeting to order and thanked everyone for attending. The Chair recognized new Board member, Richard Baugh and the reappointments of Rebecca Martin, Charlie Quillin and Tom McGrath . The Chair acknowledged former Board member Judy Suddith, who was invited as special guest.

David Mitchell mentioned the upcoming election and possible future transitions. He discussed the grants process and how far it has progressed through automation. David indicated that the Secretary of Transportation and the DMV Commissioner have appreciated the time and effort the Board has dedicated to promoting transportation safety within the Commonwealth.

This years Chair of the Awards Committee, Dave Rhodes thanked the Board for their participation at the Judicial Conference and stressed the importance of having a good judiciary working relationship. He also took a moment to apologize for having a senior moment during introduction time at the conference.

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 June 2009 meeting. Approved with no amendments.

David Mitchell mentioned several past action statements. Seatbelt resolution was completed and forwarded as Board requested. A revised summary of 2010 grants was furnished to Board. Additional information to show prior years funding will be added to information sheet to Board. Resolution for Board member prepared.

Action: Re-submit the seatbelt resolution to the transition team at the appropriate time.

David Mitchell provided a brief overview from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) NHTSA reported that the national seat belt use rate is 84% and the number of overall traffic fatalities reported in 2008 hit their lowest level since 1961 and that fatalities in the first three months of 2009 continue to decrease. Also, mentioned was DDACTS which stands for “Data Driven Approaches to Crime and Traffic Safety” a law enforcement operational model that will be on the forefront in 2010. The goal of DDACTS is to reduce the incidence of crime, crashes, and traffic violations.

Chair Chick Rosemond requested past Board member Judy Suddith to come forth. A resolution was presented to Ms. Suddith on behalf of the Department of Motor Vehicles and the Board of Transportation Safety for her service with the Board.

Bruce Wingo mentioned the Safety Train ride of October 28, 2009 where Virginia Operation Lifesavers and Norfolk Southern Corporation addressed safety concerns regarding rail, pedestrian, and motor vehicle activities. Thanked Board members and staff that were in attendance.

Standing Reports

Angelisa Jennings provided an overview of crash statistics.

Eula Moore-Anderson provided an updated Financial Report.

Presentation

David Mosley began the review of grants both out of cycle grants and a grant amendment. Grants approved with one action statement as follows.

<i>Out of Cycle</i>		<i>Amendment</i>	
Franklin City	\$ 14,147	DOE /Safe Teen Driver	\$ 81,500
Franklin County	\$ 15,000		
Norfolk State University	\$ 7,500		
VCU	\$ 144,000		
VDH	\$ 182,000		
Brookneal PD	\$ 2,500		

Action: Furnish Board figures on seatbelt fitting stations and number of installations.

David Mosley mentioned the Street Smart grant and Operation Lifesaver. Still trying to coordinate meeting with requested grantee to discuss further. Also mentioned was the possibility of a small grant that may come forth to cover expenses for a Commonwealth Attorney to assist the HSO in providing training to enforcement agencies on the appropriate procedures for conducting checkpoints etc. (No more than \$1,000.)

Chair Charles Rosemond offered thanks to the Board and staff for their support during his term serving as Chair to the Board. He looks forward in continuing to serve as a Board member.

Chair Rosemond then asked Dee Bowles, Chair of the Nominating Committee to furnish update from the committee. Dee Bowles thanked Charles Quillin and Tom McGrath for serving with her on this committee. Dee Bowles proceeded with bringing forth two nominees for the position of Chair and Vice-Chair.

Chair

Walter Yeatts

Vice-Chair

Selden Rhodes

Chair Charles Rosemond thanked the Nominating Committee and called for other nominations from the floor. None were received. The nominations were closed. Nominations were accepted by unanimous vote. Chair Charles Rosemond provided remarks for Walter Yeatts in his absence, which expressed thanks to the Board for their confidence in him and looked forward to working with each Board member and staff in the upcoming years. Selden Rhodes also thanked the Board and looked forward to serving as Vice-Chair. Staff was also recognized for making the Board run smoothly.

Public Comment - None

Action: Move public comment to the beginning of future meetings.

Dates of Future Meetings - February 4, 2010 – In conjunction with the General Assembly.
More details forthcoming.

Meeting Adjourned