

State Traffic Records Coordinating Committee
Mississippi Department of Public Safety Planning
March 1, 2013

Executive Committee Meeting Agenda

- Welcome & Opening Remarks
- Introductions
 - Give name, agency and your roll in traffic records
- Minutes
- Charter reauthorization.
- FY13 Strategic Plan for Traffic Records Improvements
 - Mississippi Needs Assessment findings from STRCC Technical Team
 - Mission
 - Goals & Objectives
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- Agency Updates
- Other Business
- Next Meeting



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GOVERNOR

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CHARTER

This document re-establishes the charter for Mississippi's State Traffic Records Committee that was established in 1981, here in after reorganized as the State Traffic Records Coordinating Committee (STRCC).

A. MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the STRCC is to provide strong coordinated State and Local leadership to maximize the efficiency and effectiveness of traffic safety data collection and analysis and the resources needed to support it. The STRCC will support data improvements at all levels of government that minimize duplication, improve uniformity, advance electronic data collection, and facilitate data access and use.

B. GOAL

The goals of the STRCC are:

- To ensure that complete, accurate, uniform, and timely traffic safety data is collected, analyzed, and made available for decision-making at the State and local government levels and for others also working to improve highway safety--the reduction of crashes, deaths, and injuries on Mississippi's roads.
- To provide support and direction for traffic safety improvement measures that allow for the comprehensive collection, maintenance, and dissemination of Mississippi traffic crash related data.
- To provide oversight and support in the timely execution and expenditure of all traffic records projects.

C. AUTHORITY

The STRCC operates under the direction of the Mississippi Governor's Representative for Highway Safety through the State Traffic Records Coordinator.

The STRCC has the authority to review any of the State's highway safety data and traffic records systems and any changes to such systems before the changes are implemented. The STRC coordinates the views of organizations in the State that are involved in the collection, administration, and use of highway safety data and traffic records systems and represent those views to outside organizations.

D. MEMBERSHIP

The STRCC membership is approved annually and is made up of the following representation. Managers, collectors, and users of traffic records, public health and injury control data. These representatives come from highway safety, highway infrastructure, law enforcement and adjudication,

public health, injury control and motor carrier agencies and organizations. These agencies and organizations include the Department of Public Safety -Motor Carrier Division, Crash Reconstruction, Driver Services, Fatal Accident Reporting System (FARS), Management Information Services, Crime Lab, Office of Highway Safety, Mississippi Highway Patrol; Department of Transportation; Department of Health; Emergency Medical Services; Department of Revenue; Department of Information Technology Services; Mississippi State Social Science Research Center; Judiciary as well as Mississippi Sheriffs Association designee and Mississippi Chiefs of Police designee.

E. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Duties and Responsibilities of the STRCC are:

- Approve annually any change to the State's multi-year Strategic Plan and performance measures to be used to demonstrate quantitative progress in the accuracy, completeness, timeliness, uniformity, accessibility, or integration of a core highway safety database. This shall describe the specific, quantifiable and measurable improvements anticipated in the State's core safety databases, including crash, vehicle, driver, roadway, citation/adjudication, emergency medical services/ injury surveillance databases.
- Provide policy framework for coordination, cooperation and collaboration of model agency activities targeted at improvement of State and Local traffic safety data while ensuring the protection of confidential information entrusted to us.
- Prepare and implement and continually update a strategic plan for traffic records improvements.
- Recommend forming interagency project teams to develop implementation plans for carrying out the objectives of the plan and to receive periodic updates from the project teams.
- Provide a forum for review and endorsement of programs, regulations, projects and methodologies (excluding specific vendor products) to implement the improvements identified in the strategic plan.
- Review programs, regulations, projects, methodologies and evaluate new technologies for conformance with the STRCC's mission and goals and for conformance with the agencies policies on traffic safety data.
- Provide executive guidance, coordination, and evaluation of programs, projects, regulations, and performance goals as they become operational.
- Approve and/or implement other tasks in furtherance of Mississippi's goals to achieve quality traffic safety data from state traffic records systems.
- Provide a mechanism to communicate with the State's and Local agencies to identify and promote best practices and principles for doing business.

Shirley Thomas Date 2/28/2013

Shirley Thomas, Mississippi's Governor's Representative for Highway Safety

Traffic Records Planning Meeting: Minutes for January 16, 2013

- Robert started the meeting with introductions and went around the room with introductions.
- Traffic Records has an upcoming project called the traffic record assessment. Team effort.
- Part of Map-21 involves partnerships and working together,
- Several items that are upcoming-Qualify for 405 funding; hold 3 meetings; FY13 application due March 15; interim report due end of January.
- Look at schedule meetings. This meeting will be one and there will be two additional scheduled. February 15-End of MAHSL (Technical Committee) and March 1
- Candle project-provide consumable data for drivers and vehicle data to be able to put into e-citation. Procurement issues.
- Reportbeam- Works with MDOT. Requirement for Map-21 is to upgrade the system. Needs a mapping component. Need more accurate details.
- Changes to the crash reports are hard to do, but when there are changes, some of the data elements affect other agencies that get the data. And could affect their data collection.
- Changes to the crash report, needs to create a panel of different people to review the changes.
- Need more notification on the changes to the report and what was changed.
- Technical Committee- Need to include more people to the committee and have as many people as possible.
- E-Cite: Collaboration for e-citation. 3 programs in one (E-cite, Citsearch and dashboard)
- E-Cite is a software package that issues the citation, prints the citation and uploads the citations to the courts. Also has a location feature. No more paper and immediate transfer to the court.
- Citsearch-stores all citations.
- Dashboard- creates charts and data analysis of all citations and maps citations.
- Projects began April 2010.
- Huge results from the project: 420,000 tickets since start. 25,000 in December 2012. All counties accept e-citation now.
- Future plans for e-cite are to roll out to local agencies in 2013. Looks at daily activity. Look at crash data in dashboard. Adjudication info in citsearch. Vehicle information. Implement DUI citations. Messaging system. Integration of forms such as DUI, intoxilyzer and other forms. Password system.
- ATLAS- quick response if violator has prior violations (warrants) gives “caution” info or “high” risk info.
- Need to make the job easier for troopers and all enforcement and keep them safer. ATLAS will take the tag number and gives enforcement information before they step out of the car.
- PSDL- created in 2007. Created the daily activity reports. Creates a data lab for public information on highway safety. Motor carrier programs are coming online. Holds a calendar of

events. Will be creating new visuals. Creates reports. Will enhance the program with public and private sections.

- Traffic Records Goals:
- Goal 1: Uniform crash file include vehicle registration files/Merge databases
- Goal 2: Fully implement e-citation/include DUI arrests
- Goal 3: Improve integration to MS Justice Info systems for online access to tag files
- Goal 4: Makes crash reporting, report beam accurate and accessible/update crash system to be accurate and assessable.
- Goal 5: Traffic Records Assessment
- Went over the requirements for the TR assessment. Our assessment is due in 2013, Starting in June.
- Agency Updates:
- MDOT:
 - Has a tracking field on the reports that would like law enforcement to improve on crash reports.
 - Work with the LELs to help train on the reporting on Report Beam.
 - Not all agencies report on Report Beam
 - 3 counties and lots of cities not reporting, not giving crash data.
 - Not processing reports. No checks and balances to certify numbers.
 - Need to integrate all crashes for MHP, city, county and other.
- Dept of Revenue:
 - Need to know if the new decals on the tags are working. Law enforcement in the room stated that the decals are hard to read and see.
 - Mentioned that there needs to be legislation about the ban of frames around tags.
 - Could do a survey statewide to see if enforcement likes the tags and decals or not.
 - Need to increase the decals.
 - Enforcement would like to see a bar code on a tag that would pop up information.
 - Very old antiquated system that needs an overhaul.
- Dept. of Health:
 - New reporting in trauma
 - Updating statewide systems
 - Reducing data entry
- Driver's License Services
 - Trying to get two laws repealed in the legislation. Judgments on suspended licenses and under-age drivers with alcohol.
 - Created a new call center to help with license issues (601)987-1224
 - New iTunes app that can be downloaded for drivers licensing questions. Helps students with studying for the test.
 - Trying to help fix gun laws
 - New programs for 75+ drivers

- You can recommend a driver that should not drive have their license removed. Write a letter to DPS regarding the person. Will have to have several test and prove they can drive.
- Crime Lab: Not all agencies are reporting.
 - Looks like we will break the 600 fatality mark. No hard numbers. Preliminary numbers are: Alcohol related-57; seatbelt-219; speed- 72; motorcycle-39 and 52-16-20.
 - Making really good improvements.
- MASEP:
 - Working with CAPS to make the MASEP program better with the courts and make records more accurate.
 - Problem with multiple 1st offenses for DUI's and need to fix
 - Need a better DUI tracking system.
 - Data will help where classes need to be held
- FMCA:
 - Rated 9 areas in timeliness, etc. Mississippi is rated a green state.
 - Better inspection details
 - Safety review was in November and got a favorable ruling.
 - Made many improvements since the last review.
 - Still addressing high crashes and fatalities.
- FHWA
 - Need better data collection.
 - Need more training on Report Beam (Brady McMillan trains)
 - Need to do better on mapping

Meeting ended at 12:35

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- STRCC Robert Hancock opened up the meeting with Introductions and Announcements. Pat Tucker NHTSA gave welcome remarks and talked about NHTSA partnership with FMCA and FHWA. MAP-21 authorization was discussed.
- Present were; Robert Hancock GOHS, Ron Sennett- GOHS, Dr. Laura Myers- SSRC/MSU, Alicia Falls- SSRC/MSU, Ginger Cross- SSRC/MSU, Kip Wills- FMCSA, Terry Bridges- FHWA, Captain Don McCain- MHP, David Parrish SSRC/MSU, Rusty Miley SSRC/MSU, Beth Loflin – GOHS, Mark Allen –PSP, Steven Coleman DPSP, Kenneth Brown- DPS, Wendall Wright- DPS, Shirley Thomas- GOHS, Pat Tucker NHTSA
- Minutes from last executive meeting (January 16, 2013) was reviewed. Captain Don McCain made Motion to approve minutes as written, seconded by Dr. Laura Myers and full committee voted to accept minutes as written.
- Charter reauthorization was introduced. STRC was first formed in 1981. Committee reauthorized the charter now called STRCC under the approval of the Governor’s Representative for Highway Safety – Shirley Thomas. Kenneth Brown made motion to approve the Charter and seconded by Dr Laura Myers. Full committee voted to accept the charter reauthorization (attached)
- The following Strategic Plan for Traffic Records Improvements for FY13, FY14 and Highway Safety Plan was brought to the committee. Dr Laura Myers made a motion to approve the documents to be submitted for the FY13, FY14 and HSP as discussed, seconded by Captain Don McCain and full committee approved submission. Crash report upgrade was approved for a cost assessment to upgrade to the MMUCC , cost to upgrade query capabilities, cost for a mapping program, and the ability to overlay the mapping query to citations written in Mississippi. Once assessment is complete the committee will determine direction for the project.
- The following were approved. (located in application)
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- Next Meeting – Technical team April 19, 2013 to review crash report assessment.