

Traffic Records Coordinating Committee

Meeting Minutes

September 16, 2008

9:00 a.m. – 10:30 p.m.

ODOT Transportation Safety Division Building

In Attendance

Voting members: Dave Ringeisen (Vice-Chair), Troy Costales, Lana Cully, Ed Fischer, Alan Hageman, Bob Leopold, Joseph Marek, Dan Wells

Non-voting members: Nicole Charlson, Nick Fortey

Guests: Doug Bish, Jerry Cooper, Victor Hoffer, Mark Koberstein, Mike Lavery, Marion Owens, Steve Vitolo

Absent

Voting members: Gary Will (Chair), Robert Burchfield, David McKane

Non-voting members: Greg Fredericksen

Introductions

4 minutes

Decision: Meeting minutes from July 15, 2008 were approved by the Committee.

Update on Section 408 Application

1 minute

The FY2008-09 grant application was approved by NHTSA. Oregon's award amount is \$500,000, the same as the current year. All states in Region 10 were approved.

eCitation / eCrash Update

30 minutes

Steve Vitolo presented an update on the eCrash and eCitation project. The \$450,000 grant during 2008 provided handheld units, printers, and software for seven police agencies. The agencies received between 6-20 units for the entire patrol fleet or the traffic unit. Handheld units are all GPS enabled and Report Beam software allows the agencies to query their own data. All agencies were set up to transfer citation data electronically to their courts. Currently, there are 18 agencies using eCitation, with 12 of those using eCrash. Future goals will be to add bar codes to vehicle registration, upgrade the paper coating on driver license address change stickers, and determine a plan for statewide implementation.

Action Item: Steve will find out if Oregon State Sheriffs' Association and Oregon Association Chiefs of Police endorse e-ticketing (not software specific).

Judge Cooper noted an issue with citations in Multnomah County being issued to the court with an "EC" code. Perhaps one solution for this issue would be for state troopers to use e-ticketing. The group briefly discussed how a statewide plan could be developed. Oregon State Police (OSP) would be the most appropriate agency to lead the project if possible. The TRCC agreed to form a subcommittee to develop an implementation plan and report at the next meeting.

Action Item: Dave and Troy will work with Steve to schedule the subcommittee meeting with OSP and stakeholders to discuss an eCitation/eCrash implementation plan.

Project Update Roundtable**10 minutes**

Nicole distributed a list of ongoing projects and projects not selected from last year. Current budget details are listed at the end of the document. Project status updates were provided.

Discussion on Priority, Focus, New Projects**40 minutes**

Geo-coding: Dave asked for feedback on the crash reports submitted without sufficient address location data. Of the 44,162 crashes in 2007, there are 19,037 state highway crashes and 25,125 non-state highway crashes. There were 2,657 crashes on state highways lacking sufficient location data. One solution could be to make phone calls to identify the location.

Citizen reporting: Ed proposed adding the online citizen crash report form back to the table. This project had been put on hold until the survey and training project could be completed, but that project has been delayed. An online citizen form could solve some of the issues with location coding if a mapping tool similar to Google Earth was used to populate the location fields.

Action Item: Ed will draft a project proposal for an online citizen crash report to consider before the next meeting.

EMS Patient Encounter Database: Phase 2 of the EMS project started this year was proposed. There are 138 transport agencies in total, with 19 current pilot agencies. Training requirements have varied greatly depending on user ability. Bob will be reporting to the legislature in Feb 2009 to request funding for completion of the project. Next steps will be to determine data linkage between the EMS data, crash data and the trauma registry.

Action Item: Bob and Nicole will form a subcommittee to discuss an EMS/crash data linkage.

Legislation**5 minutes**

Troy gave an update on current legislation affecting traffic records. At this point there are three proposals: 1) eliminating citizen crash report requirements, 2) adding a crash reporting requirement for specific non-motorized vehicles (i.e., pedestrians, bicycles, skateboards, etc.), and 3) reducing the crash damage threshold from \$1500 back to \$1000.

Next Meeting**0 minutes**

Agenda topics include: new project selection and a Project Safety Management System presentation by Doug Bish.

Action Item: The next regular meeting is scheduled for November 18 from 9:00-10:30 a.m.

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