TRAFFIC RECORDS COORDINATING COMMITTEE (TRCC)  
~ Technical Council Meeting ~

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**ATTENDEES**

- Technical Council:
  - Lauren Cardoni (OARC-MORPC)
  - Keith Church (ODPS-IT)
  - Yvonne Cooper (Public Utilities Commission (PUCO))
  - Jamie Doskocil, Chair (OSHP)
  - Dean Fadel (Ohio Insurance Institute)
  - Jerome Ferguson, Sr. (ODPS-BMV)
  - Tom Gwinn (OSHP)
  - Jim Luebbers (ODPS-CJS)
  - Michael McNeill (ODOT)
  - Sue Morris (ODPS-EMS)
  - Milt Nuzum (Supreme Court of Ohio)
  - Valerie Poindexter (PUCO)
  - Michael Pomesky (Ohio Chiefs of Police Association (OCPA))
  - Janille Stearmer (ODPS-OHS)
  - Tina Stewart (OSHP)
  - Lori Tyack (OAMCCC/FCMCC)
  - Susan Wyatt (ODPS-EMA)

- Attendees:
  - *Member Agency Representative

**ABSENT**

- Co-Chair (OSHP);
- Buckeye State Sheriff’s Association;
- County Engineers Association of Ohio;
- Federal Highway Administration;
- Federal Motor Carriers Safety Administration;
- National Highway Traffic Safety Administration;
- Ohio Department of Health

**Minutes**

- Tina Stewart (ODPS-OSHP)

**GUESTS**

- Deborah Bryan (ODPS-Procurement)
- S/Lt. Herb Homan (ODPS-OTSO)
- Lt. Chris Kinn (ODPS-OSHP)
- Ann Nwosu (Nationwide Children’s Hospital)
- Dean Pickett (DAS-Innovate Ohio)
- Vi Lac Tran (ODPS-Procurement)
- Francheska Welsh (ODPS-BMV)
- Motao Zhu (Nationwide Children’s Hospital)

**Welcome and Introduction**

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m. Chair Doskocil welcomed the committee members, attendees and guests. This meeting was previously scheduled for July 18 but was rescheduled to June to have enough turnaround time to submit a project proposal to NHSTA and receive an answer before the grant period ends in September. Membership list was circulated for review and updates to current contact information. The Chair introduced AP3 Tina Stewart as the new administrative support staff person for the committee.

**Review and Approval of Minutes (4/25/19)**

The meeting minutes from April 25, 2019, were reviewed. One update was requested by Jamie Doskocil (ODPS-OSHP). On page 1 under the Review and Approval, the date noted should read “February 14, 2019.” The change will be made before the final version is posted online. The corrected minutes were approved.

**ACTION: Motion to approve the April 25, 2019 TRCC Executive and Technical Council meeting minutes with one change. Sue Morris – First. Janille Stearmer – Second. None – Abstained. None - Opposed. Motion approved.**

*(Attachment 1 – April 25, 2019 Minutes Document)*

**Grant Funding Update and Project Review**

Chair Doskocil provided the committee with a grant funding update. To date, seven claims have been processed totaling $330,569.87. The committee began the grant period with a goal to expend or earmark $1.8 million. Approximately $800,000 still needs to be earmarked. The e-citation printer order has gone through the purchasing phase and have shipped from the vendor. The total cost is just shy of $600,000. Chair Doskocil urged the committee to bring forward ideas. Next grant year, beginning in October, the committee will need to expend approximately $1.5 million. ODPS is
looking at possible internal IT projects within ODPS. Committee members were instructed to consult with their budget and IT personnel to identify large scale projects that impact the traffic records systems that could benefit from TRCC grant funding.

(Attachment 2 – PowerPoint Presentation and Attachment 3 Budget Tracking Spreadsheet)

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**Project Proposal – Court Technology Upgrades ($1 million)**

Chair Doskocil introduced a joint project proposal to the committee at a cost of $1 million. The proposed project will be managed jointly by ODPS and the Ohio Supreme Court and will help augment a court technology grant program that is offered annually by the Supreme Court. This proposal will allow the Supreme Court to provide additional grants to local courts in order to upgrade case management systems so that they are able to accept electronically filed citations.

Once the upgrades are complete, systems like the Ohio Trooper Information System (OTIS) and the Ohio Law Enforcement Information System (OLEIS) will be able to directly interface into these courts’ case management systems. Currently, we have approximately 60% of county and municipal courts that are enabled to take the e-filed citations. Remaining courts are not able to participate in e-Filing due to the need for costly internal technology upgrades and lack of local funding.

Judicial Services Director Nuzum stated that the Supreme Court has expended approximately $2 million a year over the last two years in technology grants to local courts. Hardly any of those funds went toward e-traffic filing. In the upcoming year the Supreme Court plans to emphasize this shortfall. The advantage of e-traffic filing is many fold including timeliness, accuracy, and data integration. It is also more convenient for the law enforcement officers issuing citations to file electronically. All the courts have electronic case management systems. E-filing would also provide a protocol court-wide benefit in the way of submitting cases to courts. Out of 324 courts that accept traffic tickets only 115 can do so electronically.

Director Nuzum provided the following statistics:

- There are 115 courts that accept traffic filings, some of which may be in production or testing.
- 132 county and municipal courts are manually entering data into their systems which is data entry labor intensive.
- About 500,000 traffic cases are paper-filed delaying operational processes. Of these, 200,000 citations are provided by three counties: Franklin, Cuyahoga, and Hamilton. The remaining 300,000 is comprised of 42 counties and municipal courts that also manually file.
- 77 juvenile courts represent roughly 50,000 traffic filings.

Dr. Zhu questioned if there is an e-citation database centralized for ODPS and other law enforcement agencies. Chair Doskocil responded that a centralization database is a goal of the committee, but several challenges remain. Chair Doskocil and Director Nuzum agreed that adjudication data is decentralized amongst the local courts. For a centralized database to be a success, there would need to be buy-in from the courts and judges. Dr. Zhu asked if data sharing from the courts could be made a requirement for the funding. Dean Pickett with Data Analytics stated that this could also be an area of opportunity for the Innovate Ohio platform whose purpose is to consolidate data from disparate data sources across agencies. Lauren Cardoni (MORPC) requested access to summary data that includes location information and general characteristics of the traffic citation so that it can be used for crash and citation data analysis. Chair Doskocil will meet with Lauren after the meeting to discuss further.

Jerome Ferguson (BMV) asked about including Mayors courts and re-introduced Francheska Welsh, a former committee member, to further elaborate. Ms. Welsh stated there are approximately 700 courts that have accounts to submit electronic citations through an FTP server. About 100 courts do not use this service. BMV recently created a government access link where courts can enter data singly through this secure network. Electronic submission will be mandated in the near future. 64 courts have signed up. Increasing the number of courts using this service will benefit the BMV and their drivers information system. Chair Doskocil and Director Nuzum stated that since Mayors courts are not courts of record and under the purview of the Ohio Supreme Court, they could not be included as part of this project proposal. However, they do adjudicate a significant number of traffic citations. A separate Mayors court project could be
spearheaded by the BMV.

Susan Wyatt (EMA) requested that when the proposal is sent to NHTSA that it reflect that all six attribute areas will be impacted, especially uniformity.

Jerome Ferguson asked if the proposal could receive additional funding if the applications exceed the $1 million allotment. Chair Doskocil affirmed that the project could be brought back to the committee at a later date.

(Attachment 4 – Project Proposal)

**ACTION**: Motion to approve the Project Proposal  Jerome Ferguson, Sr. – First. Susan Wyatt – Second. None – Abstained. None - Opposed. Motion approved.

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**Core Area Updates**

**Crash** *(Tom Gwinn, ODPS OSHP)*

- Fatal counts are trending moving upward, current fatal crashes is 449
- Continuing to work with local law enforcement agencies on the new crash form

**Vehicle and Driver** *(Jerome Ferguson, Sr, ODPS BMV)*

- Karen Rodgers, a former TRCC committee member and Chief of BMVs License Verification Unit has retired with 30 years of honorable service May 31, 2019.
- In May and June many BMV representatives have been working on the Amnesty Program in other parts of the state including Dayton, Stark County and Canton municipal courts. The program is going well.

**Roadway Data** *(Michael McNeill, ODOT)*

- 2019 Crash report – New attributes added and looking to see which agencies are using them and in what quantity, examples are secondary crashes, roadway closure time and alcohol and drug use
- Officer Crash Mapping Tool usage in OTIS is just under 10%.

**Citation/Adjudication** *(Jamie Doskocil, ODPS OSHP)*

- Work with the Baldwin Group is complete. The Baldwin case management system is used by the majority mayors courts across the state. Law enforcement agencies using OLEIS will be able to electronically file citations with their Mayor’s courts. The project took about a year to complete.
- The Model Uniform Traffic Ticket (MUTT) is undergoing changes and the final draft is with the Supreme Court’s Rules of Practice and Procedure Committee. It was initially anticipated that the revised MUTT would be available this summer. However, additional language changes and modifications have been proposed by interested parties. As such, there will be a formal public comment period allotted. Approval is not expected now until 2020.

**EMS/Injury Surveillance** *(Sue Morris, ODPS EMS)*

- The EMSIRS project and data migration is on schedule.
- The tablet project is nearly complete with the last remaining tablets being distributed soon.
- A research abstract was submitted for two conferences: National Association of EMS Officials and the Association of Transportation Safety Information Professionals (Traffic Records Forum). Both were accepted. Both presentations will focus on research findings of a study of crashes involving public safety vehicles.
Data Use and Integration (Jamie Doskocil, ODPS OSHP)

Chair Doskocil and others from ODPS have held initial discussions with Dean Pickett with Innovate Ohio about potential data sharing opportunities. Innovate Ohio is the Governor’s initiative on data sharing. The end goal is to provide a single platform to allow multiple agencies to share data and leverage it for research and analytical purposes.

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OLD BUSINESS

Current/Pending Action Items
- Proposed Changes to the Model Uniform Traffic Ticket (MUTT)
- Selection of the OLEIS Support Contractor

Ongoing Action Items
- Send requests for NHTSA’s GO Team to Jamie Doskocil, as needed. All
- Notify Jamie Doskocil or Tom Gwinn of any staff changes within Law Enforcement and the Council in order to keep contact information current. All

Action Items Completed Since Last Meeting
- Publication of the FFY 2020-FFY 2024 TRCC Strategic Plan

Open Forum
- Lori Tyack stated that the Franklin County Municipal Court clerk’s office is in the final stages of deploying their upgraded case management system which will be able to accept e-filed citations from OSHP.
- Tom Gwinn stated that his office working with NHTSA on the Electronic Data Transfer (EDT) Project for his FARS (Fatal Analysis Reporting System) analysts. FARS analysts currently manually enter data fatal activity into a federal database known as the Microcomputer Data Entry (MDE). Once the EDT project is complete, Ohio FARS data will be automatically exported to the MDE. FARS analysts will only need to review the data on a daily basis as opposed to entering the data manually.
- Sue Morris indicated that EMS had a meeting with representatives of the National EMS Information System (NEMSIS). We are also working with the Cardiac Arrest (CARES) registry to be able to transfer that information from EMS professionals to the CARES registry to eliminate duplication of efforts as it pertains to data entry.
- Nationwide Children’s Hospital is working with the Ohio Risk Institute to survey teenagers about their driving behaviors. Dr. Zhu will be presenting at the Traffic Records Forum in August.
- Chair Doskocil informed the committee that the next meeting will September 12th.

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ACTION: Motion to adjourn.

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- Attachment 4 – Project Proposal Handout

~ NOTE: All attachments are available upon request. ~

**NEXT MEETING**

*Thursday September 12, 2019 at 10:00am*

*Ohio Department of Public Safety – Conference Room 1106*

*1970 West Broad Street - Columbus, Ohio 43223*