**November 8, 2019**

**Location: N.H. Department of Transportation**

**7 Hazen Drive Concord, NH Room 114**

**Member Present:**

Chair- Patricia Conway (Office of the County Attorney, Rockingham County Attorney)

Vice-Chair John Clegg (NH OHS)

JoAnne Miles-Holmes (NH DHHS)

Mike Dugas (NH DOT)

Pat Rainboth (Victims Inc.)

Paula Bedard (BWANH)

Ben Maki (NH Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor)

Marilyn Costa (NH Drivers Education Teachers Association)

Chelsie Mostone (Buckle Up New Hampshire Program with IPC at CHaD)

Traci Beaurivage (NHMRO)

Dan Bennett (NH Auto Dealers Association)

Jennifer Tramp (NH OHS)

Ian Marsh (DOS DMV)

Gary Abbott (NH General Contractors Association)

Mark Armaganian (NH Liquor Commission)

Pat Sullivan (NH Chiefs of Police)

Vera Tucker (NH Motor Transportation Association)

Brittney Shute (NH DOS DMV)

Vanessa Partington (NH OHS)

Patrick (NH OHS Intern)

Sally Gunn (NH DOT)

Amanda-Joe Paulino (NH DOT)

Eileen Meaney (NH DOT Public Information Officer)

Larry Keniston (NH DOT)

**Special Guests:**

Joanna Helen Bailey (NHSP-Justice Bureau E-Crash Data presentation)

Trudy Sutherland (iHeart Media Senior Account Executive)

**Meeting start: 9:05am**

**Meeting end: 12:05pm**

**Meeting Notes Taken By: Chelsie Mostone**

Chair Patricia Conway called the meeting to order at 9:05am. She welcomed the group and gave a brief introduction about the meeting. She then passed it on to Vice-Chair John Clegg to discuss the meetings speakers, with an emphasis on the e-crash data presentation by Joanna Bailey.

Mr. Clegg discussed the current motor vehicle fatality report for 2019 that is currently down 20% as compared to 2018. He gave praise to all of the work members from across the room to promote high safety messaging to make a difference to decrease fatalities on NH Roadways.

The group then went around and did introductions.

Ian Marsh, Fatal Crash Unit Supervisor, presented first on the state’s current fatality numbers. The current numbers are 80 total fatal crashes and 91 total fatalities with June having the highest. The numbers are down significantly from 2018, however adults 71 and older have an increase in fatalities. Mr. Marsh did mentioned that child occupant fatalities sit at 1 this year, which is a large decrease from 2018. He also showed the causality for 14% of crashes was directly related to impairment of alcohol, drugs, or both. Mr. Marsh also shared that 32 out of the fatalities were not wearing seat belts.

Paula Bedard, Bike Walk Alliance of New Hampshire, presented on the Bike Friendly Driver class which is a 1.5 hour class. She discussed her background of bike education to all ages because of her history of being an avid bicyclist for over 30 years. The class is targeted for motor vehicle drivers because it easier for employers to incentives to their employees the importance of safety. The class analyses behaviors, laws, and techniques to avoid motor vehicle crashes with bicyclists.

One problem has been finding the best audience and location for the class. Ms. Bedard’s stated that her goal was to promote the class throughout the state as it has been promoted throughout the country. She also shared that not only are more individual’s riding bicycles, but more families are increasingly riding together. There has also been an increase in motorized bicycles. Ms. Bedard also mentioned the class goes through all of NH bicyclist’s laws and many situations that put bicyclists in danger. In addition, she shared a pamphlet that was created in partnership of BWA with DOT.

Top 5 Bike Crash Scenarios; the right hook, dooring, rear end collision, left cross, and riding against traffic. Chelsie Mostone asked if the “Bike Boxes” that allow bicyclists to jump in front of motor vehicles that are being implemented in some NH cities has caused any motor vehicle aggression. Ms. Bedard stated that only negative comments arose during town meetings. She also mentioned that the BWA is seeking funding for the increase of education for motor vehicle drivers around bicycles.

Ms. Conway asked if there were questions in the drivers’ test related to bicycle safety. Ms. Bedard and Marilyn Costa both answered that this is a number of questions as well as a part of every driver education classes that is devoted to educating new drivers on awareness around bicycles. Patrick Sullivan mentioned the importance of educating bicyclists about understanding how bike trails and intersections work when cars are involved. Trudy Sutherland mentioned her personal story and the help that iheart may be able to provide to get the word out about this educational component.

Next Joanna Helen Bailey, NHSP J-One Administrator, presented on the state’s ECrash data program that is on the network J-ONE (Justice One Network for Everyone). The system has 51 towns covered by NHSP and 46 local law enforcement that unfortunately only have 1 vendor for all coverage. In 2018 there were 5,952 reports and in 2019 from January-October there were 10,012 reports submitted to the DMV.

Ms. Bailey mentioned that the future of the program is to double the local participation. The goal can be achieved by promoting at the Chiefs of Police meeting, working with IMC is a records management system, to streamline eCrash module, and eliminate the 2 page form from Manchester and Nashua who currently have the highest number of crashes in the state.

Mr. Clegg mentioned that the NH OHS is funding police departments to update their systems to submit reports electronically. This allows for departments to run a query as to where crashes are happening and why to reduce the number of crashes in certain areas. Sally asked about the new NHTSA report requirement. Brittany Shute mentioned that in order to be compliant the form needs to improve from the current 2 page to an 8 page report which will require more man power and time.

Mr. Sullivan mentioned that because of the decrease in law enforcement man power the 8 pages may be difficult for officers to fully complete the report each time there is a crash. Mr. Clegg acknowledged this concern but mentioned again that there is a new compliance from NHTSA that is making the increase in reporting.

Currently the reports from the state police and local law enforcement reporting was 756 in court hearings during 2018 and currently in 2019 there is 973. The future goal is include Rockingham, Merrimack, Belknap, and Carroll counties. This can be achieved by promoting at Chiefs of Police meetings and circling back to departments not currently submitting the reports and identifying barriers for reports not being submitted.

The Intoxilyzer had over 500 replaced in 2019 with the Intox 900 that allows remote access. However, efforts remain ongoing with connectivity with approximately 40 are at the academy for training and out of 110 machines only 26 are fully connected. These new instruments were funded by the NH OHS. Ms. Conway asked if the lab can fix a machine remotely and Ms. Bailey responded that yes this was possible especially during times when weather can make traveling difficult.

Additionally, J-ONE services include ecomplaints, hotel list (Department of Corrections telecommunication updating status report system), and AFIS (fingerprints). Ms. Conway asked about e-filing for criminal complaints and if this was related to J-ONE system, but Ms. Bailey stated that it was not related although it is a goal for the future. The future plan is bail commissioners and digital evidence. JoAnne Miles-Holmes asked how it was possible to have access to the crash data as it relates to opioid related deaths to include in her data and Ms. Bailey mentioned that there might be and that she would be willing to discuss afterward.

Trudy Sutherland, senior account executive with iHeart Media, presented on the media efforts for impaired driving. She discussed their sponsorship during traffic and weather reports because listeners are more like to be attentive during those times. The specific traffic safety related message was presented afterward. This is currently occurring on 18 stations throughout the state almost every day of the week.

The numbers are 2,141 commercials from now until September 2020 and this includes over 4 million impressions over time during this traffic and weather time slots. There is also PSAs running on other various platforms and high crash days. These PSAs are around messaging buckling up, not driving distracted and not driving impaired.

Ms. Sutherland mentioned that by targeting their messaging to zip codes there was over 1 million impressions. She also mentioned various events that iheart is promoting the messaging at including the Taco Tour and Fisher Cats Stadium as well as others. There is also a Thursday morning show with Jack Heath discussing various traffic safety related efforts.

Jennifer Tramp, NH OHS Public Information Officer, discussed new and ongoing PSA efforts including distracted driving campaigns, an impaired driving campaign with UNH as well as collaboration with NH Youth Operator and Buckle Up NH PSA programming and CATS.

Ms. Tramp mentioned a new task force for motorcycle safety correlated to the Randolph crash and the efforts to promote motorcycles safety. She also mentioned a new task force around distracted driving to promote educational efforts to decrease crashes related to the topic. Ms. Tramp mentioned an upcoming holiday season boarder to boarder campaign with Vermont to promote the dangers of distraction, impairment, and not buckling up.

The Traffic Safety Conference was mentioned and Ms. Tramp noted the collaboration between many partners in the room and encouraged many to attend.

Ms. Conway asked if there were specific efforts during the summer months around beach goers driving safety and Ms. Tramp mentioned that the iheart media PSA campaign does include some seacoast stations.

After the guest speakers were done Ms. Conway started the conversation around future legislative changes and passed it on to Ben Maki. Mr. Maki discussed his various time with circuit courts and the difficulties with laws having gaps and items missing. He mentioned one main concern he has heard from various prosecutors is that “there are a lot of gaps with drug impaired driving, for example if someone is passed out behind the wheel due to an overdose of an opioid drug the officer cannot legally take the person into custody.”

Mr. Maki also mentioned the decrease in time for circuit court hearings and how this can impede the conviction rate for more serious cases to plead cases down to less serious charges. He stated that “during 2017 the total number of DUI arrests 5,557 and of those 2,271 resulted in a DUI conviction. This means 60% of the charges are not being convicted for the true charge of DUI.” Eileen Meaney mentioned the possibility of diversion programs to be used instead of pleading the cases down to promote education instead of just a minor offense. Mr. Maki mentioned that he had never heard of any diversion programs during his time with the circuit courts.

Traci Beurivage mentioned her efforts behind the motorcycle rights organization is focusing around training and education for everyone around the importance of not driving impaired.

Ms. Mostone brought up the importance of support from the commission around any seat belt legislation during the upcoming legislative session. It was mentioned that legislative efforts are not allowed to be discussed during these meetings. Ms. Conway mentioned that this is something that will be researched for discussion moving forward for support of various legislative efforts.

Sally Gunn mentioned the NHTSA Traffic Safety Marketing website videos that can used as educational resources and Ms. Sutherland mentioned the collaboration effort between her and the NHTSA videos.

Ms. Conway thanked members and welcomes any topics for the agenda at the next meeting from members. The meeting concluded at 12:05pm