**May 15, 2020**

**Location: Virtual Meeting via Cisco Webex Conference Call**

**Members & Attendees:**

Chair Patricia Conway, Rock Cty Attorney

Vice-Chair John Clegg NH OHS

Dave Topham, Granite State Wheelman

Mark Armaganian, Chief NH Liquor Comm

Chris Hutchins, Staff Sgt NH Liquor Comm

Matthew Geoffrey NH Liquor Comm

Michelle Marshall, FHWA

Paula Bedard, BWANH

Jennifer Tramp, NH OHS

Ian Marsh, NH DMV

Steve Piwowarski, FMCSA

Vera Tucker NH Motor Trans Assoc

Andy Player, NHSP Troop G Commander

Captain William Haynes NH OHS

Marilyn Costa, NH Driver Educ Teacher’s Association

Pat Sullivan NH Assoc of Chiefs of Police

Chelsie Mostone BUNH Coord for IPC/ChaD

Joanna Bailey J-One

Daniel Demille NHTSA

Joanna Miles-Holmes, DHHS IPC Prog Mgr

Dan Bennett, VP NH Auto Dealers Assoc.

Chip Chesley, NH Municipal Association

Dan Goodman AAA of NNE

Vanessa Partington, NH OHS

**Meeting start: 9:00 AM**

**Meeting end: 11:25 AM**

**Meeting Notes Taken By: Vanessa Partington.**

**Vice Chair John Clegg, OHS Program Manager** opened the meeting at 9 AM, welcoming all attendees and members and verifying attendance of members, and asking the other attendees to announce themselves for the record.

**Chair Patricia Conway, Rockingham County Attorney,** welcomed everyone to the Conference Call, thanking Jennifer Tramp, OHS, for facilitating this type of meeting, due to current circumstances. Ms. Conway stated the previous February TSC Meeting Minutes had been submitted to the Governor’s Office but she had not received feedback at this time.

**Chief Mark Armaganian, NH Liquor Commission** introduced himself as well as **Staff Sergeant Christopher Hutchins, NH Liquor Commission**, who would both be speaking during different portions of the NH Liquor Commission’s Training presentation. Chief Armaganian began by thanking the TSC for the opportunity to present regarding the NH Liquor Commission training programs and stated he is grateful for the meeting agenda adjustment, since he and Staff Sergeant Hutchins also had another meeting to attend.

Presentation: **Division of Enforcement & Licensing of NH Liquor Commission**

Some may not know this, but the NH Liquor Commission has an actual police department attached to it which has full jurisdiction and operates at full capacity. This department is under the umbrella of the Liquor Commission and works in regulating alcohol licensing in the state and has an extensive educational component. NH Liquor’s mission is a commitment to the safety of our citizens and communities within NH and aids with uniformed enforcement of all State laws. The Liquor Commission is striving for the elimination of underage drinking and drinking & driving. The Division is committed to resolving any issues we are confronted with through the alcohol industry and its regulation. NH is a ‘control state’, one of eighteen in the US; this creates a safe environment for regulation focused on balance of improving safety in communities, education, and enforcement, as well as the customer service of licensees and responding to their needs. The State RSA 176 details the duties of NH Liquor Commission and the first task is to optimize the business operations portion of the Commission. Next is to maintain proper controls and ensure responsibilities are assumed for effective operations from the higher Commission level, pursuant to Title 13.

Division of Licensing & Enforcement oversee 77 stores, 5,500 licensed establishments in the State, and 1,215 are licensed to deliver to NH from outside states. The division is broken down into three categories: enforcement, licensing, and education.

NH Liquor Commission has programs to train Liquor Commission personnel, sworn & non-sworn, programs for licensees and training for outside personnel, including law enforcement. Class trainees and interest in our programs has continued to grow through 2018 & 2019.

Trainings:

* Liquor Outlet Training Seminar (LOTS) – Foundations for liquor personnel; we were re-training all 1,100 employees and moved to online platform to do so with current events.
* Total Education Alcohol Management (TEAM) – Training for Licensees about alcohol & beverages & tobacco laws
* Grocer Education Training Seminar (GETS) - Training for Grocers about alcohol & beverages & tobacco laws
* Management Training Seminar (MTS) – Designed for Smooth Business of Licensee Operations
* Liquor Establishment Security Training (LEST) – Training for Management, Door People such as Bouncers
* Fictitious ID Training – This is designed to equip officers to identify Fake IDs; this training is constantly changing as fake IDs are always changing formats.
* Controlled Dispersal – Teaches Law Enforcement how to disperse of underage drinking parties safely and properly

**Staff Sergeant Chris Hutchins NH Liquor State Coordinator - Drug Evaluation** introduced himself and thanked the TSC for the opportunity to speak regarding drug impairment trainings that he is responsible for coordinating throughout NH.

* Drug Impairment Training for Educational Professionals (DITEP) – This aids teachers and school staff members in identifying students using drugs and how to effectively deal with this in a school environment.
* Advanced Roadside Impaired Driver Enforcement (ARIDE) – This program was developed by NHTSA to bridge the gap between what recruits learn at the academy and the Drug Recognition program here in NH. This provides officers with general knowledge related with general drug impairment and familiarizes them with the DRE program and how to use it.
* Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) – Law Enforcement training for identifying different drugs and/or mental or medical disorders. An officer can be field certified within a week, and they are to Maricopa, AZ to complete this. There are currently about 93 certified DRE’s throughout NH.

These training programs have been able to grow significantly prior to COVID-19 effects.

Predominantly in NH we are seeing marijuana, central nervous depressants, stimulants, and narcotics.

**Chief Mark Armaganian, NH Liquor Commission** continued and spoke of the NH Liquor Commission’s Community Outreach programs –

* Mobile Community Outreach Unit (MCU) – This is used for outreach initiatives and includes a drug impaired driving simulator as well as a distracted driving unit. This vehicle is deployed to public events at local Police Departments, town open houses, NH Driver Education events & Community Coalition, which is helping to promote Safe Prom/Graduation events. This unit has seen an increase in use in the last 3 years and aids with education of youth and adults throughout NH.
* Fatal Choices Driver Education Program – This is a golf cart with a mini road course. The driver wears goggles specific to alcohol impairment and attempts to drive the course.
* Investi-GATOR – This is our Mascot who helps raise awareness about the dangers of underage drinking.
* Simulated Impaired Driving Experience – This is a remote controlled cart, designed to show the passenger impaired and distracted driving.
* Buyer Beware – This program educates adults about the danger and consequences of providing alcohol to minors.

What Motivates these Trainings & Program?

The NH Liquor Commission has a responsibility to public safety and the goal to eliminate alcohol being provided to minors. There are 4,300 underage drinking related deaths nationally each year; underage consumers (ages 12-20) drink 11% of alcohol in US; this is a staggering number. Underage smoking, vaping, drinking, as well as drinking & driving statistics show that education is the platform to be utilized to eliminate these problems. Last year, there was a huge uptick in vapor products, with manufacturers targeting the teenaged groups. The consequences of underage drinking are social, legal, physical - alcohol related crashes & injuries, death, and the very likely danger of abuse of other drugs. The CDC/AG recommendations to combat these issues are enforcement, media, education, community based programs, and reducing exposure to alcohol advertisements.

NH Liquor Commission has a great partnership with UNH, NH Fishercats, and the Raymond Coalition for Youth groups, who all helped develop and implement great ideas through community outreach programs. Chief Armaganian shared some great pictures of the Liquor Commission out in the community, at events, and the Buyer Beware program. He then provided contact information and urged anyone to reach out with any new ideas and organizations to add into their partnership. Partnerships give a safe environment in our communities and on our roadway. Mark asked for any questions and thanked everyone for their time and being able to present.

Comments/Questions –

* Pat Conway – Thank you for excellent presentation. Are the ARIDE programs offered at academy? Pat expressed interest in attending or send someone else from Rockingham County Attorney’s Office. Chris responded that the ARIDE course is generally designed for an officer with 1+ year of on-the-job experience. The trainings are facilitated through Chris and done at a host Police Department for the two day program. The Liquor Commission attempts to conduct ARIDE trainings at a location in each county. This is not a certification, but a great resource for Law Enforcement to have.
* Pat Conway – Are statistics shown from 2019 or 2017? Matt Geoffroy, who helped compile the presentation, responded that the stats are from 2017 and the presentation will be updated soon with new numbers. Matt will send the updated presentation out to those interested, if they contact him.
* Pat Conway stated that Raymond Coalition for Youth is a great program and she has also worked with them. Pat would love to see others like their group across the state.
* Dan Goodman – asked Chris If he had any statistics specifically on what DREs are seeing right now for the State? Chris stated he can pull this and send from national database to those interested.
* Marilyn Costa stated Drivers’ Edu is currently being done remotely via Zoom. Would anyone from NH Liquor being willing to jump on a call and do a presentation? Chris said, Absolutely! Please reach out directly to coordinate this.
* Joanne Miles-Holmes from DHHS stated she has the 2019 WRBS data available and she is able to send to NH Liquor Commission.
* John Clegg – Thank you both for the informative presentation. Thank you for your partnership. Do you have education directed to servers? Mark stated, since NH is destination state, we get a lot of seasonal help and we are going out to venues, such as Hampton Beach, since we have transient out of state servers and need to educate them on NH serving laws. We arrange a large venue to host a group for training and are making sure our venues are full, as opposed to having more trainings, in order to save money and train as many as possible.

**Ian March FARS Program Specialist II DMV** – Update on NH fatalities for 2020

Total crashes 34 / fatalities: 35 – one double fatalities crash

Mr. Marsh shared comparative stats 2019 vs. 2020:

* Strafford & Merrimack counties showing the largest jumps;
* March is the deadliest month of 2020 with 9 deaths;
* Impairment seems to be on the rise and is a consistent trend right now – there have been 4 alcohol related fatalities since 3/14/2020, when the stay at home order went into effect;

Mr. Marsh provided his contact information.

Comments/Questions:

* JoAnne Miles-Holmes– We have also seen the increase in pedestrian fatalities. Is there any idea of causes of this? Ian stated it is a possibility that this is due to a lot more people being out and about in their neighborhoods. There isn’t hard data supporting this, but this is likely and speeding has also been a likely factor in these deaths.
* Pat Sullivan – requested combination statistics of alcohol and drug use? Ian will obtain the combined data and send along.
* Paula Bedard – Please count bicyclists in the data that is reported even when numbers are probably 0; bicyclists are a significant user of our roads. Ian stated that so far we have had no bicyclist fatalities for 2019 or 2020 and we are all hoping this positive trend continues!
* Pat Conway – thanked Ian for his presentation and information.

**Marilyn Costa, NH Driver Education Teacher’s Association** - Driver Education Presentation

Driver Education throughout NH is overseen by NH DMV and you can find all information about these programs on their website. All programs must follow Saf 3100, which has very specific regulations. These include absences cannot exceed 4 hours and must be made up; there are also classroom & driving limitations per week/per day. Students must be 15 years, 9 Months to enter a driver education program; supervised practice with a licensed 25+ year old adult can start at 15 ½ years. Very few high schools offer their own programs, most are individually owned.

A Certified Program includes:

* 30 hours in class room
* 10 hours driving practice with a certified instructor
* 6 hours observation with certified instructor
* 40 hours driving with a parent, 10 of which shall be at night

Resources include:

* NH Driver’s Manual
* Parent’s Manual

Curriculum:

* NH Risk Prevention Curriculum Guide
* NH Driver’s Manual
* Books, Textbooks and other Approved Curriculum
* In Vehicle Instructions consists of 2 students, 1 driving each hour (2 hour total). The non-driving student completes work sheets & observes the driver. There is a comprehensive review and final lesson, during which students are told to drive to a Manchester address and the observing student gives the driving student directions.

How each classroom is presented is up to the individual teacher.

* The first class is for both students and their parent(s) to attend.
* Ms. Costa uses ‘Picture of the Day’ to get kids thinking and interacting, movie clips, other pictures of roadways/intersections/markings, conversations about changing roadways and vehicle movement.
* Index Cards are used– students are given a list, and assigned places in the classroom. The Instructor gives examples and has student move to the assigned places.
* Foam Vehicles are used to show in classroom how to move around different types of vehicles when on the road.
* Fatal Vision Goggles or Probability Bottle are visualization and emotional connection exercises which link the possibility of death to impairment while driving, and make them very real in the student’s mind.
* “Choices” – Ms. Costa shares her personal story and has others share their or submit relevant stories to communicate the consequences that poor choices may affect.

Things have changed significantly for both teaching and driving hours with COVID 19.

Comments/Questions:

* Chelsie Mostone – I enjoyed the real photos of the roadways, do the students bring in photos? Marilyn stated, yes this used to be an assignment, but students are encouraged to share and have even compiled movie clips to share.
* John Clegg – Are students concerned with current highway safety issues? Are current statistics shared with the class? Marilyn stated, yes, they are concerned but are not yet understanding it in reality. The statistics are shared at the introduction to the class.

**Steve Piwowarski, Federal Motor Carriers Safety Administration** –

Mr. Piwowarski pulled up the FMCSA website and navigated through several pages, showing data and resources.

FMCSA enforces rules on all Commercial Motor Vehicles (CMV) – including Commercial Driver Licensing and medical transportation. There are requirements for drug and alcohol testing which are accomplished through the drug & alcohol clearinghouse. There is never any alcohol allowed in the vehicle other than load. If a driver has over 0.04 Blood Alcohol Content, they will lose their license. There is also no marijuana possession or use allowed in any drivers since the federal laws are enforced. The FMCSA also regulates driver qualification, hours of service, vehicle maintenance, hazardous material safety, investigation of CMV crashes and the carriers themselves. FMCSA handles all consequences for driving violations or maintenance issues, including loss of licensing, civil penalties, criminal penalties.

FMCSA has the ‘Our Roads Our Safety’ program which raises public awareness about safety around CMVs, including information for passenger vehicles, pedestrian/bicycles, and other large vehicles. Mr. Piwowarski walked through the Pedestrian/Bicycle portion of this program on the FMCSA website and the items both CMV driver & pedestrians/bicyclists need to be aware of when around each other on roadways.

Roadside inspections – there are 3 .5 million roadside inspections conducted yearly and we rely on our partnership with state NH State Police to accomplish this

**Andy Player, NHSP Troop G Commander** - The NHSP are given a grant by FMCSA and currently conduct roadside inspections to meet grant requirements. Our troopers concentrate on unsafe vehicles and driving, as well as roads that have many crashes, which are high priority. Our enforcement efforts are also visible on secondary roadways with increased crashes.

Roadside Inspections have 3 primary levels – full, walk around, and driver only inspections.

We work with FMCSA to conduct the Teens & Trucks Program. Over the last 5-7 years, this program has increased significantly and we are hoping someday that the module is blended directly into the NH driver education program. We are working to focus and combine our efforts even more in the future as partners.

Comments/Questions –

* John Clegg – Nationally, are you aware of motor vehicle crashes occurring due to CMV drivers speeding to respond to some of the demands we currently have with stay at home orders in place? Steve – Violations nationally are up-ticking and we are seeing non-CMV at fault crashes involving passenger vehicles. 50-60% of these are non-CMV at fault. Andy Player confirmed this trend in NH and stated we are mostly seeing a rise in weight and out of service violations.
* John Clegg – In NH we currently have a 50% reduction in traffic on our roadways, which seems to be resulting negatively in an increase in speeds. Steve responded, we hoping with the Teens & Trucks Program to really start training the youth in seatbelt and all facets of driving safety. It is imperative that we start with young people who are our future majority roadway users, because older drivers are somewhat habitual at this point.

**Jennifer Tramp Office of Highway Safety Public Information Officer**

Jenn thanked the TSC for the opportunity to do a presentation. Jenn used pictures of recent postings on social media and PSAs to show what she has been doing for Office of Highway Safety.

Fatalities have gone up significantly since last year at this time. Speed has gone up significantly on the roadways. Education is very important, educating motorists to slow down, use their seatbelt, make good choices, and stay alert especially for vulnerable road users including pedestrians, bicycles, and motorcyclists. This is all what OHS has been promoting through social media, PSAs, press releases, and partnerships with other traffic safety advocates.

Speeding PSAs – stay alert of those out and about such as walkers, bicyclists, and motorcyclists. Riding season has officially kicked off. Considering COVID-19, to remind motorists to be very aware of surroundings, so hospitals are not taking in traffic crash victims on top of the current crisis they are dealing with.

May –

* Bicycle Safety Month and we are informing the public about safe distances from bicyclists. Jenn is working with Paula Bedard on this initiative.
* Live Free Ride Smart – NHADA + Motorcycle Rights + DMV +AAA are all working together on this initiative. Look twice, safe a life; share the road; live free. ride smart is an educational program about the rules of the road in and around motorcycles.
* Nat’l Motorcyclist Awareness Month
* Traffic Youth & Safety Month – Office of Highway Safety is working with Injury Prevention Center & Community Alliance for Teen Safety with messages are seatbelt safety, distraction, speeding, and impairment. This campaign will lead us into the ‘100 deadliest days of summer’.

Office of Highway Safety would love to bring in FMCSA & NH Liquor Commission on some of the above initiatives, as well as future campaigns and Jenn will likely reach out soon. We appreciate our partnership here on the TSC, so thank you for your help and efforts.

Comments/Questions –

* Steve Piwowarski – We are happy to help! Whatever you need done, we can work together!
* Pat Conway – Thank you Jenn & thank you for setting up this meeting on Webex for us.

Pat Conway opened the floor for discussion.

Joanne Miles-Holmes from DHHS suggested having a speaker who is informed about ATV type vehicles and safety surrounding their appropriate uses. Events surrounding this in NH this summer have been cancelled.

John Clegg asked for any input from our Federal partners.

Pat Conway thanked everyone for presenting and attending; stating this has been a very successful meeting. The next scheduled meeting and agenda will be sent out to all soon.