

To: State Directors
From: Dennis Blair
Re: Traffic Records Forum
Date: May 31, 2011

As the new Chair of the HITS committee, I would like to encourage my NASEMSO colleagues to engage with their Highway Safety counterparts as much as possible...both at the state level as well as national level. Many of you participate on your Traffic Records Coordinating Committee (TRCC), but have you ever considered attending the Traffic Records Annual Forum? <http://www.trafficrecordsforum.org/>

This year's forum will be **July 31-Aug. 3** in **Charlotte, NC**. There are some sessions that look very pertinent to EMS which are listed below. More importantly, this could provide networking opportunities for EMS and traffic safety people so that we better understand how we can work together. I have requested the Office of Traffic Safety in Alabama to fund my travel to this event and they have agreed to amend my grant (408 funds) to allow for this conference. I hope to see many other people from state EMS Offices there.

Below are the sessions that caught my eye.

Sunday, July 31

3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Accessing and Using NHTSA Data Products

Barry Eiseman, NHTSA
Umesh Shankar, NHTSA

Monday, August 1

9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Data Collection and Usage: NHTSA Data Systems -FARS, NASS, and GES

John McDonough, National Institute for Safety Research

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

408: The Journey Continues

Luke Johnson, NHTSA

A New Yardstick for Traffic Records: NHTSA's TR Performance Measures

John Siegler, NHTSA

The NHTSA State Traffic Records Assessment Process

Highway and Traffic Safety Integrated Data Experiences

Stevanus Tjandra, City of Edmonton

Sheila Burgess, Massachusetts Highway Safety Division

Eric Ziering, Cambridge Systematics

Concurrent Presentation Sessions

1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Crash Data Quality Improvements

Betsy Benkowski, FMCSA

Ken Hackman, NISR

David Hetzel, NISR

Reports from CODES (Crash Outcome Data Evaluation System)

Moderator: Tim Kerns, University of Maryland

Michael Bauer, New York Department of Health

Michael Singleton, University of Kentucky

Elizabeth Kruger, Oklahoma Department of Health

3:30 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

Programmatic Use of Crash Injury Data

Michael Bauer, New York Department of Health

Frederick Millham, Massachusetts State Trauma Committee

5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. U.S. DOT Town Hall Meeting

Tuesday, August 2

Concurrent Presentation Sessions

8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Innovations & Countermeasures Resulting from Timely & Valid Crash Data

Moderator and Presenter: Margo McCormick, Texas Department of Transportation

Debra Vermillion, Texas Department of Transportation

Mark McCalister, Texas Department of Transportation

Concurrent Presentation Sessions

1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Using Real-Time, Linked State Datasets for Injury Surveillance

Moderator: Susan McHenry, NHTSA

N. Clay Mann, University of Utah

Josh Legler, State of Utah

Angela Hicks, North Carolina, Department of Health and Human Services

Joe Moreland, Kansas, Emergency Medical Services

Julie Rabeau, State of Alaska

Martha Moore, State of Alaska

Concurrent Presentation Sessions

3:00 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

How to Utilize Your Data to Provide Information to Decision Makers in Traffic Safety

Moderator and Presenter: Helmut Schneider, Louisiana State University

Cory Hutchinson, Louisiana State University

Charles Cavalier, Louisiana State University

Max Kelly, Louisiana State University

Christian Raschke, Louisiana State University

Wednesday, August 3

Concurrent Presentation Sessions

8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

County Road Safety Plans and Crash Mapping Analysis Tools

Moderator: Kathleen Haney, Minnesota Department of Public Safety

Mark Vizecky, Minnesota Department of Transportation

Brad Estochen, Minnesota Department of Transportation