

# **TRCC Executive Committee**

## **Meeting Agenda**

**1:30-3:30 p.m. Wednesday, February 28, 2024**

**MS Teams (TxDOT HQ – Enchanted Rock)**

### **1) Call to Order and Roll Call**

### **2) Opening Remarks**

- a) Remarks from TRCC Chair, Michael Chacon, P.E., TxDOT Traffic Safety Division Director
  - i) Not present
- b) Remarks from TxDOT – Traffic Safety, Cathy Kratz, TxDOT – Traffic Safety Division Deputy Director
  - i) Cathy welcomed everyone and is looking forward to the upcoming conversations.
- c) Remarks from TxDOT - Behavioral Traffic Safety, Letty von Rossum, TxDOT - Behavioral Traffic Safety Section Director
  - i) The BTS section is done with FY25 Behavior Traffic Safety proposal scoring. They are reviewing the results and evaluating the levels of funding and contracting process.
- d) Remarks from NHTSA, Becky Walker, Regional Program Manager, Region 6
  - i) The annual report was approved this week.
- e) Remarks from FHWA, Ed Burgos-Gomez, Safety/Traffic Operations Specialist
  - i) Ed welcomed everyone and is looking forward to round table.
- f) Remarks from TRCC Moderator, Larry Krantz, TxDOT Traffic Records Program Manager
  - i) Approval of October 2023 TRCC Meeting Minutes
    - (1) Cpt Jodie Tullos motioned to approve the meeting minutes; Jia Benno seconded the motion. All approved. No opposed. Minutes were approved as presented.

### **3) TRCC Member Roundtable**

- a) Citations Database (Cpt Jodie Tullos, TxDPS)
  - i) DPS is ensuring integrity and accuracy of data collected through Versaterm, their new data collection system. It is a combined CAD & RMS system, which assigns a unique number to any incident. That unique number will link to all other events associated with the incident. They are currently cleaning up the dataset with address and roadway markers. There is currently 75% accuracy on addresses. Citation accuracy is over 98%, which is higher than

with previous system. Overall, they are exceeding benchmarks. There are plans to make more data publicly available in future.

b) CRIS Database (Jim Markham, TxDOT)

- i) CRIS rolled out the Map in Crash update and four minor patches have been pushed. They adjusted filters/geofences to expand city boundaries. They received positive feedback on the new module at the Crash Users Group meeting. This new update allows CRIS to document latitude and longitude coordinates for all crashes, which will improve some of the STRAP metrics.
- ii) Working to get Texas A&M Transportation Institute (TTI) crash narratives so can run more tests and improve the Crash Narrative Deidentification Tool, which will remove sensitive information from the crash narrative. This tool will eventually be publicly available. Jim and team are also working with TTI on standardizing research protocol for getting access to data.
- iii) AASHTOWare is rolling out to TxDOT districts with the annual safety plan as the workflow example. TxDOT will also be working with DPS and other large agencies to integrate similar a workflow. Georgia and Tennessee have filters that can be examples for Texas. The AASHTOWare license is for state agencies across Texas and it has the capability to display data geographically (on a map) for the whole state; users can view crash data at a macro and micro level, filter, etc.

c) Driver License Database (Valery Wakefield, TxDPS)

- i) The State-to-State system has been rolled out and DPS is adjusting to the new process and dealing with those records. They are also working on a portal for courts to be able to electronically submit records and training court staff to get convictions get sent in in a timely manner.

d) EMS & Trauma Registry (Jia Benno, DSHS)

- i) The new version of the EMS & Trauma Registry (NEMSIS 3.5) launched on Nov 20, 2023. It has new data standards, which includes the automatic assignment of a Universal Unique ID (UUID) and a field to enter the Texas Wristband Initiative number, which is a consistent number that travels with a patient through trauma care. The system also includes new reporting features for partners and tracking of key metrics.
- ii) The EMS conference focused on heat activation and Child Passenger Safety, including correct transportation to hospital by EMS. DSHS put together a survey to collect from EMS regarding how children are transported to the hospital in an ambulance.

e) Roadway Database (Jeremy Rogers, TxDOT)

- i) Finalizing end of year data set which will be shared with the public and consumed by other programs (to be released ~May). Traffic data is last piece that is integrated in the system.
  - ii) RIVaL project update: Resolicited offer and the posting will come down in second week of March. Then they will start evaluations and contract with selected vendor; data collection probably won't start until summer.
- f) Registration & Titles System (Annette Quintero, TxDMV)
- i) The DMV is dissolving temporary plates and now all vehicles will receive general issue metal plates at time of vehicle purchase. They are also developing a few new plate types (estimated rollout July 2025) and looking to procure an inventory management system that will give real time access to where plates are in manufacturing and distribution process.  
(1) Q: Can TxDOT get data dump of which plates vehicles have across the state? A: Yes, that functionality already exists through another mechanism.
- g) LEADRS (Brian Grubbs)
- i) Enhancing comprehensive data reports that track data through life of incident.
  - ii) New updates have allowed the process of integrating LEADRS with agency RMS system much more streamlined and cost effective.

#### **4) TRCC Business**

- a) STRAP Requirement Update (Shipp)
- i) The TRCC plans to undergo the STRAP assessment with the CRIS database this year. Becky Walker (NHTSA) will inquire to see when the assessment can begin.
- b) TSIS Timeline/Process Reminder (Shipp)
- i) Eva Shipp and Emily Martin will meet with representatives from each core traffic database to discuss their sections of the TSIS document. Representatives will be provided with a template to complete and TTI will compile all the new data into a document for TxDOT. Core database representatives will receive an email from Emily Martin to schedule one-on-one meetings.
- c) Reminder: TRCC Newsletter (Shipp)
- i) If you have suggested content for the newsletter, please let Eva Shipp or Emily Martin know. This can be information on projects your agency is working on or highlight work being done by other states.

#### **5) DSHS EMS run time fact sheet (Benno)**

- a) Link: [https://www.dshs.texas.gov/sites/default/files/injury/EMSTR%20Resources/DSHS\\_EMS\\_%20Response\\_Infographic.pdf](https://www.dshs.texas.gov/sites/default/files/injury/EMSTR%20Resources/DSHS_EMS_%20Response_Infographic.pdf)
- b) The fact sheet highlights 2019 – 2022 data in a user-friendly way.
- c) Data behind response time disparities

- i) The rural response time data includes air transport.
- ii) The committee is interested in knowing the standard deviation of the data
- iii) TTI has a process to categorize geographic areas by various rural, urban, and fringe categories. It was requested that a meeting be hosted to discuss this, with Jim Markham, Letty von Rossum, Larry Krantz and HSOC representatives being particularly interested. Emily Martin will coordinate the meeting.

#### **6) UUID Project Update (Martin)**

- a) The Universal Unique ID (UUID) project is doing a pilot test in the panhandle region to determine feasibility of including a consistent id number in both the CR-3 Crash Report and the EMS Patient Care Report (PCR). That consistent number can be used by DSHS to link CRIS and EMS & Trauma Registry Data. Local representatives from EMS & law enforcement have been highly involved in planning. DSHS and HSCO representatives heavily contributed. At this point, the protocol is for the law enforcement officer (LEO) to provide EMS with the Case ID from the LEO's agency record management system. The LEO will put that same Case ID into the CR-3 crash report and EMS will put it in their PCR.
  - i) Jim Markham commented that if its necessary to add a UUID field for every individual, it is possible.
  - ii) Gavin Sussman was mentioned that other states have EMS-dedicated field for EMS run.
    - (1) Texas has "transported to" and "transported by" for each individual. Officers generally put the name of the hospital/agency but if we need more specific information, that can be addressed in Texas through training.

#### **7) LEADRS Update (Grubbs)**

- a) Every agency that uses products can process all the information that LEADRS collects.
- b) Data team has put together a dashboard/visual display of data.
- c) Starting to track statistics on repeat offenders.

#### **8) FY25 Proposal Prospectus (Krantz)**

- a) Review [list](#); voting will be conducted at the May TRCC meeting.

#### **9) Adjourn**

- a) Next TRCC Meeting is May 8th at 1:30 pm
- b) Jim Markham motioned to adjourn the meeting. Letty von Rossum seconded the motion. All approved, no opposed.