TRCC Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

1:30-3:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 8th, 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) Michael welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending

   b) Remarks from TxDOT – Traffic Safety, Cathy Kratz, TxDOT – Traffic Safety Division Deputy Director

      i) Cathy welcomed the group and is looking forward to a great meeting

   c) Remarks from TxDOT - Behavioral Traffic Safety, Letty von Rossum, TxDOT - Behavioral Traffic Safety Section Director

      i) Not present

   d) Remarks from NHTSA, Becky Walker, Regional Program Manager, Region 6

      i) Not present

   e) Remarks from FHWA, Ed Burgos-Gomez, Safety/Traffic Operations Specialist

      i) Not present

   f) Remarks from TRCC Moderator, Larry Krantz, TxDOT Traffic Records Program Manager

      i) Approval of October 2023 TRCC Meeting Minutes

         (1) Holly Hornsby motioned to approve the minutes; Jim Markham 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 working on data accuracy within Versaterm, sorting out bugs between the user-end and back-end data gleaning and cleaning. The geospatial data has improved, and a statewide layer is being built with a vendor. The Highway Safety Operations Center (HSOC) is creating a new emerging technology patrol unit to bridge the gap between practical application of hardware and software technology and training. They will also be hiring more people to merge the gap between data and patrol in the coming months. The

following positions will be posted soon for the citation database/RMS system: system administrator, program supervisor, and support specialists.

b) CRIS Database (Jim Markham, TxDOT)

   i) CRIS is undergoing the STRAP assessment. They are using the Share and Answer feature within the assessment portal to collect answers, which has gone smoothly. Jim will share about the experience at a future meeting so other database administrators can hear about the process.

   ii) The Map in Crash rollout went well.

   iii) AASHTOWare: Person data is now loaded. Rollout will include trainings to law enforcement and guidance on how to use the system will be provided to STEP grantees.

c) Driver License Database (Valery Wakefield, TxDPS)

   i) Not present

d) EMS & Trauma Registry (Holly Hornsby, representative for Jia Benno, DSHS)

   i) In Nov 2023, DSHS transitioned to new database, EMSTR. Things are going well with the new reporting platform. Hospitals are meeting or exceeding what was received last year; there are some glitches with EMS. DSHS is working with stakeholders and vendors to overcome issues that arise. DSHS is also working with TTI on the UUID crash linkage project in RAC A&B.

e) Roadway Database (Jeremy Rogers, TxDOT)

   i) Currently finalizing the roadway inventory product, which they hope to have published around June 1. The last piece to come in is traffic data. Additionally, standard annual reports (aggregation and summarization of that data) will be created.

   ii) RIVaL update: Solicitation has come down. The team is reviewing submitted proposals – set to finish by next Friday then will enter next phase consisting of proof of concept and oral presentations.

f) Registration & Titles System (Roland Luna, TxDMV)

   i) TxDMV is in Phase 1 (of 2) of updating and replacing the Registration and Title System. The 1st phase gets applications/systems tied into RTS – updating those systems and making sure data is stable for migration (which will hopefully start next year). They will be seeking phase 2 funding to replace the system. They are receiving support from a company that has walked other agencies through this process.

   ii) Paper tags are being phased out. Metal plates are currently batched and TLETS has a 48-hour delay. As of July 1, 2025, they will be real time and able to be seen within 5 mins.

    (a) Q: How does that work for MyPlates (personalized plates)? A: Personalized plates carry with you; standard plates go with vehicle. standard plates will be received on the lot and personalized will come in mail later.

    (b) It will be noted in RTS that there is no registration; that will be sent via mail.

    (c) Education to law enforcement about these changes will be pushed out in Spring 2025

4) TRCC Business

  a) LEADRS update (Brian Grubbs)

    i) Rolling out DRE module within LEADRS so that DRE can do evaluations. Also rolling out comprehensive DWI data report (similar to what was shared last meeting, report will span from traffic stop through case disposition). A major programming update is forthcoming which will include the ability to integrate with any LEO RMS and STEP module where agencies can track and report all their data. Number of cases being entered into system is continuing to increase.

    ii) Assuming FY25 projects get approved, they will be using the LEADRS infrastructure to do a DWI Database for Texas (which NHTSA has asked every state for). There will be a joint subcommittee between the Impaired Driving Task Force and TRCC to get input from stakeholders on data needed.

  b) TSIS vote (Shipp)

    i) Voting request forthcoming via email

  c) Vote on FY 25 prospectus (Shipp)

    i) Cpt Jodie Tullos moves to accept prospectus as presented; Jim Markham seconded – all approved; no opposed. FY25 prospectus is approved and will be submitted to the Texas Transportation Commission.

  d) Dashboard requests – county level data (Shipp)

    i) Marcie Perez from TTI gets many data requests, especially for SHSP (examples: Crashes by counties + types of driver's license). She is trying to layer (not link) data on one map so someone can view data by county. This will include DPS and EMS data, which is available online.

      (1) Data lacking: licensing information – annual count by county (aggregate)

        (a) Roland: they produce annual report on alternatively fueled videos which includes annual amount of all vehicles, broken down by fuel type.

      (2) Input requested: TTI is currently using December data (fixed annual data).

        (a) Collective response: no issue with annual data – no need to track any closer as there isn't much fluctuation

(3) TTI will publish the dashboard on TRCC website after review and approval by TRCC

e) Data requests - DPS Enforcement Data (Krantz)

    i) DWI data for impaired driving database

        (1) Tullos re: DPS data - 2023 dataset will be inconsistent because of rollout of Versaterm. The data is more granular now and there was a 6-month period where they could not geolocate data. The issue has been fixed and there is a 90% success on geolocation right now. A meeting between parties (TRCC, HSOC, LEADRS) will be set up.

f) STRAP Update (Shipp)

    i) The STRAP assessment for the Crash database is progressing well; Jim Markham has two weeks to get data in. Those involved have been learning from NHTSA about this new process. We expect to see improvement on many questions/categories.

g) Reminder: TRCC Newsletter (Shipp)

    i) Submit new things that you want to include in the newsletter

5) UUID Project Update (Martin)

a) The UUID project went live May 1 and will run through July 31. EMS providers were trained through webinars and meetings with their Regional Advisory Councils. DPS Troopers were informed of the protocol/action needed through email. Data will be shared as it becomes available.

6) Adjourn

a) Next TRCC Meeting is July 10th at 1:30 pm

b) Cpt Jodie Tullos motioned to adjourn the meeting. Holly Hornsby seconded the motion. All approved, no opposed.