

TRCC Executive Committee

Meeting Minutes

1:30-3:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 10th, 2024

MS Teams

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 is happy see so many people on the call and is looking forward to the conversation.
- c) Remarks from TxDOT - Behavioral Traffic Safety, Letty von Rossum, TxDOT - Behavioral Traffic Safety Section Director
 - i) Annual grant application approved and submitted to NHTSA (they will review Aug 1)
 - ii) Traffic Safety Conference is coming up August 13 – 15, 2024 in Austin.
- 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 May 2024 TRCC Meeting Minutes
 - (1) Cpt Jodie Tullos 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) Coming up on one year of Versaterm (new RMS) in September. Meeting weekly with field troopers to gather suggestions for improvements of RMS and CAD system. Running more granular error reporting to ensure front line entries are correct. Constantly trying to improve accuracy of database so working with vendor to simplify interface.

ii) Working on data automation. More access to virtual/cloud-based database so that analytical products are linked to RMS to more real time dashboards. Ideally want to make some that are forward facing but first, they will be internal for leadership.

b) CRIS Database (Jim Markham, TxDOT)

i) In midst of undergoing STAP Assessment. First round was feedback from reviewers. Out of the of 40 questions reviewed, 26 *met* the description of the ideal traffic records system, 14 *partially met* the description, 10 *did not meet* the description. Many of those that received a *partial* rating just needed better documentation, which is being provided. Some that received the *did not meet* rating do not apply to Texas (e.g., don't comply with our standards or work with the way our data systems are set up) or will not be "fixed" this round.

ii) Electronic Record Submission Dashboard:

(1) Vendor submission account for about 15 - 20% of submissions, rest are web submissions via Crash

(2) 13,000 crashes with multiple errors, averaging 2 errors per crash

The screenshot shows a dashboard with two main sections. The top section is titled 'PROMPT DETAILS' and contains the following information:

- Prompt 1: Starting Date: 1/1/2024 12:00:00 AM
- Prompt 2: Ending Date: 7/10/2024 12:00:00 AM

The bottom section is a table with the following data:

Metric	Value
Crash Count	4,329
Count by Submission	10,341

(a) Trying to get error bars down to under 1%

(3) Tracking how many crashes (%) come in error free and with all the data that CRIS would like to have.

c) Driver License Database (Valery Wakefield, TxDPS)

i) Working on the State-to-State system to pull all the records into one place. Some growing pains on getting convictions to come over to their section but overall, its going well.

ii) Gathering solicitations for TxCRI, the Texas Conviction Reporting Interface, to improve timeliness of conviction reporting. Hoping that will be live by 2025.

(1) Receive direct information from CJIS, the Criminal Justice Information System, when an arrest comes in.

(2) Will get actual convictions too.

(a) Noted that this centralized database will be helpful for the DWI Tracking Database that Texas will be working to develop.

(3) Currently nothing to hold courts accountable if they are late so they are hoping new system will just make it easier to report in a timely manner.

(4) If meeting attendees have any communications/conferences/connections with courts, judges and can help get the word out about reporting requirements, that is appreciated.

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

i) Almost a year out from new system (released in Nov 2023), which implemented new data dictionaries for EMS & Trauma. Team has been supporting agencies with registration, business agreements, etc. and DSHS is confident that within next few months that they'll be at pre-transition numbers.

ii) Will close out the 2023 EMS dataset around August.

(1) Comparing 2023 vs 2022 data: 50,000 more trauma records; slight decrease in EMS records but this may be because some agencies are still working to get 2023 data into the new system.

iii) Data team has been working through all the assurance checks and processing data requests from partners. Data request for GTAC non-fatal drug poisoning in state and working on data for August related to stroke, cardiac arrests, and cardiac arrests in pediatrics

e) Roadway Database (Jeremy Rogers, TxDOT)

i) Finalizing end of year product – have received all data and are doing last minute quality control. Hope to have published within next few weeks on TxDOT.gov or ArcGIS. Annual reports from data will be forthcoming shortly after data is released.

ii) RiVAL: Selected top 3 vendors, had a month to prep oral presentations and do proof of concept that they'll bring to oral presentations on July 11. Hopeful that data collection can start this calendar year.

f) Registration & Titles System (Clint Thompson, TxDMV)

i) In process of modernization and ecosystem replacement. Engaged vendor in phase 1 so they can understand systems. Will go to legislature for full replacement in new biennial.

ii) Legislative implementation

(1) HB 718 (elimination of paper license plates)

(a) Took rules to the board last month and they are out for public comment. Goal to adopt at October board meeting.

(b) Undergoing risk assessment with external vendor to identify outstanding risks associated with the change and stakeholder communication and training to ensure they understand the process

(c) In the process of procuring an inventory management system

(2) HB 3297 (eliminates inspections of non-CMV vehicles)

(a) Meetings with TCEQ and DPS to determine necessary requirements between three agencies

(b) Also working on internal requirements that were taken to the board last month, with the hope they will be adopted at October board meeting.

iii) Confirm electric vehicle info is available in TLETS

4) TRCC Business

a) Impaired Driving Database (Collins, LEADRS)

i) Currently replicating system on a new site/platform and a version update will follow, which will be the biggest update to the system so far

ii) They are process mapping and exploring other databases that can fuel/feed the impaired driving database. Looking at what can be readily leveraged and creating a comprehensive outline to present to show data elements that are needed.

(1) In the future, TRCC members will be asked to participate in the development of the Impaired Driving Database

b) STRAP Update (Shipp)

i) One of the best things that has come out of this is that reflecting on processes and being able to describe what we're doing and why we're doing it. Even if we aren't meeting what is considered to be an ideal, it is a good exercise to articulate that.

ii) The review happens in two phases so if in the initial round you receive a *partially meets* or *does not meet* rating, there is an opportunity to go back and provide more information or documentation.

c) Reminder: TRCC Newsletter (Shipp)

i) A newsletter is being drafted; let Eva or Emily know if you have information you'd like to be included.

d) Review of FY25 TRCC meeting dates

i) Wednesdays, 4th week of the month in Oct, Jan, and March, and 2nd week of the month in May from 1:30 – 3:30 PM.

(1) Oct 30, Jan 29, March 26, May 14

(2) Dates will be confirmed and a calendar invitation will be distributed

5) Review of AASHTOWare (Markham)

a) Jim gave a demo of the newly acquired AASHTOWare software.

i) Available for state and local agencies (MPOs, city governments, etc.)

ii) Official answers still need to come from TxDOT but it can be used for local exploration

- iii) Entry-level basic to crash query tool. Have some engineering specific tools for TxDOT district folks
- iv) Templates available for use

6) UUID Project Update (Martin)

- a) The Unique ID pilot project is going well, thanks to the support of DSHS, HSOC, and the local Integration Team members.
- b) Current data from CR-3 crash reports: 152 eligible crashes affecting 347 people have occurred. Understandable case ID per crash type:
 - i) Fatal: 100%
 - ii) Suspected serious injury: 82%
 - iii) Suspected minor injury: 90%
 - iv) Possible injury: 95%
 - v) No injury: 82%
 - vi) Overall average: 90%, which everyone is very pleased with these results
- c) TTI to inform HSOC of types/examples of “non-understandable” case IDs so that further training can be provided, if necessary
- d) DPS providing a phone number to obtain the call number has been crucial to the success of this effort
- e) Unsure if the future recommendation will be to stick with the Call Number or transition to the Universal Unique ID, or Texas Wristband Number.

7) Data Aggregation Product (Tullos)

- a) Cpt Tullos attended a technology conference and a vendor presented product that has capability to do data integration from multiple platforms and all data formats that can be consolidated and interpreted by data analysts.
 - i) Would a product like this be appropriate for the TRCC?
 - ii) Who would house data like this?
 - iii) How would we go about trying to acquire or build that?
 - iv) Discussion: Depends on scale and that is a great question. Would have to figure out if there is 405c or other funding available. Initial thoughts are that the Executive Committee would have to make a decision first and make a recommendation for purchase.

8) Adjourn

- a) Cpt Jodie Tullos motioned to adjourn the meeting. Jia Benno seconded the motion. All approved, no opposed.