



Safety Management Council Meeting Minutes
LaQuinta Little Rock Downtown Conference Center
November 12, 2009

Call to Order

Curt Valkovic, SMC Chairman, called the November 12, 2009 Arkansas Trucking Association Safety Management Council Meeting to order at 11:00.

Introduction/Announcements

Chairman Valkovic welcomed everyone to the meeting. A motion to approve the minutes from the October meeting in Fayetteville was made and the minutes were subsequently approved. The following announcements were made followed by self-introductions by those in attendance:

- The November 12, 2009, SMC meeting is the last of the 2009 calendar year. The next meeting is scheduled for January 14, 2010, in Springdale.
- Preparation for the 2010 Arkansas Truck Driving Championships will begin in earnest after the first of the year and Chairman Valkovic encouraged everyone to budget accordingly if possible.
- Chairman Valkovic thanked everyone who volunteered resources and time for the Arkansas Truck Driver Appreciation Day held on November 4th at Loveø's Travel Stop on I-40 in North Little Rock.
- It was announced that the February SMC meeting scheduled for Little Rock on February 11th will include a CSA 2010 review.

*Break for lunch

Presentations

Ron Hale with Operation Lifesaver gave a presentation on railroad crossing safety. They will provide training free of charge and there are resources available for purchase on the Operation Lifesaver website. Interested parties should contact Sheryl Dudley, Executive Director of Arkansas Operation Lifesaver, Inc. at 501-860-6633. You may also visit the Operation Lifesaver website at <http://www.oli.org> for more information.

Larry Cole, president of Trucking Experts, Inc., gave a presentation that demonstrated the need for trucking companies to create standard operating procedures and outlined several procedures he felt should be important to safety directors and their support staff. Trucking Experts, Inc. is located in Benton, Arkansas, and you can contact Mr. Cole at (501) 960-3545 or truckingexperts@aol.com.

Old Business - No old business discussed.

New Business - No new business discussed.

Adjournment.