

**Arkansas Trucking Association  
Safety Management Council Meeting  
Holiday Inn, Springdale, AR  
July 9, 2009**

**Call to Order**

Curt Valkovic, SMC Chairman, called to order the regular meeting of the Arkansas Trucking Association's Safety Management Council at 10:00am on July 9, 2009, in Springdale, Arkansas.

**Introduction**

Chairman Valkovic welcomed everyone to the meeting and those in attendance participated in self-introductions.

**Old Business**

None.

**New Business**

Chairman Valkovic asked if the committee had any interest in exploring the idea conducting the regular SMC meetings at locations other than Little Rock and Springdale. He suggested Fort Smith as a possible meeting location. There were no suggestions from the council and the idea was tabled for further discussion at the meeting scheduled for September 10<sup>th</sup> in Little Rock.

**Announcements**

NATMI courses are coming soon to Little Rock. Anyone interested or that needs more information should contact the Arkansas Trucking Association or Curt Valkovic.

Chairman Valkovic thanked everyone for their participation in the 2009 Arkansas Truck Driving Competition and Inspectors Competition. The winners in each class were announced.

**Presentation**

Chairman Valkovic introduced Bob Dwyre with Forcon International Corporation who introduced Stephen Chewning, also with Forcon International Corporation. Mr. Chewning has over 30 years of experience in accident reconstruction and analysis and is employed as a Commercial Vehicle Accident Reconstruction

Expert. In summary, Mr. Chewning's presentation, "Accident Reconstruction and The Importance of Physical Evidence", included the following:

- Measuring skid marks
- Reading scuff marks
- Examination of vehicle lamps
- What the roadway can show about an accident
- Examination and testing of braking systems
- Commercial vehicle brake issues during reconstruction
- Downloading ECMs and the application of the data retrieved

\*A break was taken for lunch during the presentation

A tractor was made available by Walmart following the presentation for anyone with any hands-on questions about the material covered by Mr. Chewning.

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### **Adjournment**

A motion was brought to adjourn and the meeting was subsequently adjourned at approximately 2:15pm.