



Safety Management Council Meeting Minutes September 10, 2009

Wyndham Hotel, North Little Rock, AR

Call to Order

Dennis Hilton, SMC Vice Chairman, called the September 10th, 2009 Arkansas Trucking Association Safety Management Council Meeting to order at 11:00.

Introduction/Announcements

Vice Chairman Hilton welcomed everyone to the meeting and announced that he would be filling in for Chairman Valkovic as he was unable to attend. All those in attendance participated in self-introductions. The following announcements were made:

- The 2010 Safety Management Council event calendar has been finalized and copies were handed out. It was pointed out that there are two meetings scheduled in Fort Smith next year.
- The October Safety Management Council meeting is scheduled for October 8th and will take place at the Fayetteville Executive Airport. Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems, LLC will hold a live Ride and Drive Safety and Technology Demonstration.
- National Truck Driver Appreciation Week will be November 1st-7th and Arkansas Trucking Association will hold theirs on Wednesday, Nov. 4 w/location to be determined.

Old Business

No old business discussed.

New Business

No new business discussed.

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Presentation

Vice Chairman Hilton introduced Scott W.F. Carle, M.D. with Concentra who discussed the upcoming rulemaking that will establish certification guidelines for certifying the certifiers for CMV operators. Dr. Carle is a fifth generation Arkansan from Stuttgart who now resides in Little Rock with his wife and five children. He is a graduate of Hendrix College and UAMS.

Dr. Carle's discussion included:

- Certification program mandated in 2003, public hearing in 2008 and is currently in the rule making stage.
- There will be forty to fifty thousand examiners on the registry of certified examiners and will be implemented in the spring of 2010.
- Examiners will have to recertify every three to six years with a mechanism for registry removal.
- Examiners will be required to electronically transmit data regarding drivers to FMCSA.
- Program will increase public safety as approximately ten percent of drivers currently issued cards don't qualify
- Could potentially increase costs
- May initially increase driver turnover.

The following questions were asked and answered:

Q. How will a carrier know if an examiner is certified?

A. It is suspected that rulemaking will include a requirement for a national registry.

Q. Are there any changes anticipated to the performance requirements relating to things like diabetes and hypertension?

A. No.

Q. Will the final rule include a mandate that the state act as the custodian of the long form much like the state of Indiana currently does?

A. No.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Vice Chairman Hilton.