



Maine Transportation Safety Coalition

Meeting Minutes

June 2, 2011

1 The 2011 annual meeting and awards ceremony of the Maine Transportation Safety
2 Coalition (MTSC) was held on June 2, 2011, at the IRIS Network in Portland, ME.

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4 Attendees included Duane Brunell, Katharyn Zwicker, Brian Lawrence, Ian Hunt, Harvey
5 Boatman, Carl Hallman, Ruth Mlotek, Steve Greeley, Greg Stone, Eric Fuller, Thomas
6 Arnold, Owen Davis, Charles Szeniewski, Dan Onion, Brian Scott, Pat Moody, Frank
7 Navarro, Brian Parke, Tim Doyle, Tom Kinley and Matt McKenzie.

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9 This special meeting of the MTSC was brought to order by Katharyn Zwicker. Agenda is
10 attached.

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12 Karl presented the Treasurers Report which was looked over and unanimously approved.
13 Duane informed the group that DOT would be adding funds to the MTSC account. There
14 are some funds in the current balance that are earmarked for the North East
15 Transportation Safety Conference.

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17 Duane presented the Data Report which included updates to the 2010 Data Book.
18 Katherine will clean up the strategic plan by laws, which will need the sponsorship
19 criteria addressed. Harvey talked about policies and procedures and how they can address
20 common issues such as sponsorship criteria.

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22 Brian talked about the upcoming Northeast Transportation Safety Conference in
23 November with attendees from both local as well as from other Northeast states.

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25 Katharyn summarized the past year in the MTSC with a list of accomplishments such as
26 the MTSC Strategic Plan, the SHSP document, distracted driving legislation and focus
27 from news channels such as WCSH, bringing the Transportation Safety Conference back
28 to Maine, the Coalition Newsletter, 6 Chicks and a dude, and the data sources provided at
29 the MTSC website.

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31 The group discussed Safety Happenings which includes SHSP champions, the ceremonial
32 signing of the newly passed texting legislation for June 3rd, impaired driving
33 enforcement grants, record attendance at the school transportation safety training, veteran
34 licenses and gold star plates, proposed 3M manufactured license plates, planning of the
35 IRIS white cane walk on October 15th, and the AAA and WCSH drive for safety
36 campaign.

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38 Harvey informed the group that school bus driver safety training is going well. Carl
39 informed the group that 74 agencies will have grants for seat belt enforcement, and that
40 Ford will bring its Driving Skills for Life program to several schools in September. Tom
41 Arnold let the group know of the issues surrounding out of state toll violators and the
42 need for improved document and data management. Eric let us know that the roads at this
43 time are not in good shape, especially for motorcyclists. May was also motorcycle
44 awareness month.

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46 The MTSC annual awards were presented to deserving recipients; the Transportation
47 Safety Champions were Officer Rocco Navarro from the South Portland Police
48 Department (Accepted by his father Frank Navarro) and Dr. Dan Onion from the Family
49 Medicine Institute.

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51 The Special Achievement Awards were presented to Catherine Curtis from the Maine
52 Motor Transport Association and Chief Douglas Bracy from the York Police Department
53 (Accepted by Owen Davis)

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55 The 2011 MTSC Member of the Year was presented to Pat Moody of AAA Northern
56 New England.

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58 Dr. Dan Onion gave a speech regarding mature drivers and medical issues that can
59 impact them in regard to driving. Dr. Onion highlighted points such as loss of peripheral
60 vision or vision in general due to age and medical issues, dementia and how it can affect
61 driving and alternative transportation options in lieu of retaining a license. Dr. Onion
62 offered many stories of patients to underline the difficulty of suggesting that an older
63 driver give up their license and the issues that can arise from that decision. How this
64 decision can impact family was also brought to light. He stressed family screening and
65 intervention regarding license status as well as touching on the need for more interaction
66 with police groups. He also brought up alternative transportation needs and how existing
67 transportation organizations will struggle to run a successful business model in rural
68 Maine. After Dr. Onion's speech the question was raised regarding using school busses to
69 transport seniors between transporting children to and from schools.

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71 After the lunch break there was general discussion of the MTSC and its course for the
72 future. There was discussion of the benefits of paying members being affiliated with the
73 MTSC, as well as various ways to attract new members with things such as a possible
74 lower rate for the first year. There was also discussion regarding the connections that are
75 made in the MTSC and how it is beneficial to all parties.



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78 The 2011-2012 officer elections were held and the results were announced:

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80 **Chair - Brian Lawrence**

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82 **Vice Chair – Katharyn Zwicker**

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86 **Secretary – Ian Hunt**

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88 The 2011 MTSC annual meeting was adjourned and the next meeting was scheduled for
89 September 1st at the Bureau of Highway Safety in Augusta.



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The 2011 MTSC Safety Champions

2011 Transportation Safety Champion Award Presented To: Officer Rocco Navarro - In recognition of your dedication and courage to help raise public awareness about the dangers of distracted driving.



Officer Rocco Navarro

2011 Transportation Safety Champion Award Presented To: Dr. Daniel Onion - In recognition of your dedication to address the challenges facing older Maine drivers.



Dr. Daniel Onion



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2011 Special Achievement Award Presented To: Catherine Curtis - In recognition of your determination and dedication to keep individuals safe on Maine highways.



Catherine Curtis

2011 Special Achievement Award Presented To: Chief Douglas Bracy - In recognition of your tireless vigilance and dedication to keep individuals safe on Maine highways.



Chief Douglas Bracy

2011 MTSC Member of the Year Award Presented To: Patrick Moody - In recognition of your dedication to the MTSC Mission to keep Maine residents safe while traveling.



Pat Moody



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MTSC Annual Meeting and Awards Ceremony June 2, 2011 Agenda

The Iris Network – 189 Park Avenue, Portland, Maine

- 9:00** *Coffee and Refreshments*
- 9:30** *Welcome / Introductions / Board Meeting*
Prior Meeting Minutes
Committee Reports: Treasurer, Data, Program
Strategic Plan Status
- 10:30** *Break*
- 10:45** *Maine Transportation Safety Coalition Awards*
- Transportation Safety Champions*
Officer Rocco Navarro – South Portland Police Dept.
Dr. Daniel Onion – Family Medicine Institute
- Special Achievement Awards*
Catherine Curtis – Maine Motor Transport Association
Chief Douglas Bracy – York Police Dept.
- 2011 MTSC Member of the Year*
Patrick Moody – AAA Northern New England
- 12:00** *Lunch*
- 1:00** *Guest Speaker*
Dr. Daniel Onion
Maine's Senior Drivers ~ Update on Efforts
- 1:30** *MTSC Year in Review – Accomplishments*
- 2:00** *Election of New MTSC Officers*
- 2:30** *Adjourn*

Next MTSC Meeting: September 1, 2011