

Florida CVISN Team Meeting Minutes
December 11, 2012 – Tuesday, 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm



MINUTES

Participants:

Mickey Davis	<i>FMCSA</i>	Pati Lytle	<i>DACS</i>
Richard Easley	<i>E-Squared Engineering</i>	Ronnie Martin	<i>FDOT Permits Office</i>
Sharon Easley	<i>E-Squared Engineering</i>	Mary Lou Rajchel	<i>FTA</i>
Jim Gregg	<i>FMCSA</i>	Keith Richards	<i>DOR</i>
David Helton	<i>HSMV</i>	Marie Tucker	<i>FDOT</i>
Bryan Hubbard	<i>FDOT Permits Office</i>	Keith Westphal	<i>MCSAW</i>
Tisha Keller	<i>FTA</i>	Craig Wilson	<i>MCSAW</i>

Richard Easley chaired the meeting for Paul Clark who was out sick.

PROJECT UPDATES

Pre-Clearance at Motor Carrier Compliance Weigh Stations

Keith Westphal reported on the PrePass activity for the past three months (September – November 2012). The entire report is included in the appendices. Keith reported 19 stations were open during the reporting period.

September 2012: 454,295 bypasses, 22% pull-ins, 93% uptime.

October 2012: 537,351 bypasses, 27% pull-ins, 98% uptime.

November 2012: 494,032 bypasses, 21% pull-ins, 92% uptime.

Keith reported the national average for pull-ins is 30%.

Keith reported on an incident where MCSAW teamed with HELP/PrePass to get an overdue citation paid. MCSAW identified a carrier operating with PrePass that had an overdue citation. MCSAW notified PrePass to turn off the carrier's PrePass transponders until the overdue citation was paid. PrePass notified the carrier of the issue and the carrier paid the citation the same day in order to avoid having all of their transponders turned off.

Pre-Clearance at Department of Agriculture Sites

Major Tim Rutherford provided the following information, regarding applications to join AgPass, for inclusion in the meeting minutes. The statistics for November 2012 are shown below.

36	applications received in November 2012
27	approved
9	denied

3,317 Total applications approved

1,174 Total applications denied

347 (Total various status such as previously processed, withdrawn, returned for signature, discarded)

4,838 Total Applications Received Since Inception of Program (June 2002)

Complete DACS AgPass bypass activity statistics are included in the appendix.

Permitting System Enhancements Project

Bryan Hubbard reported the time from application submission to approval with the new system is about 15 seconds. Design documentation is complete. They are expecting the prototype to be complete in January 2013, and the routing and advanced analysis component to be complete by March 2013. The plan is to roll these systems to current users and staff that are aware of the new system. The official start date for the new system is July 1, 2013. This will be in conjunction with the start of the new contractor for the permits office (the current contract is up for re-bid). Bryan also reported that the new maps are complete and they have reduced restrictions by one-third. Annual Blanket Permits have also been automated. Bryan also reported that currently the process to reanalyze and do all the maps is down to ten minutes.

Automated Permitting System Utilization

Ronnie Martin provided the following report on permit utilization through second quarter 2012. She reported that system utilization for the current year is approximately 61%. (Note: This is only for trucks with less than 15 axles.) Bryan Hubbard noted that the new system will allow up to 40 axles; anyone will be able to use the new system, even superloads. Ronnie reported she expects to see 90% utilization with full PAS implementation.

2012 PERMIT ACTIVITY (APASS)			
Month	Total Permits Issued	APASS Total	% APASS
01-2012	8,347	5,232	62.7%
02-2012	7,701	5,053	65.6%
03-2012	8,665	4,905	56.6%
04-2012	6,486	4,026	62.1%
05-2012	6,350	4,168	65.6%
06-2012	6,380	3,996	62.6%
07-2012	6,417	3,946	61.5%
08-2012	7,622	4,494	59.0%
09-2012	6,869	4,149	60.4%
10-2012	7,501	4,852	64.7%
11-2012	6,593	3,894	59.1%
12-2012			0.0%
TOTALS	78,931	48,715	61.7%

Dept. of Revenue BOL Program

Lynn McElroy provided the information on CVISN collections for inclusion in the minutes. This information is in the appendix.

Electronic Credentialing (IFTA¹, IRP²) System Usage Stats

David Helton reported a lot of transactions are processed by third-party service providers. Typically the business that uses a service provider is a single or 2 to 3 truck operation. He noted that they are making good progress, but at this time they are not sure where they want to be. David discussed a situation that was reported on at the IRP meeting. Rather than sending out all of the renewal paper work, a post card was sent instead; within 5 years electronic renewals were up to 96%. David noted that IRP documentation requirements are much more extensive than compared to cars. In Florida larger companies have their processes for processing

¹ International Fuel Tax Agreement

² International Registration Plan

credentials which don't work well with Florida's electronic credentialing process. HSMV has made changes to take the delay out of some of the process, for example it is possible to get a cab card the same day and plates the next day. There is a requirement to have some records, such as HVUT paid and proof of insurance.

VWS deployment (Palm Coast Pkwy & SR 100)

Craig Wilson reported that the contractor is done at the Palm Coast VWS location. For SR 100, equipment is installed but the cameras are not working yet. There is also a wireless communications issue with the old Cisco routers. Training is on hold until the issue is fixed. The PO for the Martin County (Rt 484) VWS was submitted on 12/10/2012.

Port-of-Entry Study (POE)

Richard Easley went over the Table of Content headings in the Port of Entry report. Richard walked through portions of the draft report and gave possible locations for Port of Entry weigh stations, based on the highest number of citations and the locales generating the most revenues.

Container Number Database (CNDB)

Clay Packard provided the following report for the minutes. The Operational server environment is ready. The PRISM target file data is being downloaded via automated Secure File Transfer Protocol (SFTP) client download. The FHP overdue citations hotlist is being downloaded via SFTP Server. DACS is in the process of getting a server and a service agreement to setup the automated push of Commercial Vehicle Identification numbers (CVIDN) to the container number database's SFTP Server. MCSAW is in the process of migrating to a new environment and will make their CVIDNs available. Implementation of the database and software is the next task, to be followed by testing, demonstration, training, and support through end of March 2013.

CVE LPR System Update/PRISM Project

Clay Packard provided the following report for the minutes. The environment is setup and downloading PRISM data. The PRISM target file is available to MCSAW from their new environment. Implementing an automated server backup is the next task followed by server administration and support through end of March 2013.

TRUCKING INDUSTRY UPDATE

Mary Lou Rajchel reported on the FTA Education Institute. She noted that David Helton and Keith Westphal were there, and she thanked them for their participation. They provided updates on their agency's activities and also answered one-on-one questions that came up. Mary Lou also reported on the TACT Grant which will now include an educational component. In a joint effort with FHP, HSMV, and FTA the educational program has a trooper riding in a commercial motor vehicle (CMV). The purpose is to allow the trooper to observe the unsafe (and sometimes unlawful) actions of passenger vehicles operating in the vicinity of the CMV.

Tisha Keller reported that FTA is working with HSMV on legislative activities. They are also working on a Freight Mobility Plan; the draft document is due July 2013. On November 14, 2012, the vehicle inspection event was held at S. Flagler Beach. Approximately 60 volunteers were there performing safety inspections and Border Patrol was there with dogs. One-hundred-sixty trucks were inspected for safety in four hours; mobile brake inspections were also performed. Many vehicles were referred to FHP (there were 17 sworn officers there).

OTHER ITEMS

David Helton reported that CVISN hasn't had CDL issues very often. David would like to bring CDL issues before the CVISN team. He reported there are about 680,000 active CDL drivers in Florida. Effective 6/30/2014, CDL drivers must provide CDL medical certifications to HSMV. Starting November 2012 if the CDL doesn't expire before 1/30/2014, they will get a postcard telling them what they need to do – bring CDL

Medical Certification. Notification will be going out to about 500,000 drivers in the next few months. In October 2011, the process was initiated. In June 2012 they began notifying with 20-day notice “potential disqualification” notice. Applicants can self-certify in one of four categories. They must send a JPEG and required information. FMCSA calls the doctor and verifies that the information is correct (during a compliance review).

David Helton also discussed CDL third-party training facilities. There are a lot of changes that are being implemented over the next six to nine months. There are hundreds of third-party providers of this service. As of 7/8/2014 the skills training course can only be taught in English. Additionally, the number of skills tests that are required to remain certified has gone up. Also the number of skills test that are required to remain certified has gone up. HSMV will notify providers of these changes. These changes will necessitate a lot of changes in contracts with these providers.

On behalf of the entire CVISN team, Richard Easley presented Jim Gregg (retiring from the FMCSA), a card signed by all in attendance and a gift as a token of the CVISN Team’s appreciation for Jim’s service over the years. Jim then invited members of the team to join him and his family for dinner at the restaurant 2 blocks from the meeting site.

With no further items for discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 3:15 pm.

NEXT CVISN MEETING

The next meeting will be March 13, 10:00 am to noon, Conference Room 308, 3rd Floor in the Rhyne Building 2740 Centerview Drive, Tallahassee, FL 32301.