

# Department of Licensing Motorcycle Safety Advisory Board



## Advisory Board Meeting Minutes June 23, 2016 6:00 pm Central Washington Motorcycle Training 3306 5<sup>th</sup> St SE East Wenatchee, WA 98802

### 1. Call to order (time)

6:00 p.m.

### 2. Introduction of Board members and Department of Licensing staff

Board members in attendance – Tina Tyler, Jessica Dally (Chair), Jason Linn, WSP, Ron Fryer (late arrival)

Incoming board member in attendance – Eric Ludlow, WSP

Department of Licensing staff – Brady Horenstein, Andrea Nygard, Hector Rodriguez

### 3. Opening remarks from board members and DOL

Jessica Dally (Chair) spoke about the board charter and what the board is in place to accomplish.

Andrea Nygard (DOL) shared an overview of the Washington Motorcycle Safety Program: what the program's vision and goals are, what they do, and how they support motorcycle safety.

### 4. Review and approval of minutes from March 2016

The minutes from the March 2016 meeting were approved.

### 5. Public Forum

Kathi Bolton (public) asked about the slingshot and how it's classified, registered and what's required. Andrea Nygard (DOL) clarified that it's classified and registered as a motorcycle, but you do not need an endorsement, and you must still wear the required helmet and eye protection. Jason Linn (member) added that the classification and /or registration information WSP puts on the accident reports is based on the vehicle classification listed on the registration.

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Hector Rodriguez (DOL) also stated that (DOL) could add additional information on our website about these unconventional motorcycles and their endorsement and gear requirements, as well as speak with the DOL law enforcement liaison so she can add some clarifying information in her training materials/curriculum used to train new troopers. DOL will also get better communication out to the dealerships.

Kathi notified the board that ABATE will continue to pursue lane sharing during the next legislative session. She inquired if it was common knowledge that motorcyclists could use the HOV lanes on the highway. Hector Rodriguez (DOL) said he believes it is common knowledge and most motorcyclists are aware they can utilize the HOV lanes.

Another question that came up was if there is a lot of lane splitting in Pierce County? Eric Ludlow replied that he doesn't often see it except when it is observed while a rider is evading the police. Jessica Dally (Chair) said she has witnessed lane splitting in Washington at low speeds, both sport bikes and cruisers.

### **6. Updates to advisory board [dol.wa.gov](http://dol.wa.gov) webpage**

Jessica Dally (Chair) brought up that she regularly receives questions from folks on where the fatality stats and data are located. She suggested maybe having the statistical information on the Advisory Board page located on the DOL website so people have somewhere to go to retrieve the information.

Tina Tyler (member) mentioned there wasn't enough detailed information in the statistics that is usually presented at the December advisory board meetings. She said she as well as the public would like to see more information regarding car crashes and specifics about the individual and the incident in our reports and online.

Hector Rodriguez (DOL) asked if the data alone would be sufficient enough for people to understand without the benefit of the presentation and explanation that goes along with the data at the meeting. Jessica Dally (Chair) said that may be a problem but is definitely worth looking in to. Andrea Nygard (DOL) also added that presentations shared at the meetings are put up on the DOL website together with the agenda and meeting materials for the public to view.

Tina Tyler (member) stated she'd like more in depth information regarding the data such as, how long the person has been riding and their age but is unsure what all can be shared because of HIPPA laws and preservation the family's privacy. Jason Linn (member) and Eric Ludlow (WSP) added that Tina and other members of the public can submit public disclosure requests to get additional information from the accident reports. Hector Rodriguez (DOL) made it clear that when an individual does a public disclosure request, there still will be certain restrictions on what they can then do

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with the information obtained.

### **7. Work Session: Strategic plan document – Brady Horenstein (DOL)**

Brady Horenstein (DOL) did an overview and recap from last meeting regarding the strategic plan document. He emphasized the importance of the board developing a mission statement highlighting what the board is responsible for and focusing on increasing/improving training. He suggested getting some items down on paper to start the process, which will then help the agency better support the board. Some suggestions of good goals to set could be:

- Awareness of where the trainings are located and the courses available
- Supporting other programs around the state that provide refresher training
- Making sure people understand the effects of training and why training is important
- Talk about specific strategies of what the board would like to do
- Sending out a newsletter with information a few times a year so the public can be informed about program activities and motorcycle safety information

Jason Linn (member) suggested picking one or two goals and start there instead of having a lot of ideas because having too many can lead to not accomplishing much.

Tina Tyler (member) said public awareness of motorcycle safety should be the board's first priority followed up by educational programs.

Jason Linn (member) brought up the need for the board to develop a process on how to submit a recommendation to DOL.

### **8. Comments from the Board**

Tina Tyler (member) asked Jason Linn and Eric Ludlow if they felt like they (law enforcement officials) were receiving adequate training in regards to being the first responders at accident scenes pertaining to motorcyclists. Jason Linn (member) talked briefly about the training they receive to include first aid/CPR and tourniquet training and how troopers are to carry on their person a gauze and tourniquet kit to be able to readily offer first aid quicker to injured parties.

Jessica Dally (Chair) talked about the current testing form being used for motorcycle testing. She heard from an instructor that a issue on the western side of the state is customers that are only completing either the skills test or knowledge test but filling in the whole score sheet and trying to scam the DOL. It was suggested to possibly start using a different form.

Andrea Nygard (DOL) explained that DOL uses a triplicate form to report test results:

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white, green, and pink. The white form (top part of triplicate form) is the document that is maintained by the contractor. The pink form is to be provided to the rider when an individual passes the knowledge test only. The green form is to be provided to the rider when an individual passes the skills test only or both the skills and knowledge test at the same time. Since DOL has heard a number of people have tried to fraudulently alter a form, communication was sent out to all of the contractors explaining the need to ensure the correct forms are provided to the riders, and to cross out the portions of the form that are not filled out (i.e. skills test portion on pink form and knowledge test portion on green form), avoiding any attempts to fraudulently obtain a motorcycle endorsement.

Ron Fryer (member) asked if DOL has ever considered requiring new riders to take a beginning riding safety course. Andrea Nygard (DOL) responded that Oregon has implemented mandatory training a couple of years ago and we as a state are monitoring the effects that mandatory training is having on their fatality data. She also stated it was a suggestion that has come up in the past and it is a part of the Target Zero re-write.

No other comments from the board.

### **9. Recognize outgoing and announce incoming board members**

Andrea Nygard (DOL) recognized the outgoing board member, Jason Linn (WSP) and presented him with a certificate thanking him for his dedication and participation on the board. She also welcomed the incoming board member, Eric Ludlow (WSP) and presented him with an appointment letter on behalf of the agency welcoming him as the newest board member.

### **10. Adjourn (Time)**

7:45 p.m.

### **Next Meeting**

September 6, 2016 – Motorcycle Training, Inc.  
2125 Robertson Dr.  
Richland, WA 99354