

Wednesday, April 10, 2019
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Hilton, Norfolk, VA

Chapter President: George Stallings **Staff Liaison:** Bob Felt

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Summary

Call to order – at 10:05 a.m.

Determination of Quorum – a quorum was met with 26 members present plus 2 visitors and Bob Felt, Lori Diaz and Dana Jenkins of National ATSSA

Welcome – attendees were welcomed by Jordon Prins, VA Chapter Vice-Chair and self-intros were conducted

Consent agenda – approved

Treasurer report – Tom Kinsling provided the information

Speaker Presentations – (All presentations are on the VA Chapter Webpage)

a) **David Rush, VDOT** – gave a presentation on 2018 VA work zone crash statistics:

We had a 4.5% reduction in WZ crashes and injuries in 2018 and a 17% reduction in WZ fatalities.

Question – Can the chapter help get access to cell phone logs available to law enforcement?

Answer – If the chapter membership feels this should be done we will need to contact Ashlie for assistance.

b) **Harry Campbell, VDOT** – gave a presentation on Traffic Control Devices Specifications covering:

- Specs in In progress and potential changes
- Standards update, etc.
- Sign sheeting information
- Temporary Contrast Markings – Type D, Class III
- Sign Structure Supports

- Permanent Pavement Marking
 - May 20, VAA meeting w/ pavement markers
- c) **Jim Swisher, VDOT** – gave a presentation on the following task his office performs and shared information on:
- VDOT going with ASTM II sheeting for increased visibility,
 - wet reflective pavement markings in WZs,
 - high build type paint w/ 25 mil thick line to hold Type 3 glass beads instead of Type I beads,
 - alternate SPRM,
 - NTPEP lead state for sign sheeting program, along with AR, MN, and LA
 - Creating a guide to assist in determining what type of sheeting should be used for signs.
- Q.** – Will the guide cover curves? **A.** – Various observations angles and entrance angles will be listed.
- Q.** – What are the time limits for approving products? **A.** - For sign sheeting, typically three years. For Pavement Markings, it depends on the type of product
- Q.** - If we have a QPL, why do we need to present so many certifications? **A.** – Not all devices are listed on the QPL. Bret Galloway of VDOT Traffic Engineering is in the process of assembling a QPL for TCDs.
- d) **Karen King, FHWA** – gave an FHWA Update on Strategic Goals, covering:
- Safety
 - Infrastructure
 - Innovation
 - Accountability
- Q.** – Do states have to share research reports we perform? **A.** – Yes they should and VDOT often does.
- e) **Dana Jenkins, ATSSA** – shared information on the Fail Safe program and shared how ATSSA become involved based on survey results stating that worker assistance often comes up. Dana introduced Doug Taylor w/ Fail Safe, who spoke to the group on how the Fail Safe program changes behavior and habits, educates, reforms, and helps align former incarcerated individuals back into society through a 20 hr. classroom program, coaching/mentoring for up to a year, and completing the ATSSA Flagger Certification training program.
- Two companies have signed up so far. A recently completed pilot had nine individuals pass. Four are going to Richmond TC and four to Flagger Force TTC, Inc.
- Q.** – is this a VA Chapter effort or national ATSSA effort. **A.** – This is starting in VA now but will be going nationally next.

- f) **Bruce Martin, Jeff Legg, VDOT** – gave a presentation on significant changes in Revision 2 to the WAPM (see presentation for details)

ATSSA/Foundation Update: Bob and Lori – gave a brief ATSSA Update due to time constraints

- May 1-2 Fly-in to Washington, D.C.,
- Mid-year Aug 21-23 in San Diego,
- 2020 convention and Traffic Expo in New Orleans on Jan. 24-28
- Lori – thanked our chapter for our support and funding raising efforts the past year,
 - shared that nine scholarships were awarded,
 - she is our chapter liaison for the foundation,
 - ATSSA will waive the fee for DOT's who host the memorial wall at a work zone safety event

New Business - Jordan made a call for nominations for Vice-Chair as he will be replacing George after our next meeting. Nominations made be made electronically by sending them to **Bob Felt**.

Jordan announced that we have a VA Chapter Linked-In page.

Date/Location of Next Meeting – the next meeting will be held at ATSSA national HQ in Fredericksburg, VA on Oct. 2, 2019.

Meeting adjourned at 12:08 p.m. with a picture of the VA Chapter members dressed in Orange for *Go Orange Day*.

