

IFTA LEC/MANAGERS/IRP ANNUAL WORKSHOP
OPEN LEC MEETING 3:15 pm Sept 13, 2012

ATTENDING:

Committee:

Jennifer Brown – AZ - Chair

Andrew Markle – Ontario

Trent Knoles – Illinois

David Couprie – Manitoba (Scribe)

Rob Chapple - Saskatchewan

William Haynes – New Hampshire

Michael Branch - Nevada

Tony Hatcher – Maryland

Tim Hepner – Kansas

IFTA Inc

Debbie Meise

Board Liaison

Chuck Ulm - Maryland

Stuart Zion - Colorado

ABSENT:

Mike Calfee – North Carolina

Joe Noland – Ohio

Bill Bralley - Virginia

Meeting called to order at 3:15 PM

Jennifer Brown – Chair; David Couprie - scribe

AGENDA:

- Compliance Initiative
- Roadside Enforcement
- Best Practices Guide
- LEC Brochure
- Decal Placement Information

Compliance Initiative:

- Andrew Markle talked about the M&M presentation made in the conference, and a shortened version discussed. Numbers of participating jurisdictions were up this year over last.
- Discussion from floor about jurisdictions partaking or not. Suggestion made to have committee contact surrounding jurisdictions to encourage attendance. Trent Knowles pointed out we do that, but can step it up a bit. He advised his surrounding States have been very helpful.
- Suggestion that each LEC member should try to involve at least one more jurisdiction next year.
- Message to audience that if you are involved, spread the word to those you know, and if you are not involved, consider becoming so. Speak with your LEC contact in your own jurisdiction to encourage them.
- Jennifer Brown added that as a selling point, you (Law Enforcement) are doing what you already do, just a matter of keeping the stats.
- Floor asked about letting jurisdictions know about dollar recoveries as a result of M&M, but Jennifer advised that is near impossible due to the different fine and penalty structures of each jurisdiction.

- Trent Knowles advised that the purpose of the M&M is to insure compliance, and to create and maintain a level playing field for industry. Discussion from floor stated that the cooperation is good as enforcement by one State can often increase dollars for other member States.
- Guest from Industry indicated that they support this type of initiative.
- Pat (Kansas) asked if it would be possible for each base State to be advised of their carriers checked in the blitz. David Couprie stated that MB used to supply those stats to each member jurisdiction on a quarterly basis, but that at one of the earlier Workshops was advised that most did not do anything with the stats supplied. No reason why an inspection sheet could not be shared however.
- California advised they had recovered approximately \$300,000.00 as a result of the blitz.
- Crowd was in favour of continuing and expanding this blitz.
- Debbie (IFTA Inc) asked if the data on the IFTA website in relation to this was up to date, as they need completion due to jurisdictions asking results. Jennifer Brown stated that we need to set a firm date for entry of Stats for next year.
- Andrew Markle stated that we need some clarification or instructions sheet to go with this. This will be discussed at our next conference call.
- Response to this program was overall good.

Roadside Enforcement:

- Rob Chapple and David Couprie spoke about revocations and suspensions. Opened discussion to floor.
- Learned that there is not much consistency in revocations and suspensions between jurisdictions, and that it can be difficult for roadside to ascertain status, particularly after hours.
- Issues identified from the floor in relation to "Access to Info" etc that makes it difficult for some jurisdictions to share info. It is very difficult to get that at roadside, more to a lack of computer equipment and access to Clearing House while in a vehicle. Not a Clearing House issue as much as equipment issues and internet access issues on the road.
- Pat Klatt advised that they are working hard on getting all jurisdictions to update Clearing House Daily, and only a few are not.
- At this point, lots of conversations broke out in audience that could not be recorded. Brought back to order by Jennifer Brown.
- Mentioned by David Couprie that several jurisdictions do not have any enforcement of IFTA decal and cab card violations, and that offences do not exist in all jurisdictions. This needs to be encouraged by all when they return to their home jurisdictions.

Best Practices Guide:

- Discussed by committee generally. Decided that it is in pretty good shape, but does need a bit of "clean-up" in relation to dates and definitions. This will be addressed at the next conference call in October.
- Changes to guide will need Board approval
- IFTA Inc can put it on the web site

LEC Brochure:

- Discussed by Michael Branch and Trent Knowles. Unfortunately we were unable to bring it up on the computer at the meeting.

- Noted again that the brochure needs some updating and clean-up. For example the picture on the cover of the LEC committee of long past is no longer valid. Picture of committee should not be used as it changes often.
- Michael Branch will find a new photograph or emblem to replace the current front of the brochure.
- Available on the IFTA website.
- Updates to be discussed at future meetings/calls.

Decal Placement Information:

- Trent Knowles discussed this and acknowledged that it has been discussed previously in the workshop.
- Some jurisdictions included the info on the back of their decals while some supplied a decal placement guide as part of their information packages.
- Considered a positive step to try and get consistency in the placing of the decals.

Old Business Arising:

- Tony Hatcher advised he has sent out a new list of Jurisdictional contacts to all LEC members on Monday September 10th. Each member to reach out to their assigned jurisdictions and find the right contact to update the list. Motion by Tim second by Dave that we undertake to have this done by December 01, 2012. Passed.
- CVSA April Meeting Recap:
 - o Jennifer Brown attended with Debbie to Seattle and made a presentation on behalf of the LEC and M&M blitz.
 - o Well received and may increase our involvement in the future.
 - o Debbie advised that there was very good Q&A following the presentation with very positive feedback.
 - o Kansas advised that they teach IFTA/IRP enforcement at their local seminars. This presentation confirmed that they are on the right track with their training, and as well provided them with some new facts about M&M blitz and LEC activities.
 - o Ontario suggested a Web show or Road Show video to send to jurisdictions.

New Business:

- Planning Committee for 2013 Workshop discussed. Tony Hatcher and Michael Branch will assist Andrew in this.
- Discussed LEC shirts. Tony advised \$20/shirt with \$75 one time set up. No decision made. Tabled to next meeting.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 4:20 PM