**STAC National Safety Code Committee Notes**

Meeting: March 14, 2016; 3:00-3:30 p.m. (EDT)

Next call: Monday, April 4 – 3:00 p.m. EDT

DIAL IN INFO: Toll-free: 1-866-234-0247; Local (Toronto): 416-443-4589

Conference ID: 612392

Follow-up Activities:

* Volunteers needed to review NSC Standards 9, 10 & 11
  + Nick to assign initial work by Mar. 22

Related Attachments:

* STAC - National Safety Code (NSC) Regulations
  + sent prior to meeting

Attendees:

* Nick Kyonka (STAC)
* Dan Renaud (Telecon)
* Sam Fadlallah (Rogers)
* Clem Tang (TELUS)
* Jon D’Alessandro (WireIE)
* Denis Darveau (Videotron)
* Ryan Brown (WireIE)
* Mike Duchene (Tridon)
* Aimee Arsenault (Tridon)
* Tracey O’Krane (WSP)
* Brent Hrywkiw (WSP)
* Adam Gale (Vertical Specialties)
* Peter Rose (Eastlink)
* Dave Ramdeane (Bell)
* Nic Parker (WireIE)
* Walter Wannamaker (Vertical Specialties)

Meeting Notes:

1. NSC Project

* Identification of project objectives
  + Identified on previous call that we want to collect and distribute to STAC Members information about the National Safety Code (NSC) for commercial vehicle regulations
  + Specific objectives we want to achieve through this project include:
    - Identify which NSC regulations apply to telecom workers
    - Identify which relevant NSC regulations are applied evenly across the country, and where provincial differences exist
    - Identify thresholds and requirements relating to relevant NSC regulations in each province, as applicable; benchmark most robust requirements for each regulation
    - Identify universal application threshold document or best practices document that can be applied across all jurisdictions in Canada for each relevant NSC regulation
* Identification and prioritization of relevant NSC standards
  + Must identify which of these NSC codes are relevant to industry participants and prioritize collecting information about the ones that are the most frequently misunderstood
  + Tacit agreement that we should prioritize the following three standards:
    - NSC Standard 9: Hours of Service
      * Priority standard: drivers and project managers both have to worry about this one
      * In most provinces, you’re allowed 13 hours of driving, or 14 hours of driving and working
        + Can affect customers, particularly in remote areas that require several hours of driving to access
    - NSC Standard 10: Cargo Securement
      * Priority standard: many violations here (eg: ladders hooked onto back of trucks with tie wraps)
    - NSC Standard 11: Commercial Vehicle Maintenance and Inspection (PMVI) - Updated October 2014
      * Priority standard: contractors often checked into scales to ensure pre-trip and post-trip inspections have been completed
  + Tacit agreement that the following standards are of low priority:
    - NSC Standard 1: Single Driver License Concept
    - NSC Standard 2: Knowledge and Performance Tests (Drivers)
      * Just relates to standards for commercial driver tests
    - NSC Standard 3: Driver Examiner Training Program
    - NSC Standard 5: Self-Certification Standards and Procedures
      * Only large fleets typically do self-certification
  + Other standards that we will look at, but which haven’t been identified as a specific priority:
    - NSC Standard 4: Classified Driver Licensing System - May 1998
      * Some vehicles used are over 4,500 kg; boom trucks need different classification
    - NSC Standard 6: Medical Standards for Drivers - September 2013
    - NSC Standard 7: Carrier and Driver Profiles - November 2002
    - NSC Standard 8: Short-Term Suspension
    - NSC Standard 12: CVSA On-Road Inspections
    - NSC Standard 14: Safety Rating - August 2009
    - NSC Standard 15: Facility Audits - December 2003
      * Ministry of Transport comes into your office to examine books
    - NSC Standard 16: First Aid Training
* Request for volunteers
  + Sent out an initial call for volunteers but only minimal responses
  + Looking for volunteers to commit to doing a couple of hours of work over the next few weeks
    - Brent volunteers to help out with Standards 9 & 10
    - Others who want to volunteer can email Nick to do sign up
  + What we need volunteers to do for this project
    - Identify what information needs to be collected
      * Requires going through an NSC standard and identifying what info is pertinent to industry workers
        + Will also require us to identify which points differ from province to province
    - Start collecting the information
      * CCMTA has provided us with a list of provincial contacts: once we have identified what information is needed from a province, we can turn to these contacts to help us find the answers
        + Likely best to only have one person communicating with each CCMTA provincial coordinator

Tacit consensus

* + - * + May be available online as well in some cases
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  + Dan notes that some provinces also change their regulations and requirements periodically, such as when NS changed its GVW thresholds a few years ago
    - Nothing currently available that compiles information from all provinces: that’s what we want to provide to our members
      * Dan suggests we start with GVW thresholds and Hours of Service regulations in each province
    - General agreement that it would also be useful to have an in-depth document for working in each individual province, at some point going forward

1. Conference session update
   * Since last call, we heard back from CCMTA who said that they would not be able to arrange for someone to attend and speak at our conference
   * However, we have since confirmed a speaker: Rob Weafer from NADM Inc., a former MTO employee and a former CCMTA participant
     + Ministry of Transportation Ontario (MTO) also confirmed that they will likely send a speaker or two, though they have not yet confirmed who
2. Other business

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1. Scheduling of next call

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