ATSIP News

43rd Annual Traffic Records Forum a Huge Success!

thanks to Cory Hutchinson and Karla Houston

for pulling out all the stops with help from ...

... their amazing Louisiana Family to meet everyone's expectations - and expectations were high - not only the birthplace of the Forum (New Orleans), a robust program, totaling more than one hundred presentations, and with such unbelievable food, we expected great things and they delivered!

The 2017 Traffic Records Forum boasted record attendance rates - professionals from forty-four states were present. Additionally, over thirty-five attendees traveled from outside the continental U.S., including Hawaii, Alaska, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, the Mariana Islands, Canada, Iran and New Zealand.

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Service Awards

Distinguished Achievement Award

Sean McLaurin received the Distinguished Achievement Award. Mr. McLaurin recently retired after 37 years of federal service, including 27 at the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration where he most recently served as the Chief of the National Driver Register and Traffic Records divisions. He has worked tirelessly to improve traffic safety by maintaining a leadership role in the development, implementation and support of a national problem driver clearinghouse and a comprehensive suite of traffic records evaluation, technical assistance, and training programs.

Scott Falb Exceptional Service Award

Cory Hutchinson was the recipient of the Scott Falb Exceptional Service award that recognizes contributions not only in traffic records but also a continued commitment to ATSIP and its activities. Dr. Hutchinson is an active member of the ATSIP board, serving as this year’s Program Chair, and leads several traffic records activities in Louisiana as the Director of the Highway Safety Research Group at Louisiana State University.

ATSIP Outreach

Please watch your e-mail for another Outreach webinar, following extensive discussions at the Forum; that will focus on decision-makers as well as data integrators; how to get them more engaged in the process.
The ATSIP Board - Introduced at the ATSIP Annual Meeting (Center: Kathleen Haney - Incoming President); Row 1, L to R: Sladjana Oulad Daoud, Cory Hutchinson (1st Vice President), Patrick Dolan, Rhonda Stricklin, Kellee Craft, Joe McCarthy, Robert Rasmussen (Treasurer), and Shane Bates. Row 2: Chris Osborne (Incoming Program Chair), Juliet Little, Ralph Zimmer (Parliamentarian Member), Tim Kerns (Past President), Allen Parrish (Outgoing President), Eric Tang, and Robert Scopatz (Secretary)

43rd Annual Traffic Records Forum

Organizing the 100+ presentations for this year’s Forum, the Planning Group used a color-coded system to define the various tracks (11) for the six concurrent technical breakout sessions, conducted daily:

* Crash * Driver * Roadway
* Citation * TRCC * Federal Programs
* Integration * Data Quality * Data Analysis/Visualization
* Sponsor Showcase * Best practices

Presentations on topics included ignition interlocks, data integration, the automation of citation and adjudication, drugged driving, developing data quality metrics, and roadway data collection. This year, attendees also had the opportunity to participate in hands-on demonstrations of data visualization tools such as Tableau.

Not to be overlooked, the two remaining traffic records six-pack components (Vehicle and Injury Control), were represented as well, with sessions, i.e., motor carrier management information system, and vehicle insurance verification system, plus a number of health/injury control sessions, i.e., standardizing serious injury data, motor vehicle injury data linkage challenges, and crashes involving EMS vehicles.

Sampling of Slides Presented in New Orleans

A small selection of slides is presented in the ATSIP News to provide a sampling of the variety of topics presented at the Forum.

Data driven safety analysis (DDSA)
Opening Night Reception in the Big Easy

Attendees were treated to Louisiana’s world famous culture, eating Cajun and Creole dishes and hearing the sound of Dixieland jazz at the Sunday night Reception. Conference-goers even got a little taste of Mardi Gras at the closing session!

Dr. Jazz

Dr. Jazz and the New Orleans Sounds received many compliments as they set the stage for an enjoyable meet-n-greet to kick off the 43rd Annual Forum!

Enjoying the Opening Reception were part of the NHTSA Team, which included Program Analysts Luke Johnson and Sarah Weissman Pascual, and Traffic Records Intern, Christian Piñeiro.

A Big Thank You!

The Planning Committee would like to extend special thanks to the attendees, presenters, sponsors, exhibitors, and many volunteers each of whom made this conference a great success. We look forward to seeing you in Milwaukee in 2018!
Also, enjoying the Opening Reception were Juliet Little (Board Member & Connecticut DOT), Sgt. Andrew Gallagher (Stamford, CT PD), and Stacey Manware (CT Judicial Branch).

Rudynah Capone (Safety Initiatives Manager), Louisiana Center for Transportation Safety at LTRC/LSU), gets a quick lesson on interlock devices from Susan Harrod (Smart Start Eastern Regional Sales Director).

Getting More Involved in ATSIP

First-time-attendees accounted for nearly half of all those attending this year’s Forum in New Orleans. Having met many of the leaders of ATSIP as well as other attendees at the Sunday night reception, the Annual ATSIP meeting during the Forum, or in-between sessions throughout the conference, these individuals now have greater opportunities to expand their participation in ATSIP’s work as well as advance their own career opportunities. Many will no doubt take back ideas they learned at the Forum and help to promote these concepts in their own cities or states. Some will return to next year’s Forum in Milwaukee, as presenters, advancing ideas they have perfected.

With more than one hundred presentations delivered at this year’s Forum, another option exists for people wanting to become more engaged in ATSIP. Volunteering/embracing the role of session moderator. Here is one person’s experience at moderating a session this year.

More than just introducing the speakers, taking questions, and distributing evaluation forms, serving as a session moderator can be rewarding as well as helping to enrich the time spent by Forum attendees during the session. Upon learning of the session you are assigned, you should introduce yourself to the session speakers ahead of time, and become better acquainted with their message, and how they relate to the Forum itself, and the focus of saving lives through improved data driven decision making.

Intending to participate in many sessions this year relating to data integration of traffic records system components, the moderator attended a session prior to the planned session to be moderated, and was surprised that the integration topic in question was an evaluation, focusing on the topic - ignition interlocks.

Arriving 5-10 minutes before the session to be moderated - ignition interlocks, the moderator briefly discussed the previous session related to the topic at hand. The moderator also discussed and conducted a brief straw poll of those already assembled as to their preference for competing options for this year’s Forum Program - the traditional printed program or the digital application, which operates on a smart phone, using the download application - Guidebook.

While no evaluation was conducted of this impromptu discussion by the session moderator as attendees were arriving for the session, it is believed that time spent by Forum attendees as well as the value of the session itself was enriched, by the pre-session interchange.

If you are thinking about serving as a moderator in a future conference, think about putting a little more into it; you will not only help yourself, but you will help improve the Forum experience for others.
Getting to ATSIP on Facebook is obtainable by visiting the ATSIP.org website and clicking on the Facebook logo. Another way is to copy the following URL: https://www.facebook.com/ATSIP-Traffic-Records-Forum-1414967215413707/

This untapped resource present many options to record posts, scan photos, learn about a topic, write something, invite friends to like, etc. View the ATSIP Flickr account if you would like to see other photos from the 2017 as well as past Forums: https://www.flickr.com/photos/118189157@N08/albums

Data Governance is Important

- DOT – Information Organization
- Expanding data sources
- Increasing access and use expectations
- Business intelligence and analytics – big data
- Institutionalize to fit the agency
- Need vision and leadership

Anticipating Future Trends

New questions concerning automated vehicle systems

- After significant debate, the expert panel opted to include an automated vehicle systems element – ‘’Neural Vehicle Systems’’ Automation’’ that captures:
  - Automation System(s) In Vehicle
  - Automation System Level(s) In Vehicle
  - Automation System Level(s) Engaged at Time of Crash
- Element resides in new Dynamic Data Element Section, reviewed annually at the International Traffic Records Forum.
- Training and additional information will be coordinated between the new IMTACC website and Federal automation partners.

DUI/DRE/Toxicology Data

- Washington is in the process of implementing an electronic DUI packet integrating DUI stops, DRE assessments, and Toxicology submissions/outcomes
  - TRF 2018?

As previously mentioned, presentations from this year’s Forum are available by copying the following URL - http://www.trafficrecordsforum.org/program/program.html