

Gayle Cummings

From: Denise Donohue <ddonohue@micountyroads.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 27, 2017 12:16 PM
To: Gayle Cummings; Gayle Cummings
Cc: Ed Noyola
Subject: Item forwarded for consideration by MCRCSIP Legislative Liability Review Committee FW: RE: TCOs

Hi, Gayle – We have another situation where the Michigan State Police is suspending – maybe only temporarily – performance of a service they have been doing for the county road agencies (and others) for years: The TCO (traffic control order) process. I am also bringing a paper copy of this email chain to you.

We think this issue could have some liability concerns for county road agencies, and are wondering if MCRCSIP would like to explore the topic more fully at an upcoming MCRCSIP Legislative Liability Review Committee meeting? Ed will also be speaking with MSP's lobbyist and reviewing the law – and should remain the lead in discussions with Michigan State Police. Perhaps we will learn that MSP intends to bring back its TCO investigation work once they identify a new staff person to do it, and then the point will be moot. However, this could also be part of a trend of MSP trying to shed work that they believe road agencies could be doing (e.g., 3rd party medical waiver reviews) and we will need to consider our concerns and options.

CRA will also discuss this at our next board meeting, briefly, to get input on whether this is a concern across a more broad swath of county road agencies than Barry, at Brad's suggestion.

We welcome your committee's input on this issue. Please note: This issue may require, as Brad suggests, training or a new manual to keep county road agencies on the same page. CRA will be the lead on this issue should it develop, although again we welcome MCRCSIP input; as with DAS it is imperative that all 83 counties get the same information.

Thanks. - Denise

From: BRAD LAMBERG [mailto:bl@barrycrc.org]
Sent: Wednesday, September 27, 2017 9:26 AM
To: Denise Donohue <ddonohue@micountyroads.org>; Ed Noyola <enoyola@micountyroads.org>; Warren, Steve <swarren@kentcountyyroads.net>
Cc: Brad Lamberg <bl@barrycrc.org>
Subject: Fwd: RE: TCOs

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From: "BRAD LAMBERG" <bl@barrycrc.org>
Date: Sep 27, 2017 9:25 AM
Subject: RE: TCOs
To: "Campbell, James (MSP)" <CampbellJ18@michigan.gov>
Cc:

Jim,

I have always appreciated the expertise and backup you have provided. Its been really nice to have a non local person with all the statistics/reasoning in their head to talk with residents that just don't quite get it. I realize that those circumstances are few and far between, but I'd at least like to retain the ability to call on the MSP for assistance. The usual/ normal routine tcos would be fine alone.

Bigger than this though, is the likelihood of the loss of consistency. Not to mention the team approach brings credibility and transparency to the public. Cities and villages definitely don't have consistency and often not the personnel to do these.

I know that rd commissions and the county road association have the expertise and strong desire for consistency and that individual rd commissions could definitely handle it. But a new up to date manual on speed limits/no parking, etc filled with all the nuances along with statewide training would be a must for uniformity.

As you can tell, not sure I have made up my mind yet but there it is, thanks for asking. Perhaps a meeting with others included could shed some additional light.

Brad

PS. As a current board member of the county road association I'll be forwarding this on to our director Denise Donohue. We would love to collaborate if possible. And thanks for heads up reaching out already.

On Sep 27, 2017 8:26 AM, "Campbell, James (MSP)" <CampbellJ18@michigan.gov> wrote:

Brad

Thanks. Our new boss is leaning towards having the road commission do all the work and we (MSP) just verify the process was followed. We will not take a complaint number or do the investigation. That will be left to you and you will need to support the results.

Thoughts?

From: BRAD LAMBERG [mailto:bl@barrycrc.org]
Sent: Monday, September 25, 2017 10:59 AM
To: Campbell, James (MSP) <CampbellJ18@michigan.gov>
Subject: Re: TCOs

Thanks for the heads up Jim. I'd be happy to help if a road commission position is needed.

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Managing Director

On Sep 25, 2017 10:25 AM, "Campbell, James (MSP)" <CampbellJ18@michigan.gov> wrote:

Due to recent changes at MSP I will not be able to issue any TCO request until further notice. We are currently re-evaluating our MSP TCO process and until a decision is made on how and who will process these request all current and pending request have been placed on hold.

Thank you for your patience in this matter.

Spl/Sgt. James P Campbell

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