**Post-Accident Report (PAR) Advisory Committee**

**Task Statement 16 – 1**

**I. Task Title**

Recommendations and best practices to the Agency on data elements of post-accident reports collected by the States and reported to the US Department of Transportation (DOT) for accidents involving commercial motor vehicles (CMV).

**II. Background**

Section 5306 of the Fixing America’s Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act) requires the Agency to convene a workgroup to review the data elements of post-accident reports for tow-away accidents involving CMVs that are reported to DOT. Such a review of CMV crashes has not been performed in more than 25 years.

With at least 51 percent of its members representing States or State law enforcement officials, the workgroup must review existing State accident reports to better understand what information is collected by State and local law enforcement in relation to motor vehicle crashes and CMVs. FMCSA will ask the group to identify other data that police should collect for CMV-related crashes and what information that States collect currently that the Agency could use to enhance enforcement. The remainder of the membership must represent industry, labor, safety advocates, and other interested parties.

**III. Task**

The Agency directs the PAR to provide its review and recommendations on post-accident reporting requirements and to provide any relevant data or analysis relating to the following three areas:

1. Review current accident data requirements to the States;
2. Review existing State police accident report forms, including
	1. primary cause of the accident;
	2. vehicle configuration;
	3. gross vehicle weight, if the weight can be determined;
	4. number of axles and distance between axles, if that distance can be determined; and
3. Review other crash data standards, such as the Minimum Model Uniform Crash Criteria (MMUCC).

With this task, FMCSA seeks to open a dialogue with stakeholders on how to best adopt practices that improve the safety culture. To fulfill the terms of the FAST Act, the Agency directs the establishment of an advisory committee to consider these matters.

Originally formed as a subcommittee of the Agency’s Motor Carrier Safety Advisory Committee (MCSAC), the committee convened telephonically on March 30 and met in person at the CVSA Spring Workshop in Chicago, IL, on April 26 from 3:30 – 6PM. The committee will meet in Washington, DC, on December 6 and 7, where it will finalize its recommendations and submit them to the FMCSA Administrator. The Administrator will submit the findings to the Secretary, in accordance with the section 5306 requirements.

In making its recommendations, we request that the PAR consider any applicable experience that the members have garnered from their particular experience as stakeholders. In preparing its letter report to the Agency, the Committee should, wherever possible, indicate whether the ideas identified are supported by research and data analyses, including cost/benefit considerations. As the PAR meetings are open to the general public, the Committee should consider any information identified by individuals making remarks from the public to the maximum extent possible.

**IV. Estimated Time to Complete Task**

Following its convening on March 30, the PAR should begin work on Task

16 – 1 at its April 26 meeting and provide its recommendations to the FMCSA Administrator following its December 2016 meeting.

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