The NDR Working Group

This “Cooperation” Stuff
Apparently Works!

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NDRWG Genesis

• Approximately 2009 Mimi Khan, CA and I have an informal conversation about problems CA is having with:
  – aging pointers
  – non-driving pointers posted to PDPS
  – multiple ‘probable identifications’ returned to CA from an inquiry transaction

• For NDR non-highway safety related pointers were a growing concern

• Several of my predecessors had problems of the same nature
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• NDR process for non-highway safety related pointers is labor intensive
  – Phone jurisdiction after contact from customer
  – request driver history,
  – contact state to verify
  – if non-ACD code (Appendix A), request jurisdiction to remove the pointer

• Broken pointers
  – There are jurisdictions that have never refreshed their pointers to the NDR
  • This results in databases getting out of sync
  – Some jurisdictions do clean-files on a regular basis
  – Inspector general took umbrage the informal way of handling these with the jurisdictions
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• 2010 Kevin and I start to entertain the idea of an NDR-Working group
  – Batted around what cross section of jurisdictions would be represented.
  – What would be required of feds and states
  – Told him to submit a unsolicited proposal
• The actual inner workings of the group presented by our Chair.
NDR SOPs

• Changes to the NDR Standard Operating Procedures:
  – NDR will maintain a main Point-of-Contact for the jurisdictions for problem solving purposes
  – Develop an outreach piece for the jurisdictions to give to new personnel ("This is the NDR/PDPS!")
  – In cooperation with the Jurisdictions, create a 3 year rotation schedule for Clean Files
  – Jurisdictions are (STILL) required to post all highway safety related pointers to PDPS within 31 days of receiving the adverse action.
  – NDR will modify PDPS to add ACD codes to our database structure.
The NDR will:

- Construct edits to return all non-highway safety related pointers to the jurisdictions.
- Revise the “broken pointer” procedures as well as procedures for removing non-compliant pointers:
  - Jurisdiction 5 days
  - Remove manually after issuing a letter of notification
- Develop monthly compliance reports:
  - Broken pointers
  - Non-compliant pointers removed by NDR
  - Transactions totals per jurisdiction: hits/errors/etc
  - Others???
Rules and Regs

– The regulatory process
  • NHTSA Office of the Chief Counsel and I will sit to discuss the NDRWG report
  • Discuss the new ACD codes in Appendix A
  • Review the existing text of the regulation
  • Analysis to determine if it is a significant change
The regulatory process (continued)

- Proposed rule will be posted Federal Register for 60 days
- Review comments
- Respond to comments after “grouping”
  - If we agree with technical changes we will notify via Fed Register
- Final rule published
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• Applause!
• Questions?