



# NEWSLETTER Fall 2018

[www.tf13.org](http://www.tf13.org)

Next Meeting: The upcoming Fall TF13 meeting will be held in Denver CO September 20-21. The meeting location and hotel information was sent on August 3<sup>rd</sup>.

LOCATION:  
Hyatt House Denver/  
Lakewood at Belmar  
(a Hyatt Hotels  
Property)  
7310 West Alaska  
Drive, Lakewood, CO  
80226, USA

Telephone 303-922-  
2511, if calling use  
"Task Force 13  
Group Rate"

Internet Group Code:  
"G-Task"

Group rate expires  
8/24/18 or when sold  
out.

\$145/night plus  
10.5% Tax

## 1. New TF 13 Organizational Structure

The TF13 organizational structure will be changed from an informal DBA (Doing Business As) to a formal 501(c) Non-Profit. This change has constituted the need for a President, Secretary & Treasurer. Voted into these positions were John Durkos as President & Treasurer, Greg Neece as Secretary. The current subcommittee chairpersons will act as the Board of Directors. TF13 will be developing recommended policies and practices as specified for nonprofit governance by the IRS, especially in regard to: Mission; Organizational Documents; Governing Body; Governance and Management Policies; Financial Statements and IRS Form 990 (Reporting Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax); and Transparency and Accountability.

## 2. New Location of Guides

TF13 website has moved due to the changing status of our affiliation with AASHTO. The new home is [www.tf13.org](http://www.tf13.org). The Guides are located at <http://www.tf13.org/Guides/>

## 3. AASHTO Memo of Understanding

With the onset of MASH hardware, standardization of highway elements is even more important and users of TF13's Guides must maintain access to the most current information. This will be key as States update their design standards to MASH. A new affiliation agreement is in the works with AASHTO's MOU (Memo Of Understanding). The MOU reiterates the importance of TF13 and our continued relevance to AASTHO and to the industry as a whole. The MOU is currently in "draft" format awaiting final revision and the signature of Bud Wright, Executive Director, AASHTO. Below is the email that was sent to John Durkos from AASHTO:

*"See attached, which is an early draft that has not yet been reviewed/approved by our Executive Director, Bud Wright, so we might still have changes to offer from our side, but this should give your group a good starting point for discussions. The intent of the MOU is to formalize the relationship without providing so much detail that it restricts what can be accomplished. Typically, they are a page or a page-and-a-half long (as this one is)."*



## 4. Revised Mission, Goals, and Objectives

Mission, Goals & Objective of TF13 – will need be reviewed and aligned with our new governance as a 501 (c) status. The Mission, Goals and Objectives of TF13 remains unchanged in principle. Below is the current rendition:

*“The mission of Task Force 13 is to develop, recommend, and promote standards for bridge and road hardware to ensure optimum function, aesthetics, and economy.*

*Currently Task Force 13 is working toward completing ten near term goals. The effort to accomplish these goals is delegated to ten active subcommittees which have developed mission statements. These subcommittees are typically chaired and attended by representatives whose particular talents and experience are well suited toward accomplishing the particular goals of the subcommittee.*

*Longer-term objectives for Task Force 13 center on publication of standards in electronic format, available at this site, and on maintaining them as construction practices and materials make future advances. Task Force 13 continues to promote the use of standards to increase the safety, reliability and effectiveness of bridge and road hardware on our national roadways.”*

Note that three of the Subcommittees (Drainage Products, Rail Crossing, and Computational Mechanics) are currently in an inactive status and their future remains to be seen. One of the first tasks of the new Board will be to draft the new governance positions statements in line with our historical duties.

## 5. Hardware Guide Updates

Updates to the Hardware Guides will continue to be as they have been in the recent past. Karla Lechtenberg will be sending out drawings to the Tech-Reps to distribute once the web-review process is updated. Expect new drawings to review in the near future!.

## 6. Listing of Approved Labs.

In May of 2017, FHWA removed the listing of Laboratories Accredited to Crash Test Roadside Safety Hardware from its website. TF13 has Subcommittee 7 – Test Facilities whose mission is “ultimately to improve the consistency and quality of crash test methods and measurement results between test laboratories”. TF13 will maintain a list of MASH Test Laboratories as they become known and publish them on our site. Here is the current listing\*:

TESTING FACILITIES	COUNTRY	WEBSITE
Horiba-MIRA,LTD	England	<a href="http://www.mira.co.uk/our-services">http://www.mira.co.uk/our-services</a>
TRL (Transport Research Lab)	England	<a href="http://www.trl.co.uk">http://www.trl.co.uk</a>
TRANSPOLIS SYS	France	<a href="http://transpolis.fr/en/">http://transpolis.fr/en/</a>
Associazione Italiana per la Sicurezza della Circolazione AISICO Sri	Italy	<a href="http://www.aisico.it">http://www.aisico.it</a>
CSI Spa	Italy	<a href="http://csi-spa.com">http://csi-spa.com</a>
Korea Expressway Corporation Research Institute	Korea	<a href="http://www.ex.co.kr/research">http://www.ex.co.kr/research</a>
Holmes Solutions	New Zealand	<a href="https://holmessolutions.com/">https://holmessolutions.com/</a>
CIDAUT	Spain	<a href="http://www.cidaut.es/en/">http://www.cidaut.es/en/</a>
VTI	Sweden	<a href="http://www.vti.se/en">http://www.vti.se/en</a>
Calspan Corp	USA	<a href="http://www.calspan.com">http://www.calspan.com</a>
E-Tech Testing Services	USA	<a href="http://www.etechtesting.com/">http://www.etechtesting.com/</a>
FOIL (Federal Outdoor Impact Lab)	USA	<a href="https://highways.dot.gov/laboratories/federal-outdoor-impact-laboratory/federal-outdoor-impact-laboratory-overview">https://highways.dot.gov/laboratories/federal-outdoor-impact-laboratory/federal-outdoor-impact-laboratory-overview</a>
KARCO Engineering, INC	USA	<a href="http://www.karco.com/">http://www.karco.com/</a>
Midwest Roadside Safety Facility	USA	<a href="https://mwrsf.unl.edu/">https://mwrsf.unl.edu/</a>
Road Side Safety Research Group, Caltrans	USA	<a href="http://www.dot.ca.gov/research/operations/roadsidesafety/index.htm">http://www.dot.ca.gov/research/operations/roadsidesafety/index.htm</a>
Safe Technologies, Inc.	USA	<a href="mailto:joseph.nagy@safetechnologiesinc.com">joseph.nagy@safetechnologiesinc.com</a>
SwRI (Southwest Research Institute)	USA	<a href="https://www.swri.org/">https://www.swri.org/</a>
The Thomas D. Larson Pennsylvania Transportation Institute	USA	<a href="http://pit.psu.edu">http://pit.psu.edu</a>
Transportation Research Center, Inc.	USA	<a href="http://www.trcpg.com/">http://www.trcpg.com/</a>
TTI (Texas Transportation Institute)	USA	<a href="https://tti.tamu.edu/">https://tti.tamu.edu/</a>

\* Some agencies may not have the capability to conduct all MASH testing. Verify that the testing laboratory is accredited to ISO 17025 if the test reports are to be submitted to FHWA for eligibility purposes. Not every laboratory is available to conduct work outside of State / Federal funded projects. The list will be updated as more labs that can conduct MASH testing become known. List is current as of 8-13-18.