



Email Correspondence with Oklahoma State Department of Education

Tishomingo, OK

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From: Michelle Strain [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 8, 2023 3:50 PM
To: Leystra Ackerman Tara [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: NTSB Connection re: Crash in Tishomingo, OK

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To my knowledge, this training does not exist. Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services may have more information on this specifically.

Thank you for your understanding. Again, I wish I could be of more help.

Michelle Strain - LPC, MCMHC, MHR

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From: Leystra Ackerman Tara [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 8, 2023 2:45 PM
To: Michelle Strain [REDACTED]
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: NTSB Connection re: Crash in Tishomingo, OK

I totally understand – is there a staff person who works on substance use prevention specifically? For some clarification – we are thinking about making a recommendation to include cannabis impairment/cannabis impaired driving in the curriculum that is outlined in the [Oklahoma Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention and Life Skills Education Act](#). We don't want to make a recommendation for something that is already happening. Alternatively, if there is no current curriculum, we wouldn't want to make a recommendation to something that doesn't exist. Any clarification you have would be helpful.

I'll reach out to the Comms Department for our other questions.

~Tara

From: Michelle Strain [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 8, 2023 3:35 PM
To: Leystra Ackerman Tara [REDACTED]
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Tara,

My supervisor took this over. She has since found another job and is no longer working at the agency.

I suggest you contact our communications department. I'm sorry I can't be more helpful.

Thanks,

Michelle Strain - LPC, MCMHC, MHR

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From: Leystra Ackerman Tara [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 8, 2023 10:45 AM
To: Michelle Strain [REDACTED]; Kang Julie [REDACTED]; Marshall Rafael [REDACTED]; Blaire Harrison [REDACTED]
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: NTSB Connection re: Crash in Tishomingo, OK

Hi Michelle,

I just wanted to circle back with you on this again. Do you have some time later this week or early next week to meet? We are still struggling to understand what kind of curriculum is provided to Oklahoma schools on substance use – specifically cannabis use – and who helps develop this. As I shared in the links below, we’ve been looking at this issue from the perspective that these laws are the basis for how curriculum is developed, and we need to make sure we understand the current process, so we aren’t making recommendations that are irrelevant.

Additionally, if you have any curriculum you could share with us, that would be great.

Thank you,

Tara Leystra
National Transportation Safety Board

From: Michelle Strain [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 2, 2023 5:03 PM
To: Leystra Ackerman Tara [REDACTED]; Kang Julie [REDACTED]; Marshall Rafael [REDACTED]; Blaire Harrison [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: NTSB Connection re: Crash in Tishomingo, OK

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Tara,

Thanks for making the connection. I am unfamiliar with this board, but it looks like my office should have a representation on the board. I am investigating this for you now. I will keep you posted.

I also added my colleague Blaire Harrison, Director of Prevention, to this thread.

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From: Leystra Ackerman Tara [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 2, 2023 4:00 PM
To: Michelle Strain [REDACTED]; Kang Julie [REDACTED]; Marshall Rafael [REDACTED]
Subject: [EXTERNAL] NTSB Connection re: Crash in Tishomingo, OK

Hello Michelle,

Thank you so much for giving me a call. I'm connecting you with my colleagues Julie and Rafael, who can let you know more specifically what they are trying to learn.

As I mentioned on the phone, they are trying to understand substance use prevention curriculum in

Oklahoma. Here is the enacting legislation I mentioned: [Oklahoma Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention and Life Skills Education Act](#) and the corresponding [Drug and Alcohol Abuse Policy Board](#).

Julie and Rafael, Michelle has offered to look into this to see what she can find out, and will also try answer your other questions. Please feel free to reach out to her directly.

Thank you!

Tara Leystra Ackerman
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National Transportation Safety Board



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