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SARATOGA COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY BOARD MEETING

January 14, 2013 – 1:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Chairman Joseph Waldron, Mechanicville PD; E. M. Rooney, Sheriff's Office; Patrick Campion, D.A.'s Office; Tim Williams, Waterford PD; Tom Goodwin, Stillwater PD; Todd Ives, Ballston Spa PD; Tom Paton, NYSP-Saratoga; Thomas Parks, Charlton Police; Andrew Prestigiacomio, Saratoga Springs PD; Robert Murphy, STOP-DWI Coordinator; Cynthia Dort, Cornell Coop. Ext.; Heather Kisselback, Prevention Council; Stephen Williams, Daily Gazette

Chairman Waldron called the meeting to order.

Mr. Rooney moved to appoint Joseph Waldron as Chairman of the Saratoga County Traffic Safety Board for 2013. The motion was seconded by Mr. Parks, and approved with all in favor.

Mr. Waldron moved to appoint E. M. Rooney as Vice-Chairman of the Saratoga County Traffic Safety Board for 2013. The motion was seconded by Mr. Williams, and approved with all in favor.

Chairman Waldron announced that the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over campaign will be held February 1st – 4th.

Mr. Murphy stated he will be seeking approval for the STOP-DWI budget at February's Public Safety Committee meeting.

Chairman Waldron stated on Wednesday, January 23rd, the Stratton VA Hospital of Albany and area veteran support groups will host a free one-day “

Building Bridges for Veterans Traffic Safety Workshop” at the New York State Police Academy in Albany. This workshop will explore traffic safety concerns, issues, and prevention strategies involving returning veterans with local professionals and community leaders.

Chairman Waldron stated the Empire State Law Enforcement Traffic Safety Conference (ESLETS) will be held on April 18th and 19th at the Radisson Hotel in Rochester.

Chairman Waldron thanked everyone who participated in the Law Enforcement Breakfast in Mechanicville. He said over 50 people participated. He mentioned a lot of new things are learned at these breakfasts.

Mr. Campion said they have been very busy. There have been so many serious DWI related crashes. He stated this year, they would like to have their annual DWI training earlier in the Spring.

Mr. Prestigiaco said during the mid-December crackdown, they did an in-house checkpoint, and they noticed a lot of designated drivers. He said there were some DWIs during their roving patrols.

Mr. Ives stated they were very busy during the crackdown with 5 – 6 DWI arrests.

Mrs. Dort stated the Crisis Intervention Team is in full swing. The pamphlets and post cards will be printed and distributed shortly about that team. She said Saratoga County has the opportunity to send five students from every high school to Choices 301. She said she does not have a lot of contacts with these schools. This will be happening on March 5th from 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. After the students go through the program, they will go back to their school to educate their peers and help put programs in place in their schools. Hopefully, we can find what we are missing in our programs and how we can get the message out with regard to preventing bad decisions and making sure parents are aware. Only two schools are participating so far from the County.

Mrs. Dort said the State Police invited her to join them last week at CBS on Phase 3 of the No Text Zone Campaign. They want to piggy back with us and go to the schools that we are going to.

Mrs. Kisselback said they have booked Safe Spring for Tuesday, March 12th. We invite every school to this event that is held at Skidmore, and we discuss drugs, alcohol and smoking. She said they have a great guest speaker this year.

Mrs. Kisselback said she has money for Saratoga Springs for compliance checks. She stated they put in for Waterford and Mechanicville for the lottery compliance checks. She said the one compliance check in Saratoga Springs failed in every single place. She stated clearly, this is an issue and is being done State-wide.

Mr. Williams reported they had a couple of DWI's last month.

Mr. Murphy stated for the Super Bowl DWI crackdown, February 1st – 4th, he has a total of \$5,000 to be distributed as follows: Sheriff's Dept. - \$1,250; Saratoga Springs PD - \$1,250; Mechanicville PD - \$750; Ballston Spa PD - \$650; Stillwater PD - \$650; and Waterford PD - \$650.

**** NEXT MEETING – MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH AT 1:00 P.M. ****

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine M. Sodemann