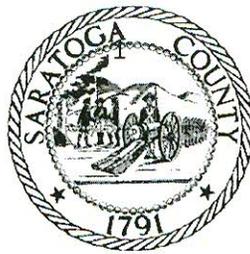


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SARATOGA COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY BOARD MEETING

April 21, 2014 – 1:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Chairman Andrew Prestigiacomio; Saratoga Springs PD; Bob Murphy, STOP-DWI Coordinator; Richard Washburn, Sheriff's Office; Leonard Fornsby, Frank McGarity, NYSP; Cynthia Dort, Cornell Ext. of Saratoga; Katie DeMartino, D.A.'s Office; Thomas Parks, Charlton Police; Todd Ives, Ballston Spa PD; Todd Moulthrop, South Glens Falls PD; Joseph Waldron, Mechanicville PD; Janine Stuchin, Prevention Council; Mickey Mahoney, Probation; Tim Williams, Waterford PD

Chairman Prestigiacomio called the meeting to order.

Mr. Murphy distributed copies of a list of Saratoga County Prom and Graduation Events, and next month agencies will receive allocations for the crackdowns.

Mr. Murphy stated the STOP-DWI budget was supposed to be approved in March, but we had to wait until April. It was accepted by the Public Safety Committee, and a resolution was adopted at the Board of Supervisors' at their April 15th meeting. He said he is waiting for the State's approval.

Mr. Murphy stated the Memorial Day DWI crackdown will be held May 22 – 27, 2014.

Chairman Prestigiacomio said he attended the Empire State Law Enforcement Traffic Safety conference (ESLETS) that was held on April 8th and 9th at the Albany Marriot Hotel on Wolf Road. It was a very informative conference. If you ever have a chance in the future to attend this, it is a fantastic two day conference.

Chairman Prestigiacomio said Saratoga Springs PD was involved in a few traffic enforcement initiatives. They participated in Operation Safe Stop. They issued 14 UTT's

for various violations in and around school zones, 2-VTL 1174. They participated in Aggressive/Distracted Driving mobilization on April 10 – 15 (85 UTT's). Their St. Patrick's crackdown on March 14 – 18 yielded three DWI arrests during the period, a pursuit which yielded 19 charges including heroin possession, marijuana, assault 2nd, and various traffic infractions and several warrants.

Chairman Prestigiacomio said due to an unforeseen delay in the implementation of the New York State Grants Gateway, 2015 GTSC grant applications will be made through the existing eGrants system. GTSC apologizes for any inconvenience this may cause you. If you have any questions, please contact your GTSC program representative, or email your question to safeny@dmv.ny.gov. Deadline for grant applications is May 15th.

Chairman Prestigiacomio stated those agencies that participated in the Operation Safe Stop enforcement effort have been asked to complete an activity report located on the GTSC website at www.Safeny.ny.gov. All OSS activity reports should be emailed to paul.overbaugh@dmv.ny.gov. Today is the deadline for this activity report.

Chairman Prestigiacomio said the State Police, Sheriff's Dept. and the Saratoga Springs PD are partnering with Gold Wing Rider Association to host a motorcycle safety awareness event on Sunday, May 4th at the State Park. A lot of information will be handed out at this event.

Ms. DeMartino stated their annual DWI training will be held on October 23rd. This will included one to two hours of training for 9-1-1 dispatchers and first responders. If anyone has any input, please reach out to Mr. Campion, Mr. Coseo or her. She said they do not know where this training will be held as yet.

Mr. Moulthrop introduced himself stating he is a Sergeant with the South Glens Falls PD.

Mr. Ives stated in the past month, they had four DWI's; one at 2:30 in the afternoon. They participated in Distracted Driving, and 36 tickets were issued.

Mr. Williams said they have one aggravated DWI during the St. Patrick's crackdown and several DWI's last month.

Mr. Waldron said they participated in Operation Safe Stop, and everything went smoothly. They were focused on Central Avenue in Mechanicville. They participated in Distracted Driving, and 54 tickets were issued. There was a lot of cell phone usage which is 5 points on a person's license.

Mr. Parks said they have been doing routine patrols.

Mr. Washburn stated last month, they had 28 DWI's, 11 aggravated DWI's and one Leandra's Law.

Ms. Stuchin announced that on Saturday, April 26th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., there will be drug drop offs at Ballston Spa Police Department, Clifton Park Public Safety Building, CVS parking lot in Mechanicville, and the Saratoga Springs Police Department. She distributed a flier regarding this event. Mr. Washburn stated they will also be doing this at the Moreau EMS, Clifton Park EMS and the Malta EMS at the same time. Ms. Stuchin reported that in October, they collected 300 lbs. across the County.

Ms. Stuchin stated in March, their Safe Springs event was cancelled for the first time in 33 years. It will be held this week in five schools with a few select kids – April 30th in Mechanicville and Waterford-Halfmoon and May 1st at Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake and Saratoga Springs, and May 2nd at Shen. Feel free to stop by to your local schools during these Safe Spring events.

Ms. Stuchin said they will be posting a billboard on prescription drug abuse at ten sites in the County on Route 4 and Route 50.

Ms. Stuchin stated they will be having their 3rd Annual Obstacle Course Challenge, Tuff eNuff, on Saturday June 7th, to benefit the Prevention Council. Chairman Prestigiacomio asked if they would be needing any assistance from the SSPD. Ms. Stuchin said yes, but they have already talked to the agency.

Mr. Fornsby stated he works in traffic, and he is hoping to have someone from traffic attend these meetings on a regular basis.

Mr. Mahoney said there is a new provision with Leandra's Law where the courts are authorized to impose the ignition interlock prior to sentencing, but the person will receive credit for that time. He said they will probably end up monitoring it. It is a reminder to check for that requirement if someone is pulled over. It will apply to interim probation which is a proving ground before formal probation.

Mr. Fornsby stated in February, they had a snowmobiling while intoxicated, and 26 tickets were issued for distracted driving. He said concert season is coming up.

Mrs. Dort stated they just turned in their mid-year grant report. There were eight child passenger fitting stations. We checked 440 seats and gave away 111. Two stations, one in Galway and one in Moreau were non active. We distributed 124 bicycle helmets to children in the County. Grants are due in May 15th. If anyone would like a fitting station, let her know as soon as possible.

Mrs. Dort said Mr. Waldron and she trained Rodney K., Pat Hardy and Steven Duncan as certified Alive at 25 instructors. She stated Patty Donovan has reached out to her to be trained.

Mrs. Dort said she will be at the Navy housing on Thursday distributing bike helmets.

Mrs. Dort stated she will be conducting a CPS training on May 19 – 21 for the Sheriffs at the Sheriff's Department, and a car seat check on the 21st in Clifton Park. They have not been trained since 2001.

Mrs. Dort said panels have been purchased for the new Broken Hearts display. They have started working with the families and hopefully next year, they will be unveiled at the Crime Victims' vigil.

Mrs. Dort mentioned she received a \$15,000 grant from State Farm, and she will be purchasing a texting simulator.

Mrs. Dort said Teen Driver Week will be held at the Ballston Spa High School June 4 – 6. The State Police will be bringing their equipment, and she will be reaching out to the Sheriff's Dept. Ballston Spa PD will also be there.

Mrs. Dort said in April, 37 have signed up for the Distracted Driving class and 29 for the Alive at 25 class. Mr. Waldron said on any plea sheet, the Alive at 25 will be mandated.

Mrs. Dort said today is National Talk To Your Children About Alcohol Day. Kids who start drinking young are seven times more likely to be in an alcohol-related crash.

Mrs. Dort stated Jim Davis and she are meeting with the Shen families tonight regarding producing a movie on the crash. This will be quite an undertaking. The families will be interviewed in June

Mrs. Dort said she has been collecting stats on the Alive at 25 and Distracted Driving classes, and she distributed copies of them. She said they have been very fortunate in the last couple of classes to have Mike Hardy and Pat Stewart in attendance. She said in the Distracted Driving class, every month the attendees say they do not know the law at all. The tell us there should be more education out there, but she said she doesn't know what more they can tell them.

Mrs. Dort said the District Attorney has appointed her Victim Ambassador to the Victim Impact Panels, and she has been working with the victim speakers.

Mrs. Dort said it is interesting when they do the breakdown of the stats. The BAC levels are creeping up, and they are seeing a lot more females, i.e. mothers. She said Mike Stewart spoke unexpectedly at the last panel which made a huge impact on the crowd.

Chairman Prestigiacommo said the Sheriff's Office is hosting a Grade Crossing course at the Fire Training Center on April 29th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Mr. Parks said Charlton has had car break ins a couple of times. They have done a Reverse 9-1-1 about this, but only a few received the phone calls. It does not seem to be totally working. Mr. Waldron said they have had many car break ins. It is just a crime of opportunity.

**** NEXT MEETING - MONDAY, MAY 12TH AT 1:00 P.M. ****

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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