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### SARATOGA COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY BOARD MEETING

May 18, 2015 – 1:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Chairman Andrew Prestigiaco, Saratoga Springs PD; Lenny Fornabia, NYSP; Frank McGarity, NYS Park Police; Brent Dupras, Sheriff's Office; Tim Williams, Waterford PD; Thomas Parks, Charlton Police; Mike Sharadin, Stillwater PD; Janine Stuchin, Prevention Council; Karen Heggen, D.A.'s Office; Mickey Mahoney, Probation; Cynthia Dort, Cornell Ext. of Saratoga; Rich Schoonmaker, Galway PD; Craig Hayner, Co. Clerk

Chairman Prestigiaco called the meeting to order.

Chairman Prestigiaco stated that last night, there was a fatal motorcycle accident on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the parking garage which is still under investigation.

Chairman Prestigiaco said the upcoming Memorial Day Crackdown will be May 22 – 26. Everyone should have received their allotments from Bob Murphy's secretary, and if not, just give her a call. He mentioned that Mr. Murphy has acute bronchitis, but he is in his office. In addition to that allotment, Mr. Murphy is also allotting an extra six to eight hours for the holiday crackdown.

Chairman Prestigiaco reported the following:

The Saratoga Springs PD made 28 DWI arrests since the last meeting.

The Saratoga Springs PD will be assisting Mrs. Dort with a Child Passenger Seat Check on Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at the Clifton Park/Halfmoon EMS building.

The Saratoga Springs PD partnered with the State Police, Sheriff's Office, the Goldwing Riders Association and the Motorcycle Safety Foundation and hosted a Motorcycle Safety Awareness event in Congress Park on May 2<sup>nd</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. He said he was away for that event but was told it was a success.

Buckle Up New York is underway May 18 - 31.

Traffic Safety Grants were due May 15<sup>th</sup>. Let him know if anyone needs his endorsement.

Mr. Schoonmaker stated they had three DWI's since the last meeting.

Mr. Dupras stated they had 12 DWI's. They will be participating in the Child Passenger Seat Check in Clifton Park. They will be sending two people, and they have three in training. He said for Click It or Ticket, they will be having two seat belt checkpoints in the County this holiday weekend. They will also be conducting a sobriety checkpoint also. They participated in Operation Safe Stop. With the No Empty Chair event, they issued 30 tickets.

Mr. Fornabia stated they are participating in BUNY, and they are preparing for Americade that is now a regional event. They will be conducting a motorcycle training that will be available to all agencies in Latham. It gives you the experience you need to go in and testify. He said he will leave the information on this for anyone who wants it. He encouraged those who are active with enforcement that has an interest in it to attend this training. He stated a lot of drugs get moved with motorcycles as well. Chairman Prestigiacomo said he may attend for a refresher.

Ms. Stuchin said their agency received a federal grant through the State for the South Glens Falls community for heroin and opiates awareness training.

Ms. Stuchin stated proms have begun. Eight out of 12 school districts are hosting after prom activities.

Ms. Stuchin said they have been doing a lot of training on heroin and opiates with the Saratoga Springs School District. They did two community forums with the Sheriff's Department, Chamber of Commerce and Sen. Marchione's office.

Ms. Stuchin stated the Renegade Pigs did their first fundraiser, and they were the beneficiary. She mentioned there were 85 riders, and it was a great event.

Mr. Williams stated they will be participating in Click It or Ticket.

Mr. Sharadin said they had one DWI along with a motor vehicle accident. They participated in a mock DWI crash at the Stillwater High School. He said he attended the after prom party on Friday night.

Mr. Mahoney stated he had some interesting 2014 New York State statistics. He said 17,500 offenders were ordered to install the ignition interlock, and 75% of them did not. In Saratoga County, there were 300 orders, and 115 were installed. Many offenders are transferring their vehicle titles to someone else. He stated our Judges are doing a nice job. He said 109 paid the full price. The courts have the discretion of waiving the fee. If they don't own a vehicle, they can still be ordered to pay the \$100. In Fulton County, 70 DWI offenders were ordered; Montgomery Co. - 37; Schenectady Co. - 145; Warren Co. - 100; Washington Co. - 44; and in Onondaga Co. - 282 for the year.

Mr. McGarity said they had one DWI; 15 cell phone tickets and 2 portable electronic device tickets. There is a concert coming up on May 31<sup>st</sup>.

Ms. Heggen stated they have been participating with some agencies with prom and graduation programs. She said she spoke at three different schools. They continue to be involved with the schools.

She said they continue to be busy with hearings and trials. One of her ADA's, Jim Davis, will be leaving for a position in New York City as a Deputy Inspector General. His last day is Friday, and a new ADA will be starting who served for eight years in Colorado. She will be working with the domestic violence and sex abuse cases. She said they will be making their way through the County process to get a position recreated. Chairman Prestigiacomo stated Mr. Davis will be sorely missed.

Mrs. Dort stated bike helmets have been popular the past two months. She said they recently gave away 57 at the Navy base. Bikeatoga was held Saturday in Saratoga Springs, and helmets were also given away at that event. She said she will be at the Speedway on Friday along with the Sheriff's Department doing teen driver activities.

Mrs. Dort said she will be conducting a car seat check on Thursday at the Clifton Park/Halfmoon EMS along with help from the State Park Police and Sheriff's Dept.

Mrs. Dort said she has been at three area high schools, and Patti Donovan has been the speaker with her. She said they will be at the Ballston Spa High School on June 3 - 5. The new Broken Heart panels will be unveiled there along with the families on the panels.

Mrs. Dort stated the Alive at 25 and Distracted Driving classes have been going extremely well. Judges are supportive in getting students to those classes.

Mrs. Dort said the Ballston Spa PD and Cornell will be conducting a Buckle Up car seat detail on Route 50 this summer.

In giving some 2013 statistics, Mrs. Dort said in New York State, there were 307 fatalities, and 18 were in Saratoga County. She stated we were higher than Albany, Rensselaer, and Schenectady Counties combined. She said we need to do more education and prevention. She mentioned of those crashes, 55% of the occupants were not buckled.

Mrs. Dort said she partnered with the Car Museum. They have four texting simulators, and they are working together to do education. She said they may hold some of their Alive at 25 classes there.

Mrs. Dort stated the Victim Impact Panel is moving to Cornell (West High St.) every other month beginning in September. She said Patti Donovan spoke to Wes Carr, and they will be meeting on Wednesday, and we will receive the details on that. Chairman Prestigiaco said he spoke to Mr. Murphy about Ms. Donovan's questions, and he has all kinds of documentation. He said it's his understanding they will be allocating money for videos, etc., and it's being worked out.

**\*\* NEXT MEETING – MONDAY, JUNE 8<sup>TH</sup> AT 1:00 P.M. \*\***

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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