

## TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES

JUNE 9, 2008 – 1:00 P.M.

Present: Chairman Joe Waldron, Mechanicville, PD; E. M. Rooney, Sheriff's Office; Bob Murphy, STOP DWI Coordinator; Judy Ekman, Prevention Council; Karen Pettigrew, MADD Capital Region; James Davis, District Attorney's Office; Jim Murphy, District Attorney; Cynthia Dort, Cornell Cooperative Extension; Mickey Mahoney, Probation; Press.

Chairman Waldron called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.

Chairman Waldron said he wanted to organize a three-hour Motorcycle training course in a central location in the county, making it easy for all locations to participate. It was suggested that the training be held on a Thursday toward the end of June between 9 am and 12 pm. More information will be forthcoming.

Seatbelt enforcement week has been completed. All forms should be submitted on line to GTSC.

Mr. Murphy distributed a list of the high school graduations that will be taking place in the county. An additional sixteen patrol hours was approved for the month of June with the stipulation if more was needed it would be given.

Mr. Davis said the DWI conference was well attended with thirty officers in attendance. There were several guest speakers including a Defense Attorney and a field sobriety-training officer. Reviews came back requesting more time, going to two days instead of one. Reviews were, in general, very good.

Mr. Waldron said motorcycle enforcement has been taking place with Saratoga Springs Police and other agencies in making motorcycle riding safer.

The State Police have announced that in the month of July there will be a speed enforcement detail. Any agency that has a step grant is required to participate. July is designated as speed enforcement month.

Mr. Waldron said he attended a TRACKS conference in Syracuse. He stated that any agency that has received the new 7.3 software should not install it if they haven't done so already, as there is a bug in the system that is currently being worked on. It is anticipated that in approximately a week the system will be ready for installation. The TRACKS system will allow all data to be transmitted instantaneously.

Mr. Waldron said there is a new scanner available. The newer version is smaller, taking a lot more data. The cost for the new scanners is \$400/ea.

Mr. Waldron spoke with Jen Hogan from GTSC and reminded everyone that the fall conference is coming up and all information will be forthcoming. He encouraged every agency to sign up.

Mr. Rooney said any time we are looking at successful training, as soon as it is current and it is what is going on now, you hit a home run. There was a lot of positive feed back from the officers. Mr. Rooney thanked Mr. Davis for the DWI Training.

Ms. Pedegrew said MADD is having their third classic car show on September 20<sup>th</sup> at the Altamont Orchards from 11 am to 3 pm. Volunteers are appreciated.

MADD's National Conference is set for the first week in September, with a law enforcement scholarship available for any agency that would like to apply for it.

There will be a Victim Impact Panel in Clifton Park on June 10<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Ekman said the grant for developing compliance checks and then providing TIPS training has finished. There were a couple of aids in the papers congratulating businesses in the City of Mechanicville, Halfmoon and Clifton Park that passed the compliance checks.

The town of Stillwater and the City of Mechanicville have passed Social Host Legislation. Currently there are bills in the legislature for Social Host Legislation with good support.

On June 10<sup>th</sup> in North Warren a law enforcement officer from Montana will be giving a presentation on arrests related to under age drinking. This individual has in the last two to three years made 3,500 arrests. The program will take place between 6pm and 9pm, where he will share some of the practical techniques that he utilizes.

Ms. Dort said there were over 30 car seat checks done by the Mechanicville Fire Department.

Mr. Waldron said \$140,000 in county grants was submitted for Traffic Safety.

**\*\*NEXT MEETING – MONDAY, JULY 7<sup>TH</sup> AT 1:00 P.M.\*\***

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Chris Sansom