

## **TRAFFIC SAFETY BOARD MEETING**

**November 17, 2008 – 1:00 p.m.**

PRESENT: Chairman Joseph Waldron, Mechanicville PD; Bob Murphy, STOP-DWI Coordinator; Cindy Dort, Cornell Cooperative Extension; John McCarthy, NYSP; Mickey Mahoney, Probation Dept.; Jim Murphy, D.A.; Jennifer Hogan, GTSC; Tom Mitchell, Saratoga Springs PD; Steve Williams, Daily Gazette

Chairman Waldron called the meeting to order.

Chairman Waldron introduced Jen Hogan, the liaison for GTSC. She stated the Buckle Up mobilization is now – November 10 – 23. The May wave is May 18 – 31 which is mandatory, and the numbers should be reported immediately to GTSC, she said. She stated there is extended enforcement October 1 through April 1. Chairman Waldron said we fought long and hard to give municipalities the opportunity to put this enforcement out whenever necessary. He said he encourages all departments to participate and show why we wanted this expanded wave put in.

Mrs. Hogan stated only the Sheriff's Dept., Saratoga Springs PD and Mechanicville PD received their grant awards. She said the Step grant for Saratoga Springs for \$16,500 was recommended.

Mrs. Hogan said she will be visiting all agencies for monitoring purposes.

Chairman Waldron reminded everyone to submit their DWI vouchers to Bob Murphy. Mr. B. Murphy requested that these vouchers be submitted prior to the end of December.

Chairman Waldron said the 2007 data is out for DWI's in the State. Alcohol related fatalities and injuries are down, and that is a good sign, he said. The bad part is there were more accidents, he said. He mentioned 323,106 accidents occurred in New York State, and most of them occurred between 3:00 and 6:00 p.m. He stated the motorcycle enforcement wave has been working. He said Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays between midnight and 6:00 a.m. is when most fatalities and personal injury accidents occur. That is when we should focus our DWI patrols, he said. He stated that speed is a contributing factor. People between the ages of 21 to 34 are the ones getting involved in DWI related crashes – mostly males, he said.

Chairman Waldron distributed copies of pamphlets he received from GTSC on "New York's New Driver Program."

Chairman Waldron introduced John McCarthy, Zone Commander for NYSP. Mr. McCarthy stated they have BUNY enforcement scheduled in the next couple of weeks and DWI things.

Mr. J. Murphy said in January, they are getting immediate download from SJS system that the State Police and Mechanicville PD uses on arrests on any crime. We are getting felonies and misdemeanors from many agencies with an SJS system, he said. He stated it will populate the disposition database, and they can file electronically with DCJS. Chairman Waldron said getting that data is important to the D.A.'s office. He said he believes a new version of SJS will be coming out. Mr. J. Murphy said nearly one-half of D.A.s' offices are on line now with SJS.

Mr. B. Murphy stated for the upcoming DWI patrols, we can highlight between Thanksgiving and New Year's and around the football games at the high schools. At Christmas time, there are a lot of basketball jamborees, and the kids are home from college, he said. If you need additional time above the 16 hours, that is fine, he said. Chairman Waldron requested the agencies to participate in DWI patrols the Wednesday before Thanksgiving and for all of the jamborees.

Mrs. Dort stated the Cornell Child Occupant Protection Program won the Chairman's Award at the annual Highway Safety Conference. She mentioned Debbie has stepped down from Child Occupant Safety, and Bob Ashford has stepped in. She said Cornell installed 268 child car seats last year and gave away 100 free. She said for the Teen National Driver Safety Week, they saw about 800 high school students in one day at Ballston Spa High School, and Mangino's donated four cars. The school administration has planned this again for next year, she said. She stated they received an

Allstate grant of \$20,000, so they are purchasing a golf cart to use with the night vision goggles. She mentioned they have started up a Ballston Spa Youth Task Force. If anyone is interested, just let her know, she said.

Mr. Mitchell said they had their fitting station for child car seats this past Saturday, and they do this every third Saturday of the month. He mentioned their upcoming events will be the Christopher Dailey Thanksgiving Run, and the Victorian Street Walk will be held on Thursday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, and Broadway will be blocked off.

Chairman Waldron said there will be no meeting for this Board in December. Around Christmas time, focus your attention on DWI's, he urged.

**\*\* NEXT MEETING – MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 2009 AT 1 P.M. \*\***

Happy Holidays!!

Respectfully submitted,

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