

TRAFFIC SAFETY BOARD MEETING

April 26, 2010 – 1:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Chairman Joe Waldron, Mechanicville PD; E.M. Rooney, Sheriff's Office; Tim Williams, Waterford PD; Robin Lyle, Prevention Council; James Davis, D.A.'s Office; Bob Murphy, STOP-DWI Coordinator; Andrew Prestigiacomo, Saratoga Springs PD; Cindy Dort, Cornell Coop. Ext.; Thomas Parson, NYSP

Chairman Waldron called the meeting to order.

Ms. Lyle distributed copies of the Prom and Graduation Dates and Locations - Saratoga County Schools. Chairman Waldron requested that extra DWI patrols be out for those dates. Mr. Murphy stated that agencies can have the 16 hours for those weekends.

Ms. Lyle said they have had trouble with a date for the party patrol refresher meeting. She said they want to get the officers who attended the party patrol meeting in March in Albany and have a refresher, and they want to set up a training for the Park Police at the same time. We were thinking about early to mid June, late summer or September for the fall homecoming, she said. Chairman Waldron said the sooner the better because in the fall, his budget is in shambles. Ms. Lyle said they will try for mid June. Chairman Waldron suggested late May/early June.

Chairman Waldron said the 2010 Operation Safe Stop took place, and they had no incidents. He said agencies should obtain a copy of

the school bus reporting form that tells where the problems are. He said the Waterford Road seems to be a big area. He said the bus drivers fill these out, and they are provided by the GTSC. He said the last date to report those stats is today. Mr. Murphy stated the Times Union had a good article on it. Mr. Prestigiaco said they had one incident where a vehicle passed eight buses. Mr. Rooney said they had one and 26 other violations.

Chairman Waldron reminded the agencies that the grants have to be in by May 14 to be in for the May 15th deadline which is a Saturday. Mr. Prestigiaco asked Chairman Waldron his thoughts about the Highway Improvement Grant. Chairman Waldron said it is to improve pedestrian walkways.

Chairman Waldron mentioned the BUNY wave is May 24 – June 6. If you get a grant for the seat belt enforcement, the 24th is the kickoff, he said. They are encouraging nighttime checkpoints, and they rely on urban settings for that, he said.

Chairman Waldron said Dan Larkin left him a message regarding motorcycle enforcement. He would like a training in Saratoga County, but it is such a large enforcement. Mr. Prestigiaco said he just attended training in Syracuse for that. Chairman Waldron said we would like a training here in June. Mr. Prestigiaco said he is working with Dan Larkin setting up a traffic safety corridor with the Step money. Mr. Rooney said they will be participating also, and they have one coming up in Clifton Park after that.

Mr. Prestigiaco said they went to the State Police Academy last week for Criminal Interdiction. He said they link their LPR's to the scofflaw. If a person registers a new vehicle and gets rid of their old vehicle, the scofflaw only relates to the old vehicle, and that is a huge loophole, he said.

Mr. Davis announced that they will be hosting the law enforcement DWI training on May 26th, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors meeting room. It is the same course we have done for years, and we want to encourage agencies to send their overnight patrol and Sergeants who review paperwork, he said. He said this course is free.

Chairman Waldron stated they had three DWI's this weekend, and one guy couldn't even stand up. He said the Sheriff's Dept. had a Leandra's Law case, and he believes that brings the total cases to six. He said he and Cindy Dort will be going to various schools, and he will be bringing that point up. He said they had a good showing at the Mechanicville High School.

Mr. Williams said they had 20 AUO's and 7 DWI's. He said there is interest from the Waterford High School for a teen driving course. Mrs. Dort requested Mr. Williams to call her, and they will try to do something for Waterford.

Ms. Lyle said they did a teen driver safety program in Mechanicville, and they also had a middle school program. She said she has invoices for a grant enforcing underage drinking to pay for compliance checks and party patrols. She said Saratoga Springs just did a compliance check.

Ms. Lyle said they are trying to set up a town hall meeting on underage drinking at the Tech Smart campus which is part of GlobalFoundries, and we are hoping to reach the southern part of the County. We do not have all of the details on that as yet, she said.

Ms. Lyle stated they produced an ad on Friday promoting the NYS Police hotline to report underage drinking parties, and this will air in the cinemas mid May. She said Trooper Healey was part of this 15 second commercial.

Mrs. Dort said it seems like Mr. Davis and she are starting their own road show. She said the Mechanicville event was really good. The program was phenomenal, and you could hear a pin drop. We will be at Galway and twice in Ballston Spa, she said. She said the Dave Matthews Band will be at SPAC the weekend of June 4th. That is Ballston Spa High's Sr. Skip Day, but they are making it mandatory to go to this program. She mentioned Ballston Spa is heading north to a private campground for a post prom party. You may want to reach out to those areas to let them know, she said. Mr. Murphy pointed out three proms are up at the Hyland Country Club in Warren County.

Chairman Waldron suggested that Mr. Murphy fax Warren Co. the list of the prom dates/locations.

Mrs. Dort said we are still in trouble with car seats in Saratoga County. I cannot meet the demand, she said. Chairman Waldron said he knows Saratoga Springs is done. Mrs. Dort said there is a class coming up in June. She said last week's crash in Rensselaer County where a baby died was due to the car seat not being installed properly. She said we can save lives.

Mrs. Dort said bike safety is taking off. We were at Turf Trailer Park this past weekend. She said she went to a Lifesaver Conference in Pennsylvania and learned a lot. She said Mr. Davis and she will be at four schools, and there is a lot involved with that. Chairman Waldron told Mrs. Dort that she does a good job, and she needs to be recognized for that. You are the cement at the base of a building, and we appreciate that, he stated.

**** NEXT MEETING – MONDAY, MAY 17TH AT 1:00 P.M. ****

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine M. Sodemann