

## **TRAFFIC SAFETY BOARD MEETING**

**May 17, 2010 – 1:00 p.m.**

**PRESENT:** Chairman Joe Waldron, Mechanicville PD; E.M. Rooney, Sheriff's Office; Cynthia Dort, Cornell Univ. Ext. of Saratoga; James Davis, D.A.'s Office; Tim Williams, Waterford PD; Thomas Parks, Charlton Police; Judy Ekman, Prevention Council; Mickey Mahoney, Probation; Andrew Prestigiacomio, Saratoga Springs PD; Bob Murphy, STOP-DWI Coordinator; Stephen Williams, Daily Gazette

Chairman Waldron called the meeting to order.

Chairman Waldron stated we have had a few proms already. Mr. Murphy said there are six more this weekend. He stated he called the places where we would share with other county enforcement agencies. So far, so good, he said. Chairman Waldron stated their prom was May 7<sup>th</sup>, and they did make an arrest under Leandra's Law on the 6<sup>th</sup>. We have been active on DWI enforcement, and we plan on another DWI patrol this weekend, he said. He mentioned high school seniors 18 years of age and older who have been drinking and have underage kids in the vehicle can get charged under Leandra's Law, he said. Mrs. Dort pointed out the case in Houston where a basketball player died over the weekend. He left an after prom party at 5:00 a.m. and fell asleep while driving home. We need to stress those types of issues, she said. We can't forget all of those other pieces, she stated.

Mr. Murphy said he met with the Public Safety Committee last week on the STOP-DWI budget. Hopefully, we can get the checks out the end of the month at the very latest, he said.

Chairman Waldron said hopefully, everyone has received the alco sensors that the State mailed out.

Mr. Murphy mentioned that agencies can have an additional 16 hours for the proms.

Mrs. Ekman stated she hasn't spoken to Robin about the party patrol refresher, but the big deal is Thursday when there will be a party patrol controlled party dispersal training in the State Park. She said she has the forms for that and a description of the training if anybody needs them. She said she also has copies of the invoices, as they are paying overtime for Saratoga County officers. We are doing this in conjunction with the State Office of Alcohol and Substance Abuse Services and the State Park Police, she said. The Commissioner from OASAS will be there to welcome the group. We do not know if she will be accompanied by the Commissioner of State Parks, she said. It is a much higher profile event than we had originally planned, she added. She said from 2:00 p.m. on will be a mock party dispersal. The later starting time is due to State Park Police coming from other State Park sites, she said. She mentioned community volunteers and other people are welcome to this as well.

Chairman Waldron stated Buckle Up New York begins May 24 - June 6. There will be a press conference at the Beacon of Hope Care Center in Altamont at 10:00 a.m. on May 24. He said he e-mailed Sheriff Bowen, Chief Cole and Commissioner Tanchak about this.

Mrs. Ekman said they would like the departments to do compliance checks around the prom. I have the invoices so that you can charge that time as well, she said.

Chairman Waldron stated the County has a total of \$200,000 in for grants that have been submitted to the GTSC for all types of traffic safety initiatives.

Mr. Prestigiaco said they have officers assigned to attend the party patrol training. He said they just finished a five-day traffic saturation on the Route 50 corridor, and they wrote 128 tickets. We did not have any prom-related DWI arrests, he said.

Mrs. Dort stated she will be at the Galway High School starting tomorrow and at Ballston Spa High School the first week of June. She mentioned the car seats have been busy.

Mr. Dort asked if anyone knows about the club in Saratoga Springs that opens up every other weekend to underage kids. We are trying to gather information on that, she said. Mr. Murphy mentioned the old bowling alley will be open up late with a lot of things going on for young people. Mr. Prestigiaco stated the security guard there he has spoken to said a lot of underage kids are going there drunk. Mrs. Dort said they will look into that.

Mr. Davis stated there will be a DWI law enforcement training in the Board of Supervisors' room on May 26<sup>th</sup>, and lunch will be provided for free. Next Monday is the last day to sign up, he said. He said there are seven Sheriff's Deputies coming and off duty officers can come as well. There will be a number of speakers, and we will hear from a defense attorney, he stated. He said there are about 20 people signed up for this training which will run 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

Mr. Williams said they had one DWI arrest over the weekend, but it was non-prom related.

Mr. Mahoney said they are waiting for guidance from the Division on the interlock system. He has not received a plan on supervision and monitoring of Leandra's cases. A lot of county administrators throughout the State have banded to vote their disapproval on the unavailability of funding for this. It is like a Chinese fire drill, he said. He said it's unbelievable how many DWI people keep coming into the office. Mrs. Ekman stated they get between 75 - 105 each month at the Victim Impact Panels.

Chairman Waldron said Dan Larkin is working on putting together a motorcycle enforcement training class at the Warren County Sheriff's Office for Saratoga/Warren/Washington Counties sometime in June.

**\*\* NEXT MEETING - MONDAY, JUNE 21<sup>ST</sup> AT 1:00 P.M. \*\***

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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