

## **TRAFFIC SAFETY BOARD MEETING**

**May 16, 2011 – 1:00 p.m.**

PRESENT: Chairman Joseph Waldron, Mechanicville PD; E. M. Rooney, Sheriff's Office; Robin Lyle, Prevention Council; Patrick Campion, D.A.'s Office; Tim Williams, Waterford PD; Bob Murphy D.W.I. Coordinator; Andrew Prestigiacomio, Saratoga Springs PD; Cynthia Dort, Cornell Univ. Ext. of Saratoga; Stephen Williams, Daily Gazette

Chairman Waldron called the meeting to order.

Mr. Murphy reported there were five proms this past weekend, and the agencies said things went well. He said Saratoga Springs' prom was held at the City Center. Everything was monitored with no real problems. He stated next week there are five proms – Burnt Hills, Corinth, Galway, Schuylerville and South Glens Falls. Burnt Hills' prom will be at the Hall of Springs, and Corinth's will be in Lake George.

Mr. Murphy stated everyone should have the schedule for the proms. The agencies can have an extra 8 – 12 hours for the DWI patrols for that. Some agencies have requested additional time, and that is fine. After that, we will get ready for graduations, he said. Mr. Rooney asked if

there will be additional time granted for Memorial Day weekend, and Mr. Murphy said yes, whatever the agencies need.

Mr. Murphy said at the Public Safety Committee meeting last week, the resolution was passed on the budget, and after this meeting, he will be meeting with the County Attorney. He said at the end of the month, agencies should be getting 50%.

Mr. Champion stated their DWI training will be held on Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. He said he has not had many RSVP's as they would like. The more the merrier, he said. Please allow some of your members to join us from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, as there will be a lot of speakers, he stated.

Mr. Champion distributed copies of a letter sent to all hotel/motel owners in Saratoga County from Jim Murphy, D.A., requesting their cooperation with us with regard to underage drinking parties.

Mrs. Dort mentioned Ballston Spa's prom will be held at Glen Sanders' Mansion, and their after prom party is at the school.

Mr. Murphy said it behooves us to get as many people as possible to the D.A.'s DWI training on Wednesday. Mr. Champion mentioned that Saratoga Springs is not able to send anybody. Mr. Prestigiaco said they are unable to fill their shifts. Mr. Champion said they have about 15 RSVP's. Even if you have not RSVP'd, you can still show up on Wednesday even if you cannot attend for the whole day, he stated. Chairman Waldron said he will check with his people when he gets back to the station.

Chairman Waldron said the grants have all been signed. The Town of Clifton Park came forward also for a new grant on Safe Routes To School. The grants have all been submitted to GTSC, he said.

Chairman Waldron said the Practical Guidelines for Motorcycle Enforcement training will be held on May 26<sup>th</sup> at the Marriott Hotel on Wolf Road in Colonie.

Chairman Waldron announced the new BUNY wave begins on May 23 – June 5. The waves are working, he said. The State has a 90% compliance rate, and we want to keep that up and encourage people to wear their seat belts. If you have a grant from GTSC, this is mandatory, but he requested the agencies to continue the waves even if they do not have a grant.

Mr. Prestigiaco stated they did a mock crash at the Saratoga Springs High School last Wednesday, and it went well. He mentioned that Patrolman Jack Carey and he attended a car seat conference to continue their certification even though their program is suspended. He said this past weekend, they were having a tough time filling shifts. They had one DWI which was not prom related.

Mrs. Dort said they are at the Galway High School this week with Teen Driver Safety, and they were at Saratoga Springs High School last week. We will be at Ballston Spa High School next week which has turned into quite an event. We will be doing a parent class, and prize money will be offered to the class that brings in the most parents. On May 26<sup>th</sup>, FLY 92 and STAR 101.3 will be at Ballston Spa High and they will be talking about the kids on the golf carts wearing the DWI goggles. After this, we will be doing bike helmets, and she said she does not know what they will be doing for the Fair as yet. We have lost a lot of programs at Cornell due to funding, she added.

Mrs. Dort stated there will be CPS classes on May 31<sup>st</sup> at the Latham F.D. and one will be held in September. We are not well represented as far as car seat techs. No one from Saratoga County received an award at the safety conference, and I would like to see some of our techs recognized, she said. She said that next year's conference is in New Jersey.

Ms. Lyle passed around two 24 oz. tall cans of drinks that contain 12% alcohol (equivalent to four beers) that look similar to the 24 oz. can of Arizona ice tea that she also passed around. She said they are encouraging the agencies to include these alcoholic drinks when doing their compliance checks. Some of the mom and pop store clerks might not be aware that these drinks contain alcohol, she said.

Ms. Lyle said with reference to the party patrols, she is trying to shift some funding around. The grant does extend through June 30<sup>th</sup>, so she hopes to get back to some of the agencies who expressed an interest.

Ms. Lyle said they are running ads for promoting their underage drinking toll free anonymous hotline – 1-866-UNDER21.

**\*\* NEXT MEETING – MONDAY, JUNE 20<sup>TH</sup> AT 1:00 P.M. \*\***

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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