

## **TRAFFIC SAFETY BOARD MEETING**

**September 12, 2011 – 1:00 p.m.**

PRESENT: Chairman Joseph Waldron, Saratoga Springs PD; E. M. Rooney, Sheriff's Office; Andrew Prestigiacom, Saratoga Springs PD; Thomas H. Paton, NYSP-Saratoga; Patrick Campion, D.A.'s Office; Bob Murphy, STOP-DWI Coordinator; Heather Kisselback, Prevention Council; Steve Williams, Daily Gazette

Chairman Waldron called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone back.

Chairman Waldron stated on August 22<sup>nd</sup>, Mr. Prestigiacom and he attended a press conference on the August/September wave of Over the Limit, Under Arrest campaign (Aug. 22 – Sep. 5) that was held in Altamont. He said he appreciates everyone who participated in this wave.

Mr. Murphy announced there will be a Saratoga County Law Enforcement Appreciation Breakfast, sponsored by the D.A.'s Office, STOP DWI and The Prevention Council, on Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at the Courtyard Marriott. He stated that additional people from the departments are also welcome, and he also extended an invitation to Steve Williams of the Daily Gazette. He said for those departments not in attendance today, he will call them to invite them. Mrs. Kisselback stated they have about 70+ reservations now. We would like as many people there who would like to come, she said. Mr. Murphy stated the Sheriff's Department and NYSP are also invited. Mrs. Kisselback said there will be coffee throughout the entire program. Mr. Murphy said there will be seven awards given out at that time.

Mr. Murphy requested the departments to use their professional discretion for doing DWI checkpoints from now until the next meeting.

Chairman Waldron stated the grants will be coming out very shortly, and they are all approved, but there were cuts across the board.

Chairman Waldron said there will be a DDACTS Workshop (Data Driven Approaches to Crime and Traffic Safety) being held in Syracuse. This is a new trend that will be encompassing New York State. This initiative is being driven by NHTSA as a proven operational model that integrates community-based collaboration with analysis of location-based crime and traffic crash data to determine how to effectively deploy law enforcement and other resources. He said he will be attending this training, but the attendance is now closed. He said if anyone would like to view this training, their website is [www.ddacts.com](http://www.ddacts.com).

Chairman Waldron said if anyone knows of any officer who should be nominated for the MADD STOP DWI Recognition Award, please submit their name by September 21<sup>st</sup>. Any questions on this process can be answered by calling 457-9620 (Rich Devlin).

Chairman Waldron stated the Town of Colonie will be conducting a two week Basic Police Motor Officers' Course to run from September 19<sup>th</sup> through September 30<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Campion said they have been busy this year with the implementation of Leandra's Law and the ignition interlock. We have not seen many ignition interlock violators. He requested the officers to check licenses on the traffic stops to see if the restriction is there. He said Leandra's Law seems to be running smooth.

Mr. Prestigiaco said they made it through the track season without a fatality. He said in the last five years, they have always had a pedestrian fatality. They did several traffic checkpoints with the State Police. He mentioned they did checkpoints for the July 4<sup>th</sup> and Labor Day weekends on Union Ave. which netted 4 - 5 DWI's. He said Dan Larkin and he are trying to squeeze in one more motorcycle detail.

Mr. Rooney stated they had a pretty high level of activity over the summer. He said there is a push for motorcycle safety. There is a big emphasis on helmets. Motorcyclists are wearing the helmets, but they are jacking them up on their heads. If they get pulled over, they pull the helmets down on their heads. When they get interviewed, the motorcyclists say the helmets are warm, and they wanted some fresh air. I have seen quite a bit of that in Lake George this past weekend, he said. This is an "I will show you" type of deal, he stated. He said with the motorcycle accidents they have investigated, the poor motorcyclists are the victims. People pull out in front of them; it is not the cyclist, and they are sitting ducks out there.

Mrs. Kisselback distributed copies of a list of Saratoga County Schools' Homecoming dances and games for 2011-2012. Mr. Murphy stated that both the games and dances should be covered. He said schools have their own security, but if you need the time, use it.

Mrs. Kisselback said they are going to work with the DEA this year with a prescription drug drop off for turning in unused or expired medication for safe disposal on Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup>. She distributed copies of an information sheet on this.

**\*\* NEXT MEETING – MONDAY OCTOBER 17<sup>TH</sup> AT 1:00 P.M. \*\***

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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