

## TRAFFIC SAFETY BOARD MEETING

October 17, 2011 – 1:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Chairman Joseph Waldron, Mechanicville PD; Thomas Paton, NYSP; Todd Ives, Ballston Spa PD; Tim Williams, Waterford PD; Heather Kisselback, The Prevention Council; John Adams, Mickey Mahoney, Probation; Mary Saldarelli, D.A.'s Office; Bob Murphy, STOP-DWI Coordinator; Cynthia Dort, Cornell Ext./Saratoga; Thomas Parks, Charlton PD; Andrew Prestigiacomio, Saratoga Springs PD; Steve Williams, Daily Gazette

Chairman Waldron called the meeting to order.

Chairman Waldron congratulated the Burnt Hills/Ballston Lake High School for being chosen as one of four schools to participate in the Driving Skills for Life Program.

Mr. Murphy said there will be two months of holidays coming up. He requested the departments to use their discretion for 12 hours each month for DWI patrols. If more time is needed, just let him know.

Mr. Murphy stated the appreciation breakfast that was held on September 15<sup>th</sup> was great, and he thanked Mrs. Kisselback for that. He mentioned attendance and the food were also great.

Mr. Murphy said usually in September or October, our budget is completed, but that is not completed as of yet. Hopefully at the November meeting, we will be presenting the budget.

Chairman Waldron stated if anyone asked for an equipment grant, there is a 99.9% chance that it has been denied. Most agencies will be receiving their seat belt grant money, but subtracted from that will be the expanded wave, so there will be a significant reduction. For the Step grant, you should receive a 30% reduction of what you received last year.

Mr. Ives stated they had a busy summer, and the majority of their DWI's came from Saratoga Springs. They had a huge number of 9-1-1 calls from motorists calling about another motorist all over the road. A lot of them didn't pan out to be anything, but people are aware.

Mr. Parks stated they have been wrestling with the 800 frequency, and they have to buy all new radios. Chairman Waldron said they stayed on the 400 band and bought a repeater. Mr. Parks said he is trying to get the town to put in a miniscule base station in the town hall. Mr. Paton mentioned a lot of the troopers' brand new radios didn't work when they were down in New York City.

Mr. Prestigiacomio said they received their third License Plate Reader, and they are making an appointment to have it installed on one of their cars. They will now have three of them on line.

He said that he was turned down for a highway improvement grant. Chairman Waldron stated the federal government shut of the spigot which affects GTSC.

Mrs. Kisselback thanked those who attended the breakfast which was very nice. She said they are awaiting word on the underage drinking grant. She said she will let everyone know as soon as she finds out if they will receive that grant.

Mrs. Kisselback asked if there was a way she could find out the establishments where the DWI's in Ballston Spa from Saratoga Springs were coming from. Chairman Waldron stated that is confidential information. Mr. Prestigiacommo stated that information gets sent to Albany. Chairman Waldron said the State collects the data, and we just submit it. We sign a confidential agreement, he added.

Mrs. Dort said she attended the Driving Skills for Life Program. She said the kids drove brand new Mustangs around the parking lot. They had a great speaker who was a girl who survived a crash. We are looking to duplicate that program without Ford and their money but instead using driving schools. She said driving the cars is more realistic than driving the golf carts. With using cars, the kids learn how to get out of a skid, etc.

Mrs. Dort stated she heard from the bike coalition, and they are very upset that Saratoga Springs has unfriendly roadways for bikers. They want the city to make their roads more safer for bikes. She said she referred them to this Board. Chairman Waldron stated that falls back to the City Council.

Mrs. Dort stated for those agencies that have applied for a CPS grant, they still are not out. They took a hit of about 10%. She said in the last class, they trained four additional troopers from Saratoga County north. She mentioned Dan Larkin is now a certified technician. They did a seat check in Wilton on Saturday, and there was a huge turnout. Mr. Paton said he has no one left in Malta to do this, and he said he refers people to Maureen Tuffey in Loudonville. Mrs. Dort said there are a few now in Clifton Park and Wilton. Everyone doing car seats now is on hold because the grants are not out yet, she said.

Mr. Mahoney introduced John Adams, Saratoga County Probation Director. Mr. Mahoney mentioned under Leandrea's Law, cases continue to come in, and there is no slow down in DWI arrests. He said there is an ignition interlock device that is being equipped on motorcycles, and agencies may see that next year. We continue to get people driving without the device, he said. Sometimes, the restriction is not appearing on some of these people's licenses. Business is booming in that area, and we are doing the best we can, he said.

Ms. Saldarelli stated she is a DWI attorney who is filling in for Patrick Campion today. She said the cases have not slowed down, and they are seeing more of them. Keep a look out, she said.

Chairman Waldron said the Governor signed a law which allows addresses for the Level 2 sex offenders to be given out. He said this is more of a correction of the law.

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

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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