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SARATOGA COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY BOARD MEETING

April 15, 2013 – 1:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Chairman Joseph Waldron, Mechanicville PD; Patrick Campion, D.A.'s Office; Cynthia Dort, Cornell Univ. Ext. of Saratoga; Tim Williams, Waterford PD; Thomas Goodwin, Stillwater PD; Andrew Prestigiacom, Saratoga Springs PD; Michael Williams, NYSP; Todd Ives, Ballston Spa PD; Mickey Mahoney, Probation Dept.; Thomas Parks, Charlton Police; Bob Murphy, STOP-DWI Coordinator; Stephen Williams, Daily Gazette

Chairman Waldron called the meeting to order.

Chairman Waldron stated a letter of resignation has been received from Chief Deputy E. M. Rooney of the Sheriff's Office. Mr. Prestigiacom moved to accept this letter of resignation. Mr. T. Williams seconded the motion with all in favor.

Mr. Goodwin moved to nominate Andrew Prestigiacom as co-Chair of the Traffic Safety Board. Mr. T. Williams seconded the motion with all in favor.

Chairman Waldron said for the upcoming DWI patrols, we should focus our attention on proms and graduations. Mr. Murphy said at the last meeting, he gave 12 hours for the patrols. Agencies can use 12 hours, 16 if needed, for May proms and graduations. He said between now and next week, he will send out the dates of the proms and graduations. He stated sometimes, proms do not end up in their own back yard. Mr. Prestigiacom said Saratoga Springs ends up with at least five proms.

Mr. Murphy said this past Tuesday, he met with the Public Safety Committee, and they passed our resolution and accepted our budget for this year.

Mr. Murphy said we have finished three crackdowns, and we have three to go. Our next one is Memorial Day, and he is allocating \$5,000 for that.

Mr. Murphy stated he made application for a grant for \$22,000, and he received approval for that. He also received approval for another grant for \$26,000 through 2014. This is all for the DWI crackdowns, and he will provide those dates at the next meeting. He said if agencies cannot participate in them, there is no sense in allocating the money. A lot of counties will not be getting the grant because many of their agencies never participated. He said the new form will be the crackdown form beginning in May.

Mr. Murphy said at the Public Safety Committee, he advised them that when the State sent back their approval, they made it clear the funds are not to be used in any other area other than DWI. He said there have been counties that used the money for other things, and you cannot do that.

Mr. Campion stated the DWI training was held on April 11th which was a success. He thanked the agencies who participated. Next year, we will change the time in order to get more attendance. Chairman Waldron said the training is very useful, but he suggested the training be condensed. He mentioned money is always the concern. He said he has to micromanage who he sends to training. He also suggested the County pay for officers to attend because it is crucial for the officers to get the DWI offender off the street. Mr. Campion said it is the nature of DMV regulations that more and more of these will go to trial. Mr. Murphy said maybe the training could be done in two to three 1/2 days. Chairman Waldron said it is still dollars and cents at the end of the day. Mr. Campion said they were pleased with the 20 officers that attended for the whole day.

Chairman Waldron said the ESLETS Conference is April 18th – 19th. That always has a lot of things to see. He requested officers make their way to Rochester for this conference.

Chairman Waldron said for the e-grants, everyone has met Paul who has reached every department to speak about the grants. If you go too high, you will be shot out. Be realistic with your grant.

Chairman Waldron said Operation Safe Stop is an issue we have adopted each year. It will be held April 18th, and it is a Statewide education and enforcement initiative that targets people passing school buses. He said this year, they will be putting people on the buses. He mentioned that Safeny.gov has a form to be filled out that shows you are participating. He said there will probably be over 1,000 tickets issued Statewide for passing school buses.

Mr. Campion displayed a pamphlet on “Broken Hearts” which contains information on the Saratoga County Education/Grief Response Team. He said this is for families who can call us when they have a hard time dealing with the grief process. Mrs. Dort distributed copies of this pamphlet. She said it is a team that was put together of educators in traffic safety as well as grief counselors. She said guidance counselors are not qualified to deal with hurting students who have suffered a loss due to tragedies. Hopefully, this pamphlet will let schools know we have a ton of educational resources. Chairman Waldron asked if a family member could also call for grief counseling? Mrs. Dort said yes. We could even help someone if it did not involve a tragedy. We are finding a number of people struggle with the grief process. We have learned

