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**SARATOGA COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY BOARD MEETING**

**May 20, 2013 - 1:00 p.m.**

PRESENT: Bob Murphy, STOP-DWI Coordinator; Patrick Campion, D.A.'s Office; Todd Ives, Ballston Spa PD; Mickey Mahoney, Probation Dept.; Tim Williams, Waterford PD; Thomas Parks, Charlton Police; Stephen Williams, Daily Gazette

In the absence of Chairman Waldron, Mr. Murphy called the meeting to order.

Mr. Murphy mentioned a few proms were held this past weekend.

Mr. Murphy stated the DWI crackdown grant was for \$22,000+, and there is \$9,400 left. Coming up will be the crackdowns for Memorial Day weekend, 4<sup>th</sup> of July, and Labor Day. An additional 12 hours for proms and 12 hours for graduations were given to the agencies. He said the breakdown of the individual monies agencies will receive for the Memorial Day weekend crackdown is as follows: Ballston Spa PD - \$600; Mechanicville PD - \$600; Saratoga Springs PD - \$950; Sheriff's Dept. - \$950; Stillwater PD - \$400; and Waterford PD - \$400.

Mr. Murphy said he expects to receive the list of graduation dates this week, and he will fax it to the agencies.

Mr. Ives reported they had three DWIs over the weekend. They are all ready to go for the BUNY which starts today through June 1<sup>st</sup>. A lot of road checks have been organized for this.

Mr. Williams stated their D.O.T. checkpoints yielded good results. They have not had any DWIs to report. A mock DWI program was held at the Waterford/Halfmoon School.

Mr. Murphy said May 23 – May 28 is the State crackdown for seat belts and cell phones. Our enforcement will be out there.

Mr. Campion said they are very busy with DWIs in part due to DMV regulations. He believes more and more of these DWIs will be contested. These new regulations have been in effect since last Fall. These DMV regulations are separate and apart from statutory regulations. He explained when a six month revocation ends, DMV will do a lifetime look back prior to reinstating a license. If a driver is considered a persistently dangerous driver, it will be a five year or a lifetime revocation of a license. In the last 25 years, with three or four alcohol/drugged driving related incidents plus one serious driving offense, that is considered a permanent denial. If revocation for alcohol-related offense, three or four alcohol/drugged driving related convictions or incidents without any serious driving offense in the last 25 years, DMV will require an ignition interlock device. He said if someone was due to receive their license back, DMV would hold back and not reissue the license. Mr. Ives said if someone already received their license back, would they have to turn it back in under the new DMV regulations, and Mr. Campion said no, not until that individual is revoked on a new offense. He stated DMV has records that go all the way back. These would not necessarily appear on a rap sheet, but will appear for DMV's look back. This will affect a lot of individuals and the way prosecutions are handled. There will be many more trials and hearings.

Mr. Mahoney said when people cannot get their license back any more because of these DMV regulations, they are very upset and they call Probation. If they do get it back and they are required to have an ignition interlock, that is

monitored by DMV and not Probation. Mr. Campion stated there will be many more people driving who are revoked, and there will be many more AUOs. Mr. Murphy said coupling other offenses along with DWIs was not done in the past? Mr. Campion said that is correct. Mr. Mahoney asked if AUOs will be a finger printed offense. Mr. Campion said he has not heard anything, but that would be a great idea. He said the only ones he knows of that are finger printable are felonies. Mr. Mahoney said he believes the NYS Division of Probation is lobbying for this.

Mr. Mahoney stated last week, Sue Costanzo and he spoke to 35 senior citizens on Order of the Court. This is a continuing education for older people that was held at the Empire State College. Six agencies of law enforcement talked to these people. He said these people were 55 years of age and older, and it surprised him how aware they are of how many DWI arrests are made. It appears to them how unsafe the roads are. For those people who don't leave their houses much, they are reading the newspaper. He said this was very interesting.

**\*\*NEXT MEETING - MONDAY, JUNE 10, 2013 AT 1:00 P.M.\*\***

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine M. Sodemann