

TRAFFIC SAFETY BOARD MEETING

June 12, 2006 – 1:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Chairman Will Crandall, Saratoga Springs PD; E. M. Rooney, Sheriff's Dept.; Dennis Latham, Stillwater PD; Kevin Judd, So. Glens Falls PD; Jack Murray, Co. Auditor; Lisa Millis, Cooperative Extension; Scott McCart, NYSP-Clifton Park; Jim Murphy, District Attorney; Judy Ekman, Prevention Council; Supervisor Harry Gutheil, BOS Chair; Steve Williams, Daily Gazette

Chairman Crandall called the meeting to order.

Chairman Crandall stated there will be a press conference on Wednesday, June 14th at 3:30 p.m. in the Supervisors' Board Room, and at that time, the police agencies will be given various law enforcement equipment.

Chairman Crandall stated that Bob Murphy, STOP-DWI Coordinator, was not able to be here today, but he wanted everyone to know that for graduation weekend, the agencies can do 16 hours for impaired driver controls. Mrs. Ekman mentioned that most graduations are June 22 - 26. Chairman Crandall said in Saratoga Springs, he will stagger the patrols to start at 3:00 p.m. He said we also have 16 hours of aggressive driving money to use up this month. He suggested directing the areas towards the high schools.

Chairman Crandall said there will be a Child Safety Seat event coming up Friday at Sears.

Chairman Crandall said he has not heard anything about the grants, which means good news.

Chairman Crandall mentioned that 860 tickets were issued during the recent crackdown along the Route 50/Route 9 corridor in Wilton/Greenfield/Saratoga Springs. He stated based on that, we have decided to assign someone to do on-going enforcement with moving violations at the Route 50 corridor. Hopefully at the end of the year when we do accident numbers, that will have a positive effect, he said.

Chairman Crandall asked Mr. Murray if he was up to date with agency vouchers. Mr. Murray said he takes care of them when he receives them.

Chairman Crandall said traffic safety wise, we have had a pretty good first quarter, and all of the agencies are doing a good job. Our seat belt compliance is also up, he added. He said the next seat belt waves will be 10 days each in May and November.

Mr. Murray requested everyone to attend the press conference on June 14th at 3:30.

Mrs. Ekman said they received a grant from the Office of Alcohol and Substance Abuse Services, and they are trying to focus in on more of the southern end of the County. For the spring, we are doing a series of three ads on Parents Who Host Lose The Most. The first ad ran prom week in all of the major papers. The second ad will run prior to graduations in the Money Saver, the Express and the Community News, she said.

Mr. Murphy said law enforcement is doing an excellent job responding to the underage drinking parties. Part of what continues to amaze me is parents do not realize it is a crime because they are serving underage kids in their home or they are taking their keys away, he said. He stated the risks that can result from parents hosting these parties can get out of hand. The best intended parent doing this can result in death in some circumstances, he added.

Mr. Murphy announced that a DWI Enforcement Training class will be held September 13th at the Fire Training Center classroom building. This is an 8-hour training day for law enforcement agencies, he said.

Chairman Crandall said he would like to do an additional patrol the weekend that track season starts. I believe there is enough money to do something then, he said.

Mrs. Ekman said there will be a Victim Impact Panel tomorrow night in Clifton Park, and Waterford will have a law enforcement presenter there. She said the panel for July 11th will also be in Clifton Park, we skip August, and then the September panel will be in Saratoga Springs.

Mrs. Ekman said there is another program coming down the pike with the Partnership For Drug Free America. She stated in April, they had a press conference hosted by Jim Murphy. Congressman Sweeney put together a major grant to address methamphetamine use, she said. She stated the idea is to see if by conducting a really huge media and person to person campaign, they can keep a few areas meth free and reduce meth use or even stop the use. The Meth 360 Campaign will consist of panel presentations all around the Capital region, she said. She stated each presentation will consist of a prevention person, a treatment person and a law enforcement person. Eight troopers will be trained in Albany. We will be looking to do the presentations in established groups, service clubs, fraternal organizations, etc. where we can have a ready-made audience, she said. She said they will be concentrating on school faculties also. We avoided a very large crack epidemic because we did a very large concentration in schools at that time, she said. She stated they will need the support and help of law enforcement and your community connections. She mentioned the grant total is \$15,000.

Mr. Murphy said maybe we should think about what agencies we would like this presentation made to. It is not a traffic safety issue, but it is a law enforcement issue, he said. Chairman Crandall said he has read about people having portable labs in cars that blew up.

Ms. Millis distributed copies of information on Cornell University Cooperative Extension of Saratoga County Child Passenger Safety Education & Occupant Protection Program, FFY 2006-2007. She stated their official kick-off of this program will be at the Saratoga County Fair, July 18 – July 23. She said they will be working closely with this Board to identify people in the area who are in need of these seats.

Mrs. Ekman mentioned a wonderful feature she read in the Daily Gazette on Glenn Rooney. Mr. Rooney said his son, Glenn, was did an internship in the D.A.'s office, but the paper said it was in Youth Court.

**** NEXT MEETING – JULY 10TH AT 1:00 P.M. ****

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine M. Sodemann