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SARATOGA COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY BOARD MEETING

February 25, 2013 – 1:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Chairman Joseph Waldron, Mechanicville PD; E. M. Rooney, Sheriff's Office; Cynthia Dort, Cornell Univ. of Saratoga; Patrick Campion, D.A.'s Office; Mickey Mahoney, Probation; Tom Goodwin, Stillwater PD; Andrew Prestigiacomio, Saratoga Springs PD; Bob Murphy, STOP-DWI Coordinator; Thomas Parks, Charlton Police; Stephen Williams, Daily Gazette

Chairman Waldron called the meeting to order.

Chairman Waldron said for the 2013 Super Bowl STOP-DWI Enforcement Crackdown, he requested the agencies to submit their paperwork to Mr. Murphy as soon as possible. There is a 30-day rule to submit this paperwork from the date of the crackdown.

Mr. Murphy said in dealing with the State, they are very strict about the vouchers being submitted. He said he received a letter today from the State that stated they just finished paying for the 2012 Halloween crackdown, so they are behind. He said we will do the St. Patrick's Day STOP-DWI Enforcement Crackdown on March 15, 16 & 17. Chairman Waldron stated the Statewide Crackdown is March 15 – 18. Agencies will receive the following for this crackdown: Sheriff's Office - \$1,250; Saratoga Springs PD - \$1,250; Mechanicville PD - \$750; Ballston Spa PD - \$750; Waterford PD - \$650; and Stillwater PD - \$650 for a total of \$5,300.

Chairman Waldron said the Empire State Law Enforcement Safety Conference will take place on April 18 & 19 at the Radisson Hotel in Rochester, and he passed around a flyer on this conference. He said there will be great training there.

Chairman Waldron said this is the time of year to start applying for eGrants. Due to the enactment of federal legislation, which has resulted in the reduction of federal funding, there are changes to the 2014 grant program. The Buckle Up New York (BUNY) seat belt enforcement program and the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) of previous years have now been integrated into a new Police Traffic Services (PTS) grant program. By consolidating these two police enforcement grants, we feel we can maximize our safety efforts, effectively leverage federal highway safety grant funding and reduce the administrative burden of the program. Agencies will still have to participate in the BUNY three week crackdown wave.

Chairman Waldron announced that the National Sleep Awareness Week is March 3 – 10. He said there is a lot of drowsy driving taking place. He mentioned there will be a press conference about this on March 7th at 10:30 a.m. hosted by the NYS Thruway Authority at the New Baltimore Travel Plaza located just south of Albany on the Thruway.

Chairman Waldron stated the Operation Safe Stop Education and Enforcement Day will take place on Thursday, April 18. We have always participated as well as going out and following the school buses. The OSS reporting form to document activity is located on the Law Enforcement Partners' Page of the GTSC website at www.safeny.ny.gov.

Chairman Waldron stated the TRACS upgrade training was held this morning for Saratoga County. By the first week in March, it will be rolled out to all of New York State. This takes care of bugs in the old system, he said. It gives administration the capability of doing research and finding out about crashes in certain areas.

