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SARATOGA COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY BOARD MEETING

June 10, 2013 – 1:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Chairman Joseph Waldron, Mechanicville PD, Richard Castle, Sheriff's Office; Bob Murphy, STOP-DWI Coordinator; Patrick Campion, D.A.'s Office; Andrew Prestigiacomio, Saratoga Springs PD; Mickey Mahoney, Probation Dept.; Tim Williams, Waterford PD; Cynthia Dort, Cornell Extension of Saratoga; Heather Kisselback, Prevention Council

Chairman Waldron called the meeting to order.

Mr. Murphy distributed copies of a sheet showing what was given to the agencies and what was spent for the 2012/2013 STOP-DWI Crackdowns through Memorial Day. He mentioned his second grant has been approved. He stated we have to make sure all of the grant money is spent. If we stay within our budget constraints, there will be \$3,000 for the 4th of July crackdown. He said after the 4th of July, we will know exactly where we stand. He said he has an additional line item for our own checkpoints, and if we go over, he will supplement it with that money.

Mr. Murphy stated agencies can have an additional 12 hours for graduations. He mentioned the proms seem to have gone well.

Mr. Murphy said he has been on the telephone with NYRA, and they always ask the Saratoga Springs PD to get involved. Mr. Prestigiacomio said he has hired 19 non-sworn personnel.

Mr. Murphy said he talked with five high school principals, and they are concerned about the last couple of days of classes. Mrs. Kisselback said there are always

concerns because there are parties every year. Mr. Murphy said their concern is with all of the cars the last day of school exams and the last day of regular classes.

Mr. Murphy said after the 4th of July, he will send out a chart of what was spent for all of the crackdowns. He advised the agencies that they can have an additional 12 hours for racing season. He said by next Monday, he will give the agencies their allocation for the 4th of July.

Chairman Waldron stated the Buckle Up New York (BUNY) – Click It or Ticket enforcement mobilization ended June 4th. The numbers are a good success as far as people being compliant. He said they issued a total of 15 seat belt tickets.

Chairman Waldron said now is the time for motorcycle awareness. As the summer comes upon us, I ask everyone to please be careful and make sure it's safe to change lanes before doing so. He said they had a motorcycle crash where an elderly male changed lanes causing the motorcyclist to lose control of the bike and slide into a telephone pole.

Chairman Waldron said several of us from the County went to training in Albany for Alive at 25. We thought it would be a good program to bring to Saratoga County. We want to launch this out to certain areas, and a couple of courts have been chosen to participate. Mrs. Dort said we hope to launch this the last week of June and the last Tuesday of every month at Cornell. She said Mr. Campion has a letter to give to the ADAs. There are five people who may actually take the first class this month, and the maximum is 20. They have to call our office, and they will be put into a class from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Hopefully, they will be taught to make better choices. She said they have been working closely with the D.A.'s office. They are on board, and they will start with a few courts. We have 100 student manuals coming and a DVD from the National Safety Council. Those who take the course will be eligible for a 10% discount on their insurance. She said she, along with four to five police officers, will be teaching the course. She mentioned this course is also offered in Albany and Washington. We really need this in Saratoga County. Chairman Waldron stated the key is for more involvement and reaching out to other departments. It is geared to those young drivers who drive recklessly and who speed. The program itself is very powerful. He said the more instructors we have the more we can branch out to other areas.

Mrs. Dort said if anyone wants to come and watch a class, feel free to do so. We will be putting out a six month calendar. Mr. Murphy requested Mrs. Dort to send a copy to all of the police agencies. Mr. Campion said they are excited to utilize this program on a case by case basis. Mrs. Dort distributed copies of the form that will

