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SARATOGA COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY BOARD MEETING

January 13, 2014 – 1:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Chairman Joseph Waldron, Mechanicville PD; Andrew Prestigiacom, Saratoga Springs PD; Bob Murphy, STOP-DWI Coordinator; Cindy Dort, Cornell Univ. Ext. of Saratoga; Sheriff Michael Zurlo; Rick Washburn, Rick Castle, Sheriff's Office; Janine Stuchin, Prevention Council; Patrick Campion, D.A.'s Office; Tim Williams, Waterford PD; Thomas Parks, Charlton Police; Michael Sharadin, Stillwater PD; Richard Schoonmaker, Galway Police; Mickey Mahoney, Probation; Craig Hayner, County Clerk; Charles Foehser, II, Deputy County Clerk-DMV; Stephen Williams, Daily Gazette

Chairman Waldron called the meeting to order.

Chairman Waldron introduced Craig Hayner, the newly elected County Clerk.

Chairman Waldron said he wishes Sheriff Bowen a good retirement. He is an outstanding and honorable man. He said he was never once put to voice mail when he called Sheriff Bowen. He was a leader of this County for a long time. He then introduced Michael Zurlo, the newly elected Sheriff. He said he has worked with Sheriff Zurlo on several cases, and he is a nice man to be with. Sheriff Zurlo stated that he is looking for a great working relationship with all of the agencies. He said he is taking baby steps. He said they now have e-mail Sheriff@SaratogaCountyNY.gov. He said they will have links for all of the police and County agencies. He introduced Rick Washburn, Sr. Sgt., who has been with the Department for 31 years. He said Rick will be attending these meetings along with Rick Castle. He said his door is always open, and these meetings will have full participation from the Sheriff's Office.

Chairman Waldron requested the status of everyone's 2013/14 DWI crackdowns. Mr. Prestigiacommo stated they had 21 arrests from December 13, 2013 through January 1, 2014. Half of their crackdowns were grant funded and the other half were routine patrols. He stated their DWI arrests are up by 108 from last year. He mentioned Officer Leffler received the MADD award for 75 DWI arrests.

Mr. Castle stated they had 15 DWI arrests during the crackdown period, and six of them were Aggravated DWI.

Chairman Waldron said they had a couple of DWI's. All of the BAC's were above the .08.

Mr. Murphy stated the next crackdown will be for the Super Bowl January 31st through February 3rd. He said after the meeting, he will go through all of the 2014 allocations.

Chairman Waldron reminded the agencies to get their vouchers in. He said everyone should have received notification about their STEP money awards.

Chairman Waldron announced the next Empire State Law Enforcement Traffic Safety Conference will be held at the Albany Marriot on Wolf Road on April 8th and 9th.

Chairman Waldron said there are not a lot of people doing DRE training because they have to travel as far as Arizona for two weeks. Mr. Prestigiacommo said he submitted an application for one of his men, but he was not accepted. He said he talked to someone who said most applicants came from down state.

Mr. Campion said on behalf of the DA's office, they would like to continue to increase their good working relationship that they have had with the Sheriff's Office. He said DRE training is a numbers issue. There has been an increase of DWAI arrests, and once an arrest is made, a DRE is not available. He said defense attorneys know about DRE evaluations. He said they are seeing an increase in 1198-9's (interlock ignition device). Mr. Castle asked if there was a requirement to give anything back to the court saying they had the device installed. Mr. Campion stated most people tell the court they do not own a vehicle. The court, therefore, says the person is still subject to the condition.

Mr. Castle stated they were approved for a Homeland Security grant to purchase a robotic total station.

Mrs. Dort stated the Child Passenger Seat Technicians recertification training will be held June 24th – 27th at State College. It is imperative to have technicians recertified. She said there are nine fitting stations now in Saratoga County which is taking a load off of Cornell.

