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### **SARATOGA COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY BOARD MEETING**

**April 21, 2014 – 1:00 p.m.**

PRESENT: Chairman Andrew Prestigiacomio; Saratoga Springs PD; Bob Murphy, STOP-DWI Coordinator; Richard Washburn, Sheriff's Office; Leonard Fornsby, Frank McGarity, NYSP; Cynthia Dort, Cornell Ext. of Saratoga; Katie DeMartino, D.A.'s Office; Thomas Parks, Charlton Police; Todd Ives, Ballston Spa PD; Todd Moulthrop, South Glens Falls PD; Joseph Waldron, Mechanicville PD; Janine Stuchin, Prevention Council; Mickey Mahoney, Probation; Tim Williams, Waterford PD

Chairman Prestigiacomio called the meeting to order.

Mr. Murphy distributed copies of a list of Saratoga County Prom and Graduation Events, and next month agencies will receive allocations for the crackdowns.

Mr. Murphy stated the STOP-DWI budget was supposed to be approved in March, but we had to wait until April. It was accepted by the Public Safety Committee, and a resolution was adopted at the Board of Supervisors' at their April 15<sup>th</sup> meeting. He said he is waiting for the State's approval.

Mr. Murphy stated the Memorial Day DWI crackdown will be held May 22 – 27, 2014.

Chairman Prestigiacomio said he attended the Empire State Law Enforcement Traffic Safety conference (ESLETS) that was held on April 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> at the Albany Marriot Hotel on Wolf Road. It was a very informative conference. If you ever have a chance in the future to attend this, it is a fantastic two day conference.

Chairman Prestigiacomio said Saratoga Springs PD was involved in a few traffic enforcement initiatives. They participated in Operation Safe Stop. They issued 14 UTT's

for various violations in and around school zones, 2-VTL 1174. They participated in Aggressive/Distracted Driving mobilization on April 10 – 15 (85 UTT's). Their St. Patrick's crackdown on March 14 – 18 yielded three DWI arrests during the period, a pursuit which yielded 19 charges including heroin possession, marijuana, assault 2<sup>nd</sup>, and various traffic infractions and several warrants.

Chairman Prestigiacomio said due to an unforeseen delay in the implementation of the New York State Grants Gateway, 2015 GTSC grant applications will be made through the existing eGrants system. GTSC apologizes for any inconvenience this may cause you. If you have any questions, please contact your GTSC program representative, or email your question to [safeny@dmv.ny.gov](mailto:safeny@dmv.ny.gov). Deadline for grant applications is May 15<sup>th</sup>.

Chairman Prestigiacomio stated those agencies that participated in the Operation Safe Stop enforcement effort have been asked to complete an activity report located on the GTSC website at [www.Safeny.ny.gov](http://www.Safeny.ny.gov). All OSS activity reports should be emailed to [paul.overbaugh@dmv.ny.gov](mailto:paul.overbaugh@dmv.ny.gov). Today is the deadline for this activity report.

Chairman Prestigiacomio said the State Police, Sheriff's Dept. and the Saratoga Springs PD are partnering with Gold Wing Rider Association to host a motorcycle safety awareness event on Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at the State Park. A lot of information will be handed out at this event.

Ms. DeMartino stated their annual DWI training will be held on October 23<sup>rd</sup>. This will included one to two hours of training for 9-1-1 dispatchers and first responders. If anyone has any input, please reach out to Mr. Campion, Mr. Coseo or her. She said they do not know where this training will be held as yet.

Mr. Moulthrop introduced himself stating he is a Sergeant with the South Glens Falls PD.

Mr. Ives stated in the past month, they had four DWI's; one at 2:30 in the afternoon. They participated in Distracted Driving, and 36 tickets were issued.

Mr. Williams said they have one aggravated DWI during the St. Patrick's crackdown and several DWI's last month.

Mr. Waldron said they participated in Operation Safe Stop, and everything went smoothly. They were focused on Central Avenue in Mechanicville. They participated in Distracted Driving, and 54 tickets were issued. There was a lot of cell phone usage which is 5 points on a person's license.

Mr. Parks said they have been doing routine patrols.

Mr. Washburn stated last month, they had 28 DWI's, 11 aggravated DWI's and one Leandra's Law.

