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SARATOGA COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY BOARD

June 9, 2014 – 1:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Chairman Andrew Prestigiacomio; Saratoga Springs PD; Bob Murphy, STOP-DWI Coordinator; Richard Washburn, Sheriff's Office; Cynthia Dort, Cornell Ext. of Saratoga; Patrick Campion, D.A.'s Office; Thomas Parks, Charlton Police; Janine Stuchin, Prevention Council; Steven Bayle, Probation; Tim Williams, Waterford PD; Bill Rabbitt, Mechanicville PD; Michael Sharadin, Stillwater PD; Donald Fougere, New York State Police; Kathy Jordan, County Clerk's Office, Rick Schoonmaker, Galway PD; Stephen Williams, Daily Gazette

Chairman Prestigiacomio called the meeting to order.

Mr. Murphy stated the Memorial Day DWI crackdown went well, and he has all of the paperwork in.

Mr. Murphy announced that the July 4th DWI crackdown will be held July 3rd through 7th. The Labor Day DWI crackdown will be held August 15th through September 1st, and the main reason for the length of that crackdown is due to the races that will be going on.

Mr. Murphy stated there will be 13 high school graduations coming up at the end of the month. Ms. Stuchin distributed copies of an updated list of the graduations and their locations.

Mr. Murphy said when we conclude the July 4th crackdown, he will give additional hours at the July meeting.

Mr. Murphy stated we have received our grant and preliminary approval for next year for \$22,000+.

Chairman Prestigiaco stated police agencies in New York partnered with police departments across the U.S. to participate in a two week mobilization "Click it or Ticket" May 19th – June 1st. Agencies utilized their PTS grant funds to staff seat belt details. Saratoga Springs PD issued 78 tickets during the mobilization which included 44 seat belt violations and four arrests for Aggravated Unlicensed Operation. On Wednesday, May 28th, Saratoga Springs PD partnered up with the Saratoga County Sheriff's Office and the Canadian Pacific Railway Police to conduct a seat belt compliance checkpoint. The checkpoint yielded 46 tickets. Notably, despite the advanced warning signs that stated "Seat Belt Checkpoint Ahead", "Be Prepared to Stop", four seat belt tickets were issued. There were two motorists charged with Aggravated Unlicensed Operation, one interlock device, and three arrests for Unlawful Possession of Marijuana along with a CPCS 7th.

Chairman Prestigiaco stated Saratoga Springs PD arrested 26 motorists for DWI since the last Traffic Safety Board meeting. Six DWI arrests during the Memorial Day crackdown period May 22nd – May 27th.

Chairman Prestigiaco said Saratoga Springs PD partnered up with SCSO and the NYSP for Directed Patrol and Interdiction details during the Dave Matthews concert May 30th and 31st. 49 tickets and 16 arrests were made, mostly narcotics related.

Chairman Prestigiaco updated the Board stating Phish will be at SPAC July 3rd, 4th and 5th. The Saratoga Gaming and Raceway will not be hosting fireworks this year. They will be donating funds to enhance the July 4th fireworks in Congress Park.

Mr. Campion stated they have been busy. There have been quite a bit of DWI's and an increase in felony DWI's. He announced that the annual DWI training will be held on October 23rd, and fliers will be forthcoming.

Mr. Campion said their Investigators will be trained on a new program through DMV called Compass that will run a lifetime full of DMV abstracts for additional information that they will be able to utilize. They will be able to

see the original summons charge and what the conviction was for. He said he believes this programming is now up and running. He said he is not aware of what other agencies have access to this.

Mr. Washburn stated during the last crackdown, they had three DWI's and two ignition interlocks.

Mr. Schoonmaker stated during the Memorial Day DWI crackdown, they issued 31 tickets and had one AUO.

Ms. Stuchin said they will be wrapping up their school-based prevention programs and continue with their outreach in Clifton Park, Saratoga Springs, and South Glens Falls. The Victim Impact Panels will continue in June and July with August off. She said in the Fall, they will be doing expanded STOP-DWI outreach in the schools.

Ms. Stuchin stated Linda Bellick, of her staff, will work with the Victim Impact Panels. By the Fall, she will be running them. These will continue the second Tuesday of each month.

Mr. Sharadin said Dennis Latham wanted to thank the committee. He is retiring, and his last day is June 30th.

Mr. Williams stated they had five DWI's, 20 seat belt tickets issued and one aggravated DWI.

Mr. Fougere stated they were busy with the Americade and the Click it or Ticket. Their DWI's are way up.

Chairman Prestigiaco mentioned they had three DWI's last Thursday in one shift.

Mr. Campion said he is noticing much higher BAC's and quite a lot of felony DWI's.

Mrs. Dort said they were in Spa Catholic doing the Teen Driver Safety Program with the State Police and at the Ballston Spa High School last week. At Wednesday's Assembly, four victims spoke – two from Ballston Spa and two from Shen. It was a very emotional, and an amazing week. She said they performed a seat belt check as students came and left the school. It was mostly the parents dropping the students off who did not have them on. The students were good about it except for the back seat passengers. She

said they performed a cell phone check at the end of school. She said they caught too many to count as soon as they were leaving school. She said they attended a program in Hudson Falls, and they accommodated a request from Argyle.

Mrs. Dort said there was a crash this weekend involving Shenendehowa families, and a young driver died. We have to consider more of what to do educationally.

Mrs. Dort said there will be a Child Passenger Safety Seat class in Latham on Friday.

Mrs. Dort said their Alive at 25 and Distracted Driving classes are over full each month.

Mrs. Dort stated the Sheriff's Office and Cornell are in the planning stages for the Fair, and they are working on some initiatives.

Mrs. Dort said there was an article in the Ballston Journal regarding the teen driver safety event at Ballston Spa High School. Copies of the article were distributed to the committee.

Mr. Murphy stated that seven graduations are taking place in the City of Saratoga Springs, and graduation parties will be coming up.

Mr. Murphy said at the last meeting, a list of SPAC events was distributed. He said copies of that will be passed out at the next meeting.

**** NEXT MEETING – MONDAY, JULY 14TH AT 1:00 P.M. ****

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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