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### SARATOGA COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY BOARD

October 20, 2014 – 1:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Chairman Andrew Prestigiacomio, Saratoga Springs PD; Tom Paton, Frank McGarity, NYSP; Joseph Waldron, Mechanicville PD; Thomas Parks, Charlton Police; Robin Lyle, Prevention Council; Anthony Pirrone, Ballston Spa PD; Todd Moulthrop, South Glens Falls PD; Richard Schoonmaker, Galway Police; Robert Murphy, STOP-DWI Coordinator; Karen Heggen, Patrick Campion, D.A.'s Office; Mickey Mahoney, Probation; Dr. Michael Precioso, Mental Health; Craig Hayner, County Clerk

Chairman Prestigiacomio called the meeting to order.

Mr. Murphy distributed copies of a list of the enforcement crackdown dates from October, 2014 through September, 2015. He stated we will not be doing the Halloween crackdown, so in lieu of that, each department will have eight extra hours over that time. He said the Holiday Season crackdown, December 12 – January 1, is a long time, but the State is happy that we have extended that. He said he will be making up a list of the allocations that he will give out at the November meeting.

Mr. Murphy said if any agency does not participate in the crackdowns, he will need to know a week in advance. He said we were considered the third active county in the State relative to these crackdowns. He said his secretary, Kelly, sent new forms out that we will be using. He requested the agencies to call her if they did not receive the new forms.

Chairman Prestigiacomio said since the last meeting, their agency had 25 DWI arrests; 8 were Aggravated over .18% B.A.C. He said they did a crackdown last Thursday night, but they did not

have any DWI arrests, but they did have marijuana arrests. He said they had traffic backed up on 9N.

Chairman Prestigiaco stated PTS Progress Reports were due October 15<sup>th</sup>. SSPD received their allotment for 2014-2015.

Chairman Prestigiaco said PTS vouchers for reimbursement are due October 31<sup>st</sup>.

Chairman Prestigiaco stated there are no major events in Saratoga Springs until November (Turkey Trot and the Victorian Street Walk).

Chairman Prestigiaco mentioned the SSPD will be sending six officers to Cindy Dort's Child Passenger Safety Training closed class at the end of the month. He said 17 of their officers will be attending the District Attorney's DWI Training.

Ms. Heggen stated she just wanted to say hello to everyone. She said Patrick Campion is the Board's liaison with their office.

Mr. Campion stated 40 officers have signed up for their annual DWI Training Seminar.

Ms. Heggen stated the Saratoga County District Attorney's Office will be hosting a breakfast on November 6<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. at The Factory, Eatery & Spirits to honor the DWI Victim Impact Panel Volunteer Speakers. The cost will be \$15/person. She said invitations have been sent to the County's Law Enforcement Agencies, Magistrates, Not-for-Profit Agencies and all Municipal Departments involved with the Victim Impact Panels. She said they plan on being in and out in one hour. She said it would be great for everyone to join them. Just RSVP to Pam Hall in the D.A.'s Office.

Mr. Campion announced that on November 1<sup>st</sup>, Vince's Law will become effective. Vincent Russo was killed by a drunk driver out by Syracuse. It was a D felony if there were two prior DWI's within 10 years. His family went on a crusade to have this extended to three or more DWI's within 15 years. The specific statute is Section 1193-C. He said he will be mentioning this again at future meetings.

Mr. Waldron said they have had a steady increase in DWI's. He said they have a much younger staff that is doing an aggressive job. They have issued 90 truck traffic tickets over a span of time. He said they have also been busy with drug arrests, and they had one with a hand gun.

Mr. Pirrone said they have had four DWI arrests since the last meeting.

Ms. Lyle said they are very excited that the VIP speakers are going to be honored. She said they typically have 75 people mandated to attend these panels. She said it is amazing to see the full room. She stated they are looking for new victim speakers, and she has sent letters out to most law enforcement in this County. Please reach out to her if you have someone.

Ms. Lyle stated they were able to hire a part-time STOP-DWI Coordinator. This individual is doing out reach with schools and parents. She said they are sending out news letters to administrators and communications staff in schools. The Coordinator is doing a lot with the Red Ribbon Campaign.

Ms. Lyle thanked the SSPD for the heroin forum that was held last week with 85 people.

Ms. Lyle distributed copies of an invitation to their TIPS Training inviting anybody involved in the sale of alcohol to go and be trained. She said this is a great benefit to businesses. This is basically training for them to learn out to sell appropriately, not to sell to underage, and not to over serve. She stated the invitation was sent to 500 retailers in Saratoga County.

Ms. Lyle said in the past, they have done Unstung Heroes for businesses that were in compliance. They had a separate funding stream for this, but they do not have that any longer. She said they are reaching out to law enforcement to tell them what compliance checks they have done and what ones have passed so that they can honor them.

Mr. Mahoney said since the Ignition Interlock became prevalent, they continue to have offenders after their sentencing sell their vehicles, but many of them continue to drive. That restriction is on there some place, but they have had some AUO's that have not been charged for that offense. Some of them are not being charged with the 1198, and they should be held accountable. He said this is a concern for their department.

Mr. Moulthrop said they just received their e-grant, and he asked if that was separate from the dates they have for enforcement. Mr. Waldron said it is separate. Chairman Prestigiacomo said there will be different enforcement waves for that grant.

Dr. Precioso introduced himself as the new Director for Saratoga County Mental Health. He said he would like to put our heads together for some training. He said he wanted to say hello and find a way to be in touch.

**\*\* NEXT MEETING – MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup> AT 1:00 P.M. \*\***

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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