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SARATOGA COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY BOARD

April 13, 2015 – 1:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Chairman Andrew Prestigiacomio, Saratoga Springs PD; Lenny Fornabia, NYSP; Frank McGarity, NYS Park Police; Tim Williams, Waterford PD; Thomas Parks, Charlton Police; Ray Cordani, Michael Sheradin, Stillwater PD; Todd Moulthrop, So. Glens Falls PD; Janine Stuchin, Prevention Council; Patrick Campion, D.A.'s Office; Mickey Mahoney, Probation; Cynthia Dort, Cornell Ext. of Saratoga; Rich Schoonmaker, Galway PD; Patti Donovan, DWI Impact Panel; Stephen Williams, Daily Gazette

Chairman Prestigiacomio called the meeting to order.

Chairman Prestigiacomio said he met with Bob Murphy, prior to this meeting, who has had significant surgery and is recouping in his office catching up on things. He said that the Memorial Day Crackdown is May 22-26, and Mr. Murphy's secretary, Kelly Cook, will be calling or e-mailing the agencies with their allotments for that crackdown.

Chairman Prestigiacomio stated the following:

SSPD made 40 DWI arrests since the last meeting. Four arrests were during the Crackdown period (March 13 – 18). Notable, they had eight DWI arrests this past weekend, and they have had two Vince's Law arrests within the past week.

SSPD partnered with the Sheriff's Office and Cindy Dort on March 20th to conduct a car seat detail at the Malta EMS station.

The national enforcement initiative U Text. U Drive. U Pay is underway April 10 – 15. (covered by PTS grant)

“Empty Chair” Teen Initiative is April 20 – 24.

To complement the ongoing teen driver educational efforts, GTSC is encouraging law enforcement to participate in a new “Empty Chair” teen initiative. A key element to keeping teens safe is education. Law enforcement agencies that have School Resource Officers (SRO’s) or a presence at high schools within your jurisdiction are also encouraged to conduct outreach this week and throughout the prom and graduation season. Educational materials are available at the GTSC Young Driver Toolkit using the link <http://www.safety.ny.gov/SRO-Toolkit/default.html>. Posters for schools, police departments and other areas that teens frequent are also available.

Please consider assigning patrols to focus on a different traffic safety threat each day of the week. Dedicated overtime enforcement to address this initiative is reimbursable under your 2015 Police Traffic Services (PTS) grant. These details should be conducted in the vicinity of high schools whenever possible.

- Monday, April 20, 2015 – Speeding in School Zones
- Tuesday, April 21, 2015 – Seatbelts and Child Restraints
- Wednesday, April 22, 2015 – Cell Phone Use and Texting
- Thursday, April 23, 2015 – Graduated Driver License Provisions
- Friday, April 24, 2015 – Underage Drinking and Impaired Driving

Operation Safe Stop is Thursday, April 16th. A press conference will be held at the Holiday Inn Express in Latham at 10:00 a.m. The Operation Safe Stop Reporting Form for April 16th enforcement activities is available. The due date for agencies to submit the form is ON or BEFORE April 30, 2015. Forms can either be faxed to the GTSC at 518-473-6946 or e-mailed to the GTSC at Paul.Overbaugh@dmv.ny.gov. (covered by PTS grant).

PTS, Child Passenger Safety and Highway Improvement grants have been announced are available. Grant applications submitted through E-Grants (SAFENY website) are due May 15th. Semi-annual progress reports for 2014/2015 grants are due April 15th.

Ballston Avenue and the Exit 15 bridge projects are underway.

SSPD is partnering with the State Police, Sheriff’s Office, the Goldwing Riders’ Association and the Motorcycle Safety Foundation to host a Motorcycle Safety Awareness event in Congress Park on May 2nd from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The Motorcycle Safety Foundation will have their riding simulator there that was funded by GTSC, and there will be some giveaways, law

