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SARATOGA COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY BOARD MEETING

March 9, 2015 – 1:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Chairman Andrew Prestigiacomio, Saratoga Springs PD; Lenny Fornabia, NYSP; Frank Mc Garity, NYS Park Police; Brent Dupras, Sheriff's Office; Thomas Parks, Charlton Police; James Trottier, 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; Craig Hayner, Co. Clerk

Chairman Prestigiacomio called the meeting to order.

Chairman Prestigiacomio stated that Bob Murphy had a scheduled conflict today. Our next crackdown will be the St. Patrick's Day crackdown, March 13 – 18. Kelly Cook, Mr. Murphy's secretary, has either sent you an e-mail or called you with your allotment. Departments can utilize their money in any way they want. If you have not received a call or an e-mail, Kelly can be reached at the County's Emergency Management Office.

Chairman Prestigiacomio said since our last meeting, SSPD had 44 DWI arrests, and two were during the Super Bowl Crackdown.

Chairman Prestigiacomio stated SSPD partnered with the NYSP, Mrs. Dort and EMS personnel for car seat details at Wilton EMS and Clifton Park-Halfmoon EMS on

January 22nd and 23rd from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Both were a success. SSPD participated in the February 27th event at the C.P.– Halfmoon EMS as well.

Chairman Prestigiacomo stated the City's Chowder Fest on January 31st was a success.

Chairman Prestigiacomo said SSPD is hosting Below 100 on March 19th. Sign up is available through the DCJS website. This is an officer safety campaign about wearing seat belts, watching your speed, wearing your vests, etc. This will be held on the 3rd floor of City Hall.

Chairman Prestigiacomo said SSPD is hosting A.R.I.D.E. on April 20 – 21. Sign up is available through SAFENY website. He said this is needed before you can be considered for a DRE position.

Chairman Prestigiacomo stated the PTS, Child Passenger Safety and Highway Improvement grants have been announced and 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.

Mr. Champion said they have been steady with DWI's, and felony DWI's are increasing. BAC's are higher. He mentioned Vince's Law was effective November 24th. He said he has not seen a case charged with this as yet. He said if anyone has questions about it, just give his office a call.

Mr. Dupras stated they had nine DWI's during the Super Bowl Crackdown, and two were felonies.

Mr. Dupras said there will be a car seat check with Mrs. Dort and the SSPD at Malta EMS on March 20th from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. He said his goal is to provide in various locations one testing site per month throughout the County. Mr. Fornabia asked Mr. Dupras to provide them with that list when he has it, as they want to be a clearinghouse. Mr. Dupras said he is trying to send four people to the class that Mrs. Dort is organizing.

Mr. Dupras stated the Distracted Driving campaign is this week, and he is putting on extra people today, tomorrow and on the 11th to issue cell phone tickets, etc. They will also be doing extra patrols for the St. Patrick's Day Crackdown.

Mr. Dupras said they are working on the prom issues that will be coming up in May. They have started to get organized with that and working with the schools.

Mr. Dupras said they are participating in the Alive at 25 and Victim Impact Panels. A person will be available to be at those. Chairman Prestigiacomio said he could certainly use a backup.

Ms. Stuchin said last month, they held a Narcan training, and they have been offering those every other month. She stated this is a free one hour training, and the trainer comes from Albany.

Ms. Stuchin mentioned there will be a Victim Impact Panel tomorrow night.

Ms. Stuchin stated next Thursday is their Safe Spring Student Leadership Conference that they run with funding from the County's STOP-DWI program. This will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Gannett Auditorium at the Skidmore campus. This year, they are bringing in a group of young people from Dover, NH Youth 2 Youth Alliance. She said this conference will include 280 high school kids from Saratoga County and their SADD advisors. She mentioned last year's event was snowed out.

Ms. Stuchin said by next month, they will have put together a chart that outlines upcoming prom and graduation dates and locations.

Mr. Moulthrop stated they had their Marathon Dance this past weekend, and they broke the record again. He said everything went smoothly.

Mr. Fornabia said they are participating in the St. Patrick's Day initiative. They have been in touch with Clear Channel Communications who sponsors all of the concerts at SPAC. Some of these concerts warrant a lot of enforcement. For the more civilized ones, they will be coming up with custom signage to remind people not to drink and drive.

Mr. Fornabia said their DRE will be coming back here on May 7th. They are experiencing a turnover in this area that they have not had in a few years. Many of the senior guys have moved on. He said when they make a DRE, they take their best people. The problem with that is then they get promoted. They approached their headquarters to ask if they could use one of their Lieutenants. Hopefully, next month, they will have an answer.

