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SARATOGA COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY BOARD MEETING

February 8, 2016 – 1:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Chairman Andrew Prestigiacomio, Saratoga Springs PD; Wes Carr, STOP-DWI Coordinator; Ray Cordani, Stillwater PD; Frank McGarity, NYS Park Police; Mickey Mahoney, Probation; Janine Stuchin, Prevention Council; Patrick Campion, Scott Perkins, D.A.'s Office; Cynthia Dort, Cornell; Tim Williams, Waterford PD; Thomas Parks, Charlton Police; Joseph Waldron, Mechanicville PD; Dave Goodwin, Galway Police;

Chairman Prestigiacomio called the meeting to order.

Mr. Carr stated the revenue has been received from the State for the Labor Day Crackdown. For the Super Bowl Crackdown, he has received two claims, and he requested these be sent to him as soon as possible. He announced that the next STOP-DWI Crackdown will be for St. Patrick's Day, March 17 – March 20. He said he will be distributing the dollar amounts out to the agencies this week. He said he is also reaching out to the schools for their after prom parties. He stated his year-end report is due March 31st, and this will be his first one.

Chairman Prestigiacomio mentioned that the SSPD made 21 DWI arrests since the last meeting on January 11th. He stated that four DWI arrests were made during the Super Bowl Crackdown period (February 5 – 8).

Chairman Prestigiacomio stated that Chowder Fest was held in Saratoga Springs this past weekend, and it has taken on a different life. It used to be a family event. He stated it is one part family and two parts drunk fest. He said they did away with the October Block Party because of that. He said fights were an issue. He said they will be looking to modify this event.

Mr. Campion stated they are seeing many DWI's. He said in every accident involving a fatality, DMV conducts an administrative hearing to determine if a motorist's license should be revoked. If they have a pending criminal case attached to that accident, DMV will hold the fatality hearing in advance until the criminal case is resolved. He said if any police officer receives a notice to appear at a DMV fatality hearing, just let his office know because he said he can see some cases falling through the cracks or some cases they are not aware of. Mr. Waldron said in general, he will tell his officers no DMV hearings period. He said at the end of the day, they will receive the suspension through the court system. Mr. Campion said for misdemeanors, we don't see any reason not to go.

Mr. Waldron stated they had one DWI during the last crackdown but nothing last night for Super Bowl. Other than bar fights, it was quiet.

Mr. Williams said they had a couple of DWI's during the month but none during the crackdown.

Mr. Parks said for that sovereignty issue he discussed at a previous meeting, the gentleman pled guilty and that was resolved.

Mr. Waldron stated they had a gentleman from up north who photocopied a license plate from another vehicle and put it on his vehicle and claimed he was a sovereign citizen.

Mr. Cordani said they did not have any DWI's, but they had a felony DWI prior to the crackdown. They had two dedicated patrols with five arrests.

Mr. Cordani asked if anyone could steer him in the right direction for LPRs? Theirs is starting to act up on him, and he checked on prices which were quite high. He wondered if there were any grants for this. Mr. Waldron said you can get value on the ones you have if you trade them back in. Mr. Cordani said he reached out to LSag, and they want close to \$16,000, and they will give him \$1,500 for the one he has. Mr. Waldron said everyone is moving away from LSag, and they will be moving away from it also. Chairman Prestigiacommo said he has all of Pat Fox's programming now. The system is phenomenal. He said the Genotect program and equipment are outstanding. He said with that, you receive a shared server and are in with anyone else who is in Pat Fox's group. He stated DCJS was very generous for a while, but he has not heard of any grants in a while. Mr. Waldron stated they just received a \$10,000 grant for guns, and that took an act of Congress to receive. Chairman Prestigiacommo stated that LSag has gone downhill with service and some of their products.

Mr. Mahoney said they have steady business and are seeing high BAC's on the ignition interlock. Mr. Waldron said they are pulling over a lot of people with those, so the message is getting out there. He stated a lot of people who have these are getting pulled over. Mr.

