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SARATOGA COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY BOARD MEETING

January 11, 2016 – 1:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Chairman Andrew Prestigiacomio, Saratoga Springs PD; Wes Carr, STOP-DWI Coordinator; Ray Cordani, Stillwater PD; Lenny Fornabia, NYSP; Mickey Mahoney, Probation; Janine Stuchin, Prevention Council; Patrick Campion, D.A.'s Office; Cynthia Dort, Cornell; Tim Williams, Waterford PD; Brent Dupras, Sheriff's Office; Todd Moulthrop, South Glens Falls PD; Thomas Parks, Charlton Police; Rich Schoonmaker, Galway PD; ? Ballston Spa PD

Chairman Prestigiacomio called the meeting to order.

Mr. Carr stated the holiday crackdown claims are due in by Friday. He has received a few of them already. He said the Super Bowl crackdown will be February 5 – 8.

Mr. Carr said he had the opportunity to sit in on the Albany County Law Enforcement Evaluation Committee meeting this past Friday in Guilderland which is similar to this board. He said the new Shattered Lives booklets are out, and he has requested them from the State Association Director. As soon as he receives them, he will give them out to everyone. One of the things they discussed was the auto brewery syndrome. There is a case where a woman stated she produces alcohol naturally. He stated that is on the horizon, and he believes down the road, officers will come across people claiming that. Mr. Campion said the reality is legally, she still could be charged with DWI. In that case, she admitted to drinking four drinks before driving. She was still intoxicated. He said just because her

body increased her intoxication, legally he doesn't believe it changed anything. The judge chose to dismiss it based upon the motion that the attorney made.

Mr. Carr stated the Coordinator of Niagara County quoted a newspaper article regarding uncollected fine money. One of the towns in Niagara County, going back to 1985 to 2015, had roughly \$400,000 in uncollected fines. He said he does not know if there is anything he can do with the justice courts in Saratoga County as far as obtaining the uncollected fine money.

Mr. Carr stated there will be a Victim Impact Panel tomorrow night at the Cooperative Extension auditorium across the street. He has compiled some preliminary statistical analysis of the VIP demographics, and he will be getting together with the other people involved with coordinating the panels to review this.

Mr. Carr asked Mr. Campion where he would find the number of County DWI arrests County-wide for the past few years. Ms. Dort said maybe GTSC. Mr. Fornabia said they would only be available through 2013. They are supposed to be coming out with a new format any day now, and he could help Mr. Carr through that. He said he has been working with Division Headquarters, and they are supposed to be coming out with an actual real time map which is 30 days behind with crash data. The holdup has been DOT due to liability. They are afraid that if all of these attorneys have access to where all of these crashes occur, they will be sued over problems with the roadways. He understands that they have been able to work through that, and this will coming out within the next six months. For example, you could go on and check October to see how many fatalities there were in the County or State. Ms. Dort advised Mr. Carr that he could check with Linda who just received a breakdown from NITSA Region II, but it could also be a year behind. Mr. Fornabia asked Mr. Carr if he was looking for arrests or crash data, and Mr. Carr said anything and everything. Mr. Fornabia said he would give him a copy of their Traffic Safety Plan which includes Saratoga County. He believes it is just for 2013 because 2014 hasn't been posted because of the new format that is supposed to be coming out.

Chairman Prestigiacomio reported on the following:

SSPD DWI Activity – SSPD made 24 DWI arrests since the last meeting on December 7, 2015. 16 DWI arrests were made during the Holiday Crackdown

