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SARATOGA COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY BOARD MEETING

December 7, 2015 – 1:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Chairman Andrew Prestigiacomio, Saratoga Springs PD; Wes Carr, Youth Bureau/STOP-DWI; Leonard Fornabia, NYS Police; Frank McGarity, NYS Park Police; Brent Dupras, Sheriff's Office; Thomas Parks, Charlton Police; Janine Stuchin, Prevention Council; Patrick Champion, D.A.'s Office; Mickey Mahoney, Probation; Cynthia Dort, Cornell Ext. of Saratoga; Craig Hayner, County Clerk

Chairman Prestigiacomio called the meeting to order.

Chairman Prestigiacomio introduced Wes Carr, the newly appointed Coordinator for the STOP-DWI program who will take over in January. He said Mr. Carr and he met in his office last week and touched upon the STOP-DWI Program and what we are all about.

Mr. Carr stated he is currently the Director of the Saratoga County Youth Bureau and has been for the past 20 years. He said his appointment as Coordinator is effective January 1st. He said one of the things they do in the Youth Bureau is coordinate the Victim Impact Panels, and there are 11 of these per year. There will be one tomorrow night in Clifton Park. He said Ms. Stuchin and her staff and Mrs. Dort work together with him. He stated Kelly Cook has been helpful in walking him through the STOP-DWI process. He said everything will be done out of the Youth Bureau. He said if anyone has any questions, please contact him.

Chairman Prestigiacomio said everyone should have received their allotment from Kelly Cook for the holiday crackdown December 18, 2015 – January 3, 2016k.

Chairman Prestigiacomio reported on the following:

SSPD DWI Activity – SSPD made 24 DWI arrests since the last meeting on November 9th. Eight DWI arrests were made during the Thanksgiving Crackdown period (November 25 –

29). SSPD has conducted two more DWI Sobriety Checkpoints since the last meeting. Between both checkpoints, officers yielded 3 DWI arrests, 3 Aggravated Unlicensed Operation arrests and 2 Narcotic Violation arrests. Three dozen tickets were issued, and nearly two dozen drivers were detained and administered Standardized Field Sobriety Tests.

The Christopher Daley Turkey Trot 5K was held on November 26th (Thanksgiving), and was a success. Nearly 3800 runners participated in the event. The Victorian Street Walk was held on December 3rd, and it was also a success. Crowds were estimated to have reached 10,000 on Broadway.

Mr. Champion said he wanted to commend the efforts of his colleague, Matt Coseo, in securing a felony DWI conviction last week in County Court jury trial. He worked very hard on the case in trial preparation and in the trial itself. He thanked the Saratoga Springs Police Department for making the arrest.

Mr. Champion said on behalf of the D.A.'s office, he congratulated Mr. Carr in his new position. They are excited to work with him on future initiatives.

Mr. Champion said business has been steady. He said recently, he has not seen many ignition interlock violations in his DWI courts. Since 2010 in our County, 33% have actually installed the device which is better than other counties. 1500 people were subject to the conditions, and 500 people have actually installed it. He said 1000 people since then maintain they do not own a vehicle. He requested the agencies to keep an eye out for this.

Mr. Dupras welcomed Mr. Carr on behalf of the Sheriff's Dept. He said since the last meeting, they had nine DWI's. On Sunday, November 29th, the Sheriff had his Toys for Tots convoy with over 200 vehicles and raised over 4500 toys. He thanked the Park Police, State Police and other police agencies for their help with this. He said they will continue to do the Alive at 25 and Victim Impact Panels. He has assigned a Deputy as much as he can. He mentioned they were in Edinburg for a car seat check last week, and they did have a few participants. He said they will continue to move this around the County. He stated they are gearing up for the holiday season with regard to enforcement. The Sheriff is going to put extra people on in the malls, etc. They are looking forward to a safe holiday season.

Ms. Stuchin also welcomed Mr. Carr. She said their STOP-DWI designated prevention educator is busy working with the SADD chapters around the County. They have set up the annual youth conference, Safe Spring, which will be held on Thursday, March 17th at Skidmore College, and everyone is invited. She said she will bring in a flyer on this in January. She mentioned this will start at 8:30 a.m. and finish up about 1:00 p.m. The training, breakout workshops and showcasing of what students have done throughout the year are primarily in the morning.

