

Onondaga County Traffic Safety Advisory Board

January 15, 2008

Meeting Minutes

Members Attending:

Dereaux Branch
Gene Conway
Warren Darby
Mike Lefancheck
Linda McKinnon
William Mulroy
Glenn Murdock
Jeff Raub
Irene Scruton
Shannon Trice
Jeff Tripp
Leo Williams
Patricia Wortley

**Designee*

Organization:

Branch's Driving School
DeWitt Police Department
Onondaga County Sheriff's Office
Baldwinsville Police Department
OCTSAB
NYS Thruway Authority
Burns Bros.
New York State Police
Safety Council of CNY
Syracuse Police Department
North Syracuse Police Department
Centro
SMTC

Stakeholders Attending:

Steve Brustein
Joel Cordone
Curt Dailey
Damon Gagnier
Diane Graser
Thomas MacDonald
Sharon Naftal
Marty Nerber
John Patane
Jeff Peckins
Mike Sommers
Dan Meyers

Organization

NYS DMV
Syracuse Police Department
Onondaga County Sheriff's Office
DeWitt Police
NYS Department of Transportation
NYS Park Police
Onondaga County Sheriff's Office
Clay Police Department
Onondaga County Department of Transportation
Manlius Police Department
Sen. DeFrancisco's Office
Meyer's Towing

Excused: Diana Dibble, AAA; Paul Gottfried, Southern Wine & Spirit of Upstate New York; Robert Keller, Nationwide Insurance; John Leo, Onondaga County Department of Transportation; Bill McAnelly, NYS Motor Truck Association; Steve Rotunno, Camillus Police Department; Andrew Scherer, Cicero Police Department; and Kay Staley-Smith, NYS DMV.

1. Welcome

Ms. Wortley, Chair, opened the meeting at 9:31 a.m. at Gerald Deitz Training Center, at the Central New York Regional Transportation Authority, Syracuse, NY.

2. Acceptance of Minutes

Ms. Wortley stated that we have not had a quorum present since the May 2007 meeting.

Ms. Wortley asked for a motion to approve the May 16, 2007 minutes. Lt. Lefancheck moved and Capt. Trice seconded approval of the minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Wortley asked for a motion to approve the July 25, 2007 minutes. Mrs. Scruton moved and Capt. Trice seconded approval of the minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Wortley asked for a motion to approve the September 19, 2007 minutes. Mr. Mulroy moved and Lt. Lefancheck seconded approval of the minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Wortley asked for a motion to approve the November 14, 2007 minutes. Lt. Lefancheck moved and Officer Tripp seconded approval of the minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Election of Officers

Ms. McKinnon stated that the Nominating Committee met in December to select a slate of officers. Ms. McKinnon stated that the nominees were: Patricia Wortley for Chair, Shannon Trice for Vice Chair and Linda McKinnon for Secretary. Ms. McKinnon called for nominations from the floor. Hearing none, the meeting proceeded.

Ms. McKinnon cast one vote for the slate of officers as presented. The Motion carried unanimously.

4. Communications and Reports

A. Onondaga County Department of Transportation – Traffic Safety Program Update

Mr. Patane, Onondaga County Traffic Safety Coordinator, highlighted the following items:

1. Sleep Awareness Week - March 3-9, 2008
2. Web site to be redesigned
3. Agencies may utilize the solar sign
4. BUNY operation a success
5. Safe Routes to School program.

B. Committee Updates:

Aggressive Driving: Ms. Wortley stated that Capt. Rotunno could not be at today's meeting, but he reported that the Aggressive Driving Committee will be meeting on January 23 to discuss 2008 goals and initiatives.

Awards: Ms. McKinnon stated that the Awards Breakfast was held on Tuesday, January 8, 2008 at the Renaissance Hotel. She noted that everything went very well.

Lights On: Ms. Wortley stated that Lights On was held at Liverpool High School on December 8. She stated that approximately 50 vehicles took part in the caravan. She thanked all those that participated.

Seatbelts: Officer Tripp stated that there would be a committee meeting at the end of April.

4. Old Business

None.

5. New Business

A. 2008 Committee Assignments: Ms. Wortley reviewed the OCTSAB standing committees. She requested that if anyone wished to join a committee or be removed from a committee that they let her know. Following discussion a Teen Driver Committee was added. It was decided that Motorcycle Issues would be addressed under Aggressive Driving.

B. Roundtable Discussions:

Future Meetings: Ms. Wortley stated that she is seeking meeting spaces for the 2008 meetings. All meetings will be held on the third Tuesday of the odd numbered months, with the exception of the summer meeting. Chief Conway volunteered to host the March 18 meeting.

Capt. Trice stated that he had handouts relative to the Get it Together Campaign available. He also noted that there was a radio contest.

Lt. Nerber stated that applications were available for the Route 31 Corridor grant between Morgan Road and the railroad tracks. He noted that the State Police, Sheriff's Office and the Clay Police were eligible to apply for the grant. The submission deadline is February 15.

Chief Conway spoke relative to the Move Over Act/Campaign. Significant discussion occurred regarding the use of the NYSDOT's variable message signs along the interstates.

7. Public Comment

None.

8. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 10:10 a.m.