

Onondaga County Traffic Safety Advisory Board

May 16, 2007

Meeting Minutes

Members Attending:

Deraux Branch
Gene Conway
Joel Cordone*
Warren Darby
Diana Dibble
Paul Gottfried
Linda McKinnon
William Mulroy
Jeff Raub
Steve Rotunno
Jeff Tripp
Leo Williams
Patricia Wortley

Organization:

Branch's Driving School, Inc.
DeWitt Police Department
Syracuse Police Department
Onondaga County Sheriff's Office
AAA
Southern Wine & Spirit of Upstate New York
OCTSAB
NYS Thruway Authority
New York State Police
Camillus Police Department
North Syracuse Police Department
Centro
SMTC

**Designee*

Stakeholders Attending:

Diana Graser
Casey Gray
Mike Lefancheck
Sharon Naftal
John Patane
Andy Scherer

Organization

NYS Department of Transportation
New York State Police
Baldwinsville Police Department
Onondaga County Sheriff's Office
Onondaga County Department of Transportation
Cicero Police Department

Also Attending: Charles Acevedo, Centro; and Dan Meyer, Meyer's Towing.

Excused: Steve Brustein, NYS DMV; Mike Davison, Think First; John Leo, Onondaga County Department of Transportation; Laura Madelone, Syracuse University; Bill McAnelly, NYS Motor Truck; Marty Nerber, Clay Police Department; Irene Scruton, Safety Council of CNY; and Shannon Trice, Syracuse Police.

1. Welcome

Ms. Wortley, Chair, opened the meeting at 9:34 am at Gerald Deitz Training Center at Centro, 200 Cortland Ave, Syracuse, NY. Ms. Wortley thanked Centro for hosting the meeting. Following introductions the meeting proceeded.

2. Acceptance of Minutes

Ms. Wortley inquired if there were any comments or corrections to the March 21, 2007 minutes. Hearing no comments, Mr. Gottfried moved and Mr. Mulroy seconded approval of the March 21, 2007 minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

3. **Communications and Reports**

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

Mr. Patane, Onondaga County Traffic Safety Coordinator, stated he attended a conference at Cornell promoting Safe Routes to Schools. Mr. Patane also attended the Blessings of the Bikes held at St. Daniel's Church. The Expo will be held November 10th at Drivers Village from 1:00-4:00 pm. Mr. Branch is chairperson of the committee. A recommendation came from Sgt. Cordone to pursue support from the Syracuse Chiefs, Syracuse Crunch, etc.

B. Committee Updates:

Miscellaneous: Ms. Wortley stated that response to the March request for committee volunteers was low. She provided a listing of those requesting to be on the committees.

Aggressive Driving: Capt. Rotunno stated that the committee met on May 9th. Operation Eagle Eyes set for June 15th -- rain date of June 16th. The Operation will be similar to last year's event. Air support will follow the speeding motorist/cyclist. On May 25th the NYS Police, the Sheriffs' Office and Camillus Police will participate in a Speed Creep on Route 5 and W. Genesee Turnpike. On June 8th countywide law enforcement agencies will participate in campaigns against aggressive driving. The Syracuse Nationals begin July 20th. The Onondaga Lake Parkway will be closed from 7:00-9:00 pm for the Nationals.

Grants: Ms. Wortley thanked all those who participated in the Grants process. She stated that the signed copies were hand delivered to GTSC and that electronic copies were submitted via e-mail. Additionally, any department that has not submitted their BUNY grant in Word format to GTSC needs to do so.

Lights On: Ms. Wortley stated that a meeting will be held in the near future to obtain a date for the December Caravan.

Nominating: Ms. McKinnon stated that three new board members had been appointed by the County Executive: Mr. Branch, Chief Conway and Ms. Scruton.

Occupant Restraint/ Pedestrian & Bicycle Safety: Officer Tripp stated that there will be a Press Conference on May 17th at Alliance Stadium

4. **Old Business**

A. By-Laws

Please submit any changes send to Ms. Wortley.

5. **New Business**

A. Roundtable Discussions: Mr. Williams from Centro explained and demonstrated how the new camera systems installed on all the buses has saved Centro from money losses in false claims. Each bus is equipped with 5-7 cameras and a new grant for additional outside cameras has been applied for. Cameras run 24/7 with audio. This allows for instant reporting. These cameras have also assisted law enforcement with accidents, burglaries, etc.

Ms. Wortley noted that the Heat Is On event sponsored by DMV is scheduled for June 19th from 10:00am-2:00pm at the Taft Rd. location.

Ms. Wortley stated that Brad Swartz has requested information on anyone who may be a seatbelt survivor. This information is needed to complete PSA's. Some of those present knew of survivors and Ms. Wortley will forward the e-mail to them.

6. Public Comment

Sgt. Cordone explained that the Syracuse Police Department has been selected for a Remington Readers pilot program. The Readers will be installed on school buses and will be able to photograph license plate numbers as individuals pass a stopped school bus. All information is downloaded to one server and will enable law enforcement to locate the driver.

Undersheriff Darby stated there are currently 13 people registered in the Life Saver program.

7. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Ms. Dibble moved and Officer Tripp seconded adjournment of the meeting at 10:25 am. The motion carried unanimously.