

Onondaga County Traffic Safety Advisory Board

July 12, 2006

Meeting Minutes

Members Attending:

Paul Gottfried
John Leo
Laura Madelone
Linda McKinnon
Joanne Michaels*
Lloyd Perkins
Jeff Raub
Doug Robertson
Steve Rotunno
Shannon Trice
Jeff Tripp
Leo Williams
Patricia Wortley

Organization:

Southern Wine & Spirit of Upstate New York
Onondaga County Department of Transportation
Syracuse University
OCTSAB
District Attorney's Office - Stop DWI
Skaneateles Police Department
New York State Police
East Syracuse Police Department
Camillus Police Department
Syracuse Police Department
North Syracuse Police Department
Centro
SMTC

Stakeholders Attending:

Kristen Afarian
Thomas Fischer
Damon Gagnier
Jeff Peckins

Organization

Camillus Police Department
NYS Park Police
DeWitt Police Department
Manlius Police Department

**Designee*

Excused: Don Barrett, MADD; Warren Darby, Onondaga County Sheriff's Office; Mike Davison, Think First; Diana Dibble, AAA; Jack Keller, NYS Police; Mary Jo Kohl, Safety Council of Upstate NY; Bill McAnelly, NYSMTA; William Mulroy, NYS Thruway Authority; Glenn Murdock, Brubacher Excavating; Phil Politano, The Politano Group; and Kathy Turner, Onondaga County Health Department.

1. Welcome

Ms. Madelone, Chair, opened the meeting at 1:10 p.m. at Gille Lake, Camillus, NY.

2. Acceptance of Minutes

Ms. Madelone inquired if there were any changes/corrections to the May 11, 2006 minutes. Hearing none, Mr. Gottfried moved and Lt. Trice seconded approval of the minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Communications and Reports

A. Onondaga County Health Department Update:

Ms. Madelone stated that we had not received the Health Department's update prior to the meeting, but that a report would be included in the next mailing.

Committee Updates:

Aggressive Driving: Lt. Rotunno stated that Operation Eagle Eyes was conducted in May and he provided a break down of the number of tickets issued by each agency. Overall, twice as many tickets were issued this year. He noted that all the local media were included in the event. Lt. Rotunno stated that there was an expanded effort in June. He provided an additional handout of the Heat Is On ticket percentages. Overall, everything worked well.

Lt. Rotunno noted that the Syracuse Nationals were going to be held July 14-16. The enforcement efforts will focus on local drivers. He stated that another aggressive driving effort will take place in August.

Officer Tripp stated that the overall enforcement effort went well. He believes that we need to get the word out in some other way than through the Heat Is On press conference at the DMV.

Awards: Ms. McKinnon stated that the committee met on June 29th. The breakfast will be held on January 9, 2007 at the Marx. The committee will be meeting again in September prior to the regular OCTSAB meeting.

Project Planning: Ms. Wortley stated that the Lights On Committee met on May 24th and June 27th. Preparation continues for the December 9th event to be held at West Genesee High School. The committee will be meeting again in August.

Ms. Michaels inquired if anything would be done at the event to honor Mr. Deitz. It was agreed that something would be done in his honor.

Grants: Ms. Madelone stated that departments should be hearing about the status of the new grant in mid-August.

Lt. Trice inquired if there was alcohol grant money available this summer as in the past. There has been no word on such funding at this time.

4. Old Business

A. DMV's Heat Is On Wrap Up

Ms. Madelone asked for comments about this year's Heat Is On Event. The group consensus was that a better set up is need in the future. Having a cordoned off area does not invite the public to enter. People were not aware of what was going on. Chief Robertson inquired as to why the event had to be held on a weekday when holding it on a weekend would draw more people. Officer Peckins stated that the Towne Center in Fayetteville could be a possible future venue. Representatives from there are very interested in holding an event of this type. Ms. Madelone suggested doing something next year at the Traffic Safety Fair.

5. New Business

A. Roundtable Discussions:

Officer Peckins stated that the Manlius Police Department had conducted aggressive driving efforts. In a three week period, 300 tickets were issued. He noted that with the saturation patrols, there was a decrease in the number of crashes at high accident locations. Ms. Madelone requested that any media coverage or public relations efforts relative to Manlius' efforts be sent to Mr. Schwartz.

Officer Tripp stated that Channel 9 will be airing a segment relative to North Syracuse's crosswalk detail.

Lt. Rotunno stated that Operation Safe and Sober will be taking place August 18th through September 4th. Once again they would like the NYSDOT message boards to notify drivers of the effort. Sgt. Gagnier is helping to coordinate police agency involvement.

Chief Robertson inquired if the Gone4Ever display was going to be at the NYS Fair. Ms. Michaels stated that it would not be there. During the first week of school, Jamesville-DeWitt will house the display. From there it will travel to the school districts with the involved students: Cicero-North Syracuse, LaFayette and Skaneateles. Ms. Madelone stated that perhaps the display could be included in next year's Traffic Safety Fair.

Ms. Madelone stated that the Prevention Network recently won an award for the PSA's they developed. The PSA's will air on Clear Channels networks.

6. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chief Perkins moved and Lt. Trice seconded the adjournment of the meeting and the meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m.