

# Onondaga County Traffic Safety Advisory Board

## September 14, 2006

### Meeting Minutes

#### **Members Attending:**

Don Barrett  
Curt Dailey\*  
Diana Dibble  
John Leo  
Laura Madelone  
William Mulroy  
Jeff Raub  
Steve Rotunno  
Patricia Wortley

#### **Organization:**

MADD  
Onondaga County Sheriff's Office  
AAA  
Onondaga County Department of Transportation  
Syracuse University  
NYS Thruway Authority  
New York State Police  
Camillus Police Department  
SMTC

#### **Stakeholders Attending:**

Steve Brustein  
Scott Hare  
James Lynch  
Sharon Naftal  
Marty Nerber  
Paul Overbaugh  
Robin Palmer  
Jeff Peckins  
Darryl Perrigo  
Irene Scruton  
Kathy Turner

#### **Organization**

NYS DMV – Division of Investigation  
DeWitt Police Department  
NYS Thruway Authority  
Onondaga County Sheriff's Office  
Clay Police Department  
PTSI  
NYS Police  
Manlius Police Department  
Solvay Police Department  
Safety Council of CNY/WNY Chapter  
Onondaga County Health Department.

*\*Designee*

**Excused:** Warren Darby, Onondaga County Sheriff's Office; Paul Gottfried, Southern Wine & Spirit of Upstate New York; Linda McKinnon, OCTSAB; Glenn Murdock, Brubacher Excavating; Doug Robertson, East Syracuse Police Department; Shannon Trice, Syracuse Police Department; and Jeff Tripp, North Syracuse Police Department.

#### **1. Welcome**

Ms. Madelone, Chair, opened the meeting at 9:35 a.m. at Onondaga County Sheriff's Office, North Station, 7120 Henry Clay Blvd., Liverpool, NY.

#### **2. Acceptance of Minutes**

Ms. Madelone stated that due to the fact we did not have a quorum in attendance; the July 12, 2006 minutes would not be able to be approved until the next meeting.

#### **3. Communications and Reports**

##### **A. Onondaga County Health Department Update:**

Ms. Turner stated the last quarter highlights will be forwarded to Ms. Wortley at the beginning of October. Ms. Turner highlighted some of the events since the last meeting which included a number of safety day and fairs; training for crossing guards and defensive driving teachers; and

a series of presentations with 700 individuals being served. Additionally, over 100 car seats and 60 helmets were distributed. They participated in the Schools Open Safely in East Syracuse. Will be participating in NYS Walk to School and SAFEKIDS event on October 3<sup>rd</sup> in East Syracuse.

Relative to the car seat program, they had requested additional funding this past grant for car seats. Due to the increase in funding, over 450 seats were distributed.

Ms. Turner noted that the web site is being maintained by the County web site coordinator. Ms. Wortley has been the contact person for the project and it is in the final stages. She requested that anyone with upcoming events for the months of October, November and December let Ms. Wortley know so that she may pass the information on. The new website should be ready to go by October 1<sup>st</sup>. Ms. Madelone requested that Ms. Turner work with the Onondaga County DOT as well since that department will be taking over the Traffic Safety Program (TSP) on October 1<sup>st</sup>. Ms. Madelone also stated that the web site needs to reflect the priorities of the TSP as noted in the new grant. Ms. Turner will be working with Mr. Leo.

Ms. Turner stated that the Health Department recently underwent a NHTSA audit of the last four years of the program. She believes there will be excellent news in the report, which has not yet been received. There were no problems with the financials. She will work with the County DOT to continue to maintain this effort. Ms. Turner noted that one of the concerns was evaluation measures. She stated that we are well positioned to move into the next grant year. The auditors praised the involvement of the OCTSAB and all the great work that goes on in the community.

For the new grant, the Health Department will be working closely with DOT. There will be a new staff.

Ms. Turner thanked the OCTSAB for their support over the years. She noted that she will no longer be attending meetings with the transition of the TSP to the DOT. She stated that anyone can always call upon the Health Department for resources. Ms. Madelone thanked Ms. Turner for the Health Department support.

#### **B. Committee Updates:**

**Aggressive Driving:** Lt. Rotunno stated that things have been on hold due to other events. He noted that Camillus has STEP money left. Officer Peckins stated that Manlius will doing school zones checks today. All of the information from the various departments will be collected and put together to see what the departments did. Ms. Madelone will be in receipt of this information and she will forward it on to Lt. Rotunno. Lt. Rotunno stated that DeWitt took the lead with Safe and Sober.

Lt. Rotunno reported that almost all departments did a big project for the campaign. Ms. Madelone stated that an e-mail was sent regarding Safe Stop event on October 12<sup>th</sup>. The reporting requirements were highlighted. We will need to hold a press conference to make sure our name gets out there. Ms. Madelone stated that if departments want more grant money in the future then they need to participate. Send all reports of activity to Lt. Rotunno.

Lt. Rotunno stated that October starts a new grant year. There will be a weekend of aggressive driving patrols scheduled. Capt. Raub stated that the State Police have a few hours left and they will set something up with other interested departments. Ms. Madelone stated that she needs to know of any events so she can forward the information onto Mr. Swartz at GTSC.

**Awards:** Ms. Wortley stated that the committee met on September 7<sup>th</sup> and she provided nomination forms to those present. Ms. Madelone stated that for this year's awards, the time period runs with the grant year, October 1, 2005 through September 30, 2006.

**Committees:** Ms. Madelone stated that with the new grant, the committees need to become more active. The new TSP coordinator will need help as one person cannot do the job alone. Ms. Wortley will send a copy of the committees out with the next mailing.

**Project Planning:** Ms. Wortley stated that the Lights On Committee met on August 15<sup>th</sup>. Preparation continues for the December 9<sup>th</sup> event to be held at West Genesee High School. This year's event will be slightly different from past events as we hope to have a larger student participation. She will provide more information at the next meeting.

#### 4. **Old Business**

##### **A. Grant Update**

Ms. Madelone stated that she called departments regarding their grants. She stated that Mr. Swartz informed her that the BUNY numbers were low overall. She requested that departments note in their next grant application why their numbers are low, i.e. staffing, etc.

Ms. Madelone stated that the TSP grant came in at \$100,000 – \$4,000 above what we had requested. There are high expectations for the program. We will need to work together to tackle issues. She noted that a copy of the grant will be sent out to all.

##### **B. Safe and Sober Campaign**

Sgt. Hare provided the collected statistics. Ms. Madelone requested that any department with statistics not included should contact Sgt. Gagnier so that the information can be updated.

#### 5. **New Business**

##### **A. NYS Senate Legislation**

Ms. Madelone stated that this item, regarding Boating While Intoxicated legislation, was placed on the agenda at the request of Chief Perkins. Given his absence, the matter was tabled until the next meeting.

##### **B. Performance Pontiac's Safety Fair – September 23 & 24**

Ms. Madelone requested that if anyone was participating that they let her know.

##### **C. MADD Award Nomination**

Ms. Madelone stated that we will be nominating Ms. Michaels for the award. If anyone has anything to include in the nomination, Ms. Madelone requested that they get her the information by September 15<sup>th</sup>.

##### **D. Prevention Network Award**

Ms. Madelone stated that we will be hosting a press conference on September 20<sup>th</sup> at Prevention Network, 1050 W. Genesee Street. We will be presenting an award for a public service announcement (PSA) developed by SQUAD. All are invited to participate.

**E. Roundtable Discussions:**

Ms. Turner inquired if the OCTSAB would be involved in the CNY Underage Drinking Summit, October 26 and 27. Ms. Madelone stated that several departments are presenting. Ms. Madelone has the registration form and will have it distributed to those interested.

Ms. Wortley stated that Ms. McKinnon had forwarded information regarding the For Life Program. The person that developed the program would like to come and speak to the OCTSAB in November regarding a program geared for teen drivers. Hearing no objections, Ms. Wortley will let Ms. McKinnon know to go ahead and set it up.

Ms. Madelone thanked all of those who participated in the Virtual Intoxification event at SU. Over 30 students took part in the event. She noted a special thanks to the Syracuse Police and the State Police for their assistance. She will share pictures of the event.

Ms. Madelone requested that the police departments get her their final reports when the grant year ends on September 30<sup>th</sup>.

**6. Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting ended at 10:15 a.m.