

Onondaga County Traffic Safety Advisory Board

September 19, 2007

Meeting Minutes

Members Attending:

Deraux Branch
Gene Conway
Warren Darby
Robert Keller
Mike Lefancheck
Linda McKinnon
William Mulroy
Jeff Raub
Steve Rotunno
Jeff Tripp
Leo Williams
Patricia Wortley

Organization:

Branch's Driving School
DeWitt Police Department
Onondaga County Sheriff's Office
Nationwide Insurance
Baldwinsville Police Department
OCTSAB
NYS Thruway Authority
New York State Police
Camillus Police Department
North Syracuse Police Department
Centro
SMTC

**Designee*

Stakeholders Attending:

Steve Brustein
Brent Chomyszak
Bill McAnelly
Dan Meyer
Sharon Naftel
Marty Nerber
John Patane
Andrew Scherer

Organization

NYS DMV
New York State Police
NYS Motor Truck Association
Meyer's Towing
Onondaga County Sheriff's Office
Clay Police Department
Onondaga County Department of Transportation
Cicero Police Department

Also attending: Ross Sheckler and Ralph Viviano, Calmar Telematics.

Excused: Diana Dibble, AAA; Paul Gottfried, Southern Wine & Spirit of Upstate New York; John Leo, Onondaga County Department of Transportation; Jeff Peckins, Manlius Police Department; and Shannon Trice, Syracuse Police Department.

1. Welcome

Ms. Wortley, Chair, opened the meeting at 9:35 a.m. at North Syracuse Community Center, North Syracuse, N.Y.

2. Presentation

Ms. Wortley introduced Ross Sheckler and Ralph Viviano from Calmar Telematics. Mr. Sheckler provided a brief overview of iCone – a fully autonomous road construction beacon. Further information about iCone can be found at iconetraffic.com.

3. **Acceptance of Minutes**

Ms. Wortley stated that once again there was not a quorum present at today's meeting. Voting on the minutes will be done in November.

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: The new grant cycle is beginning October 1. The new TSP grant was approved for \$125,000.00, an increase of \$25,000.00. Additionally extra funds were allocated for 80 car seats, free to those in need. Mr. Patane has purchased a solar powered variable message sign, which will be owned by the Traffic Safety Program and can be utilized throughout the county and by law enforcement. NewsChannel 9 and Christie Casciano are sponsoring a challenge for local teens during the National Drowsy Week campaign. The winner will be announced on November 6.

B. Committee Updates:

Aggressive Driving: Capt. Rotunno stated that Operation Eagle Eyes will not be repeated this year. The Syracuse Nationals were successful. There will be an Aggressive Driving table at the upcoming Safety Fair. A county-wide aggressive driving campaign will take place throughout the month of October.

Awards: Ms. McKinnon announced that the Awards Breakfast would be held on Tuesday, January 8, 2008 at the Renaissance Hotel. She noted that the Awards committee would be meeting next week. Information will be forwarded to the police departments following the committee meeting.

Grants: Ms. Wortley inquired if any of the police departments had heard about their grants, as the Onondaga County Department of Transportation has received advanced notice. None of the departments present had heard about their grants.

Lights On: Ms. Wortley stated that the committee met last week. Liverpool High School will be hosting the caravan on December 8. The next committee meeting is scheduled for October 1. Ms. Wortley invited the Clay Police to participate.

Nominating: Ms. Wortley stated that Ms. McKinnon has contacted the County Executive's office relative to adding Mike Lefancheck and Bob Keller to the Board.

Traffic Safety Fair: Mr. Branch reported that 30 vendors will be on sight for the Fair on November 10. Donations are being sought. Car seat checks will be available from 10:00-12:00 on sight. Shuttle Bus service will be available during the event.

5. **Old Business**

A. Summer Picnic Meetings

Ms. Wortley stated that at the July meeting it was discussed that getting this group together in the summer has become increasingly difficult. Possible alternatives suggested at the meeting included moving the meeting to June, before school was out; making the meeting a Meet and Greet; not calling it a picnic; a golf tournament; catering by Outback Steakhouse (Rt. 31) or a night time event. An e-mail was sent following the meeting regarding new options for a

summer meeting. Ms. Wortley stated that she received two suggestions following the e-mail: Ryder Park, Town of DeWitt and Onondaga Park, City of Syracuse.

Following discussion, those in attendance stated that moving the picnic to June prior to the end of school would be acceptable. Some suggestions were given for sites in 2008, including restaurants, board member's homes, parks, etc.

6. New Business

A. New York Highway Safety Conference: Ms. Wortley reminded those present that the Fall Conference would be held October 14-17, at the Crowne Plaza, Lake Placid.

B. Future Meetings: Ms. Wortley stated that meetings used to be held on the 2nd Tuesday of every other month. Recently we have encountered scheduling conflicts with our floating meeting dates. She inquired if the 2nd Tuesday of odd-numbered months (with the exception of January) would work. Those present agreed to return to Tuesday meetings.

C. DWI Partners in Prevention Conference: Ms. Wortley stated that the conference will be held November 8-9, at the Wolf Road Marriott, Albany.

D. Is It Safe?: Ms. Wortley stated that she had a handout from the NYS Department of Health regarding Teen Passenger Safety for those interested.

E. Roundtable Discussions:

None.

7. Public Comment

None.

8. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 10:47 a.m.