

# Onondaga County Traffic Safety Advisory Board

## January 13, 2004

### Meeting Minutes

#### **Members Attending:**

Donald Barrett  
Warren Darby  
Michael Davison  
Diana Dibble  
Paul Gottfried  
Tom Kedembun\*  
John Leo  
William Mulroy  
Lloyd Perkins  
Phil Politano  
Kay Staley-Smith  
Shannon Trice  
Patricia Wortley

*\*Designee*

#### **Organization:**

Justice Services InfoNet, Ltd.  
Onondaga County Sheriff's Dept.  
Think First  
AAA  
North Syracuse Police Department  
NYS Police  
Onondaga County Dept. of Transportation  
NYS Thruway Authority.  
Camillus Police Department  
Rural Metro  
NYS DMV  
Syracuse Police Department  
SMTC

#### **Stakeholders Attending:**

Kevin Bamerick  
Ann Barnett  
Ted Finlayson-Schueler  
Debbie Kogut  
Michael Lefancheck  
Irene Scruton  
Mary Tone

#### **Organization**

Onondaga County Snowmobile Association  
Onondaga County Health Department  
PTSI  
Onondaga County Health Department  
Baldwinsville Police Department  
Safety Council of Upstate NY  
DeWitt Police Department

#### **Guests:**

**Excused:** Laura Madelone, Syracuse University; Linda McKinnon, Ross Limousine; Glenn Murdock, Syracuse Utilities; Leo Williams, Centro.

#### **1. Welcome**

Kay Staley-Smith, Chairperson, opened the meeting at 9:40 a.m. at the Safety Council of Upstate NY Conference Room, 6315 Fly Road, East Syracuse, NY. Ms. Staley-Smith distributed handouts relative to the Health Department's semi-annual report and GTSC budget figures. She requested that anyone wanting copies, indicate so and copies would be provided. Additionally, she provided a listing of the UTT Award Winners from the January 6, 2004 breakfast. Ms. Staley-Smith stated that 91 people attended last week's breakfast.

## 2. Acceptance of Minutes

Ms. Staley-Smith stated that since there was not a quorum present at the November 12, 2003, no action was taken on the minutes from the September 9, 2003 meeting. Ms. Staley-Smith called for a motion to approve the September 9, 2003 minutes. Sgt. Gottfried moved and Lt. Trice seconded approval of the minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Staley-Smith inquired if there were any changes/corrections to the minutes of November 12, 2003. It was noted that Ms. Dibble was to be excused from the meeting and the official minutes will be changed to reflect that. Ms. Staley-Smith called for a motion. Ms. Kogut moved and Mr. Politano seconded approval of the November 12, 2003 minutes with the correction. Motion carried unanimously.

## 3. Communications and Reports

### A. Committee Updates:

Youth: Lt. Trice stated that the Syracuse Police would be starting Operation Prevent again since school is back in session. They will be looking at one fraternity in particular that there have been problems with. Channel 9 has indicated a desire to cover the event.

Nominating: Mr. Leo stated that the committee met and selected a slate of officers. Ms. Staley-Smith announced that the new board members were Paul Gottfried, William Mulroy, Leo Williams and Patricia Wortley. Mr. Leo announced that the slate of officers was: Chairperson: Lt. Trice -- approved, Vice Chairperson: Ms. Staley-Smith -- approved, Secretary: Ms. Wortley -- approved. Ms. Staley-Smith inquired for nominations from the floor. Hearing none, Ms. Staley-Smith called for a motion. Chief Perkins moved that the secretary cast one ballot for the selection of officers and Mr. Politano seconded the motion for approval of the slate of officers. Motion carried unanimously.

Lights On: Mr. Barrett stated that everything went well. Alex Taussig is editing the tape and a copy will be forwarded to NHTSA. Ms. Staley-Smith stated that we would like to view the tape at our May meeting. Ms. Kogut noted that Channel 10 filmed the entire awards breakfast and should have tapes available. She also noted that Channel 10 is interested in having Mr. Taussig as an intern.

Mr. Barrett stated that he will be leaving for Florida and while he is there he will be active with the Victims Advocate program in that state.

Grants: Lt. Trice stated that the District Attorney's office gave police departments \$250 for their enforcement efforts. Discussion followed as to what the money was to be used for and how the various departments planned on using it. A grant meeting will be scheduled within the next few weeks.

Legislative: Ms. Staley-Smith stated that Capt. DeGennaro would serve as chair of the committee as he is a board member.

Business and Industry: Ms. Staley-Smith stated that this committee has not done much, but will be beginning to do more. Mr. Murdock has several ideas and they will be looking at setting up training sessions. Ms. Staley-Smith indicated that they would be contacting members to speak at the presentations.

By-Laws: Ms. Staley-Smith stated that they are still reviewing the By-Laws and they will be meeting. Ms. Staley-Smith stated that it might be necessary to revise the By-Laws relative to the Secretary position.

Onondaga County Health Department Update: Ms. Kogut provided her report. Ms. Kogut highlighted some of the events, noting that Child Passenger Safety Week will be February 8-14. Additionally, they have been invited to participate at the Auto Show this year. Further, in her report, she included the change in budget information that was requested at the last meeting.

Awards: Ms. Staley-Smith stated that she had spoken to the Awards Committee about next year and suggested using a survey or questionnaire for recommendations for the awards recipients. This would be done in September. Mr. Finlayson-Schueler suggested adding another category to the UTT awards – Passing a Stopped School Bus. Discussion was had over the addition of categories and the lack of funding for the event. It was suggested that in the future a cover charge could be paid and the award winners would be the guests of the OCTSAB. In addition to the cost of the breakfast, is the cost of the plaques. Ms. Staley-Smith is applying for 501C3, tax exempt, non-profit status, for the OCTSAB.

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

A. Website Follow-Up: Ms. Wortley stated that at this time the website is basically done. After the election of new officers at today's meeting, she will provide the SMTC Webmaster with the updated membership listings for the site. After the changes are made, the SMTC will be turning the site over to the County. Discussion was had over the location of the site. Ms. Wortley believed that the site would be located under the Health Department. Further discussion was had about hosting our own website and the cost associated with it. Mr. Politano stated he would be willing to help with researching that.

Ms. Barnett thanked Ms. Wortley for all the work she had done on the site.

B. Donation in Memory of John Harvey: Ms. Staley-Smith noted that Mr. Harvey passed away last summer and he had been involved with the Board. Ms. Staley-Smith stated that at the November meeting it was decided that a collection would be taken at the January meeting and the funds would be given to Mr. Harvey's family. Please give your contributions to Ms. Scruton by Friday, January 16, 2004. Ms. Wortley will get the contact information from the City DPW.

**5. New Business**

**Round Table Discussions:**

Kevin Bamerick: Provided copies of *Snowbound*. There is an article relative to the Lights On Caravan. Mr. Bamerick noted that International Snowmobile Safety Week is January 11 – January 16, 2004.

Phil Politano: Mr. Politano noted that his position at Rural Metro has been eliminated as of January 16, 2004. He wishes to remain active with the Board.

Irene Scruton: Ms. Scruton welcomed everyone to their new offices. They are covering 30 counties in Upstate New York. She stated that their training room is available for use should anyone need a meeting space.

Ann Barnett: Provided copies of Drowsy Driving to those present.

Diana Dibble: Safe Kids and AAA will be hosting an event at the May 7, 2004 Sky Chief's game. It is the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of a recognition event in conjunction with the Sky Chiefs.

**6. Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chief Perkins moved and Undersheriff Darby moved that the meeting be adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

**Next Meeting:**  
**Tuesday, March 9, 2004 – 9:30 a.m.**  
**at**  
**Syracuse Metropolitan Transportation Council**  
**100 Clinton Square**  
**126 N. Salina St.**  
**Lower Level Conference Room**  
**Syracuse, NY**  
***(Corner of N. Salina St. & James St.)***