

Onondaga County Traffic Safety Advisory Board

November 9, 2004

Meeting Minutes

Members Attending:

Don Barrett
Gary Bulinski*
Diana Dibble
Paul Gottfried
Monica McCullough*
Linda McKinnon
William Mulroy
Glenn Murdock
Lloyd Perkins
Phil Politano
Jeff Raub
Kay Staley-Smith
Leo Williams
Patricia Wortley

Organization:

Justice Services InfoNet, Ltd.
Syracuse Police Department
AAA
North Syracuse Police Department
Syracuse University
OCTSAB
New York State Thruway Authority
Syracuse Utilities
Camillus Police Department
The Politano Group
New York State Police
NYS DMV
Centro
SMTC

**Designee*

Stakeholders Attending:

Ann Barnett
Michael Cronin
Jerry Deitz, Sr.
George Doucette
Debbie Kogut
Michael Lefancheck
William McAnelly
Robin Palmer
Doug Robertson

Organization

Onondaga County Health Department/Sheriff's
New York State Thruway Authority
Centro
NYS Department of Transportation
Onondaga County Health Department
Baldwinsville Police Department
NYS Motor Truck Association
New York State Police
East Syracuse Police Department

Excused: John Leo, Onondaga County Department of Transportation; Mary Tone, DeWitt Police Department; and Shannon Trice, Syracuse Police Department;

1. Welcome

Ms. Kay Staley-Smith, Vice-Chairperson, opened the meeting at 9:35 a.m. at the Department of Motor Vehicles, North Syracuse, N.Y.

2. Acceptance of Minutes

Ms. Staley-Smith inquired if there were any changes/corrections to the September 14, 2004 minutes. Hearing none, Sgt. Gottfried moved and Mr. Mulroy seconded approval of the September 14, 2004 minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Communications and Reports

A. Committee Updates:

Awards: Ms. McKinnon stated that the annual awards breakfast would be held on Tuesday, January 11, 2005 at The Marx. Ms. Staley-Smith stated that the funding is supposedly available for the breakfast. At this time the final decision about the awards has not been made.

Lights On: Mr. Barrett stated that the 21st annual event will be held on Saturday, December 11, 2004, starting at Centro and going to Manlius Pebble Hill School (MPH). Mr. Deitz has provided the route for the caravan. A tractor-trailer has been secured for the event. There will be tables available at MPH for anyone wishing to display information or literature. An e-mail notice will be sent to members. Mr. Barrett stated that we need vehicles for the caravan.

Business & Industry and Membership: Ms. Staley-Smith and Mr. Murdock have met. They are trying to get increased participation. Mr. Murdock would like to be able to offer educational sessions. Currently, he is looking for a non-profit business to co-sponsor events. Mr. Murdock believes that if the OCTSAB was able to offer education, it would lead to increased membership.

Youth: Officer Bulinski stated that the Syracuse Police and several police agencies participated in the virtual intoxicification golf cart event at Syracuse University in September. Good Morning America was on site and taped the event, but it has yet to air. There was a positive student response to the event.

Nominating: Mr. Deitz stated that the committee would be meeting after Thanksgiving.

Legislative: Ms. Staley-Smith stated Mr. Politano will head this committee with assistance from Capt. Raub.

Ms. Staley-Smith provided Request for Review handouts for non-police and non-physician use when someone wishes to request a driver's review. Questions followed about reporting a license plate number. Chief Perkins stated that the operator, not the car, has to be called in for a license review.

Additionally, Ms. Staley-Smith stated that effective November 18, 2004, the Department of Motor Vehicles will begin tracking individuals with six (6) or more points on their license. The person will be assigned an anniversary date and annually for three (3) years

they will be charged \$100 on top of any court assigned fees. Should an individual accrue additional points, there will be a \$25 charge per point. Anyone with a DWI conviction will be billed \$250 annually. The charges will not take effect until February 2005.

Executive: Lt. Trice and Ms. Staley-Smith would like to see all OCTSAB members serving as subcommittee members. If spots are still available on the subcommittees, stakeholders are welcome to join.

Onondaga County Heath Department Update:

Ms. Kogut provided copies of her report. Ms. Kogut noted that the Governor signing the Booster Seat Law that takes effect on April 1, 2005. Additionally, the grant has been cut and Ms. Barnett now only devotes 50% of her time to traffic safety.

4. Old Business

A. **Website:** Ms. Staley-Smith stated that the site is not being updated. Ms. Kogut stated that the County IT person is waiting for the updates. Discussion followed regarding maintaining the site. Ms. Wortley will get a list of the necessary updates to Ms. Staley-Smith. Additionally, Mr. Politano stated that the site could be linked to his site.

5. New Business

A. **Traffic Safety Board Conference Discussion:** Ms. Staley-Smith discussed the recent conference in Binghamton. She stated that it is a good conference and as many people as possible should attend. Next year, the Board should consider whom we should send. Ms. Madelone and Lt. Trice did a presentation this year on the college coalition.

B. **NYS Traffic Safety Board:** Ms. Staley-Smith stated that this board meeting every other month, but no one on the OCTSAB receives notices of the meetings. The next meeting is December 9th and she and Lt. Trice plan on attending. Relative to the membership, Ms. Kogut has been paying for the OCTSAB to belong since there was no grant money to pay for the membership. Discussion was had about raising money for the OCTSAB membership. Ms. Kogut serves as vice president of the Region. Ms. Staley-Smith is looking into getting our own membership and whether someone else should serve as vice president. The vice president position encompasses six (6) area counties. This issue will be revisited in January with the nominations.

Chief Perkins inquired as to how often they meet. Ms. Staley-Smith stated that they meet every two (2) - three (3) months. Chief Perkins further inquired as to the Board's function. Ms. Kogut stated that it is an association that promotes traffic safety, but they are not lobbyists. The Chief further inquired if the Board received grant money. Ms. Kogut stated that they receive some funding. Ms. Kogut will forward the website information to Ms. Wortley for distribution.

- C. **Committee Membership:** Ms. Staley-Smith stated that we would like all OCTSAB members to be part of a subcommittee. Each committee should meet at least once a year. A listing of committees will be distributed and members are strongly encouraged to join a committee. If there is room on a committee a stakeholder may join a committee.

Ms. Staley-Smith read a letter from Ms. Madelone which listed suggestions for future meetings. One suggestion was to have a "topic" for each meeting.

- D. **2005 Meeting Dates:** Ms. Staley-Smith stated that we are looking at alternating meeting dates between Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings, in order to accommodate people's schedules. The By-Laws will need to be consulted regarding the meeting date. Suggestions for future meeting sites were given. Anyone interested in hosting a meeting in 2005 should contact Ms. Staley-Smith via e-mail.

- E. **Motorcycle Program:** A presentation will be made at the March meeting regarding this program.

F. **Round Table Discussions:**

Ms. McCullough stated that her department at Syracuse University has several events planned for the months of November and December relative to Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety. Bike locks have been given out and information fliers regarding safety will be handed out on South Campus.

Ms. Barnett spoke relative to her new position dealing with handicapped parking. She provided several informational pamphlets to those present.

Mr. Barrett stated that there is a lot of talent amongst the membership and he would like to get letters out to members regarding their programs.

Ms. Kogut stated that there had been a change in executive directors for the Pupil Transit Safety Institute (PTSI) and that Kathy Furno was the Acting Executive Director.

Mr. Mulroy inquired about informing the media of the OCTSAB meetings. Ms. Wortley will send out press releases prior to the meetings.

Sgt. Gottfried will contact Channel 9 to obtain a copy of their segment on Traffic Safety.

Officer Bulinski inquired if anyone had information on motor vehicle black boxes. It was suggested he contact Jay Scott at University Hospital for information.

6. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Mr. Murdock moved and Chief Perkins seconded the adjournment of the meeting and the meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Next Meeting:
Wednesday, January 19, 2005 – 9:30 a.m.
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East Syracuse Police Department
East Syracuse, NY