

# Onondaga County Traffic Safety Advisory Board

## November 10, 2005

### Meeting Minutes

#### **Members Attending:**

Don Barrett  
Mike Cronin\*  
Mike Davison  
Warren Darby  
Diana Dibble  
Paul Gottfried  
John Leo  
Laura Madelone  
Linda McKinnon  
Glenn Murdock  
Lloyd Perkins  
Jeff Raub  
Doug Robertson  
Kay Staley-Smith  
Shannon Trice  
Leo Williams  
Patricia Wortley

*\*Designee*

#### **Organization:**

Justice Services/AVID  
New York State Thruway Authority  
Think First  
Onondaga County Sheriff's Office  
AAA  
Southern Wine & Spirit of Upstate New York  
Onondaga County Department of Transportation  
Syracuse University  
OCTSAB  
Widewaters Group, Inc.  
Skaneateles Police Department  
New York State Police  
East Syracuse Police Department  
NYS DMV  
Syracuse Police Department  
Centro  
SMTC

#### **Stakeholders Attending:**

Joe Burns  
Gerald Deitz  
Joe Farella  
Mary Jo Kohl  
Bill McAnelly  
Jim McKeever  
Sharon Naftal  
Terry Pierce  
Steve Rotunno  
Mary Tone  
Jeff Tripp  
Kathy Turner

#### **Organization**

Sen. John DeFrancisco's Office  
Centro  
DeWitt Police Department  
Onondaga County Sheriff's Office  
NYS Motor Truck Association  
The Post-Standard  
Onondaga County Sheriff's Office  
Penn Traffic  
Camillus Police Department  
DeWitt Police Department  
North Syracuse Police Department  
Onondaga County Health Department

**Excused:** William Mulroy, New York State Thruway Authority

#### **1. Welcome**

Ms. Staley-Smith, Vice Chair, opened the meeting at 9:35 a.m. at the North Syracuse Community Center, North Syracuse, NY. Following introductions, Ms. Staley-Smith proceeded with the meeting.

## 2. Acceptance of Minutes

Ms. Staley-Smith inquired if there were any changes/corrections to the September 15, 2005 minutes. Hearing none, Mr. Gottfried moved and Ms. Madelone seconded approval of the September 15, 2005 minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

## 3. Communications and Reports

### A. Committee Updates:

Aggressive Driving: Capt. Raub stated that the State Police conducted a few events during the month of September in conjunction with the Camillus Police Department.

Awards: Ms. McKinnon stated that the Awards Breakfast will be held on Tuesday, January 10, 2006 at The Marx. There will be no charge for the event this year. She thanked Sgt. Tone for the suggestion to solicit the area police department PBA's. Due to Sgt. Tone's efforts we have received \$600 from PBA's. Ms. Staley-Smith stated that we would again be honoring the officers that write the most tickets for seatbelts, speeding and DWI. Each police chief will need to submit the name of the top ticket writer in their respective departments.

Business & Industry: Mr. Murdock stated that the committee has not met.

By-Laws: Mr. Deitz stated that committee has not met.

Grants: Ms. Staley-Smith stated that she recently attended the conference and she provided handouts to those present on grant money, 2003 statistics, statewide summary, cell phone law, alcohol and pedestrian statistics. The grants committee will be meeting in late January, early February.

Legislative: Ms. Staley-Smith stated that she would e-mail the information on new laws to the group.

Lights On: Mr. Barrett stated that the event would be held on Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at the Cicero North Syracuse (CNS) High School on Route 31. CNS has been a lot of help. Ms. Madelone provided copies of the Lights On flyer that was donated by the Syracuse Area College Coalition Against Alcohol Abuse. Ms. Staley-Smith stated that a survey had been sent to local high schools requesting information relative to driver's education, SADD, etc. and asking each school to join in the caravan. We are still looking for banners to be used on the day of the caravan. Chief Conway will be speaking at the school. Information tables will be available. Anyone interested in having a table should contact Mr. Barrett. Ms. Kohl inquired as to when people would be able to set up their tables. It was suggested that anyone wishing to have a table at the event, be placed in the front of the caravan.

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

Pedestrian/Bike/School Safety: Ms. Madelone stated that Ms. Kogut has recently joined the committee. More information will be included in the packets provided in January.

Youth: Lt. Trice stated that the Syracuse Police teamed up with the Sheriff's Office for a raid involving LeMoyne students. Lt. Trice noted that Gone4Ever put in a grant request to GTSC.

**B. Onondaga County Health Department Update:**

Ms. Turner stated that the grant is being revamped. Ms. Kogut's responsibilities are changing and shifting due to the changes in the department. The reporting system will be changed starting with the January mailing. Ms. Turner stated that they are making a good transition to having just one person. Ms. Turner noted that that SHAPE program would be holding a training session in late November in conjunction with the Sheriff's office.

**4. Old Business**

**A. Meeting Locations for 2006:**

Ms. Staley-Smith asked that people let her know if they would be willing to host a meeting in 2006. So far Onondaga County will be hosting the January 18<sup>th</sup> meeting with County Executive Pirro being available. The Town of DeWitt will be hosting the March 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. Camillus volunteered to host the May 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. Chief Perkins will be securing a site for the July picnic meeting. Under sheriff Darby will secure a spot for the September meeting and Chief Robertson will host the November meeting in East Syracuse.

For the January meeting at the Civic Center, Centro will be providing a shuttle bus. Please submit any questions or concerns you would like addressed by the County Executive to Ms. Staley-Smith by December 1<sup>st</sup>.

**B. NYS Traffic Safety Board Conference Follow-Up:**

Ms. Madelone stated that there has not been a wrap up meeting for the conference yet. If anyone has any feedback from the conference, please let her know before December 1<sup>st</sup>. She stated that there was good representation from Onondaga County at the conference as attendees, moderators, and presenters. Ms. Madelone stated that lots of positive feedback was received about the keynote speaker, Dr. DeBenedittis. They are looking into bringing him to Syracuse. Ms. Madelone stated that she was elected treasurer of the NYSTSB. The 2006 conference will be held in Rochester, 2007 in Lake Placid and they are looking to bring the conference here in 2008.

Lt. Rotunno stated that he spoke to Mr. Swartz relative to obtaining a grant for extreme motorcycle enforcement. Ms. Staley-Smith stated that this is the type of programs she would like to see apply for money under local grants.

**5. New Business**

**A. New License Plate Tracking System:**

Capt. Raub stated that this is a pilot program. Capt. Raub reviewed the Mobile Plate Hunter 900 features. Following the meeting a system demonstration was held in the parking lot. Capt. Raub stated that in three weeks, 245 arrests were made. These arrests were mainly for traffic violations. Ms. Staley-Smith inquired if the system could read out-of-state plates. Capt. Raub stated that it would read all plates, but it is up to the officer to make sure that the correct state is read. Under sheriff Darby stated that the County is looking into obtaining two readers. His department would like to be able to interface it so that not only would it look at the plate, but also look at the registered owner of the vehicle to see if there are any outstanding warrants. Chief Perkins inquired if there had been an ACLU issues with regard to the use of the system. There have not been to date. Chief Perkins also inquired if this system could be used at a fixed location like a Thruway toll booth. It could.

**B. Roundtable Discussions:**

Mr. McKeever stated that he writes the “Getting There” column for *The Post-Standard* every Monday. He stated that he is always looking for suggestions for the column. Sgt. Tone stated that she would like to see him remind drivers that if a traffic light is out, the intersection then becomes a four-way stop. She stated it is not physically possible for officers to cover every intersection in case of a power outage. Mr. McAnelly mentioned the Highway Watch Program that is offered through the NYSMTA. Mr. Murdock inquired about a piece on the most dangerous intersections. Mr. McKeever’s contact information will be provided to the group in case they wish to contact him.

Lt. Rotunno noted that the Camillus Police Department would be receiving a Law Enforcement Challenge Award.

Mr. Barrett noted that it is the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of MADD. He has been named the Central Region/Onondaga County Coordinator for MADD. He will be getting a kit together to distribute.

**6. Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chief Robertson moved and Chief Perkins seconded the adjournment of the meeting and the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.