

Onondaga County Traffic Safety Advisory Board

November 12, 2002

Meeting Minutes

Members Attending:

Donald Barrett
Mike Davison
Diana Dibble
Debbie Kogut
Glenn Murdock
Mike Orso
Lloyd Perkins
Phil Politano
Mary Rowlands
Kay Staley-Smith

Organization:

Avid
Think First
AAA
Onondaga County Health Department
Syracuse Utilities Inc.
Nick Orso's
Camillus Police Department
Rural Metro
SMTC
DMV

Stakeholders Attending:

Ann Barnett
Gary Bulinski*
Warren Darby *
Frank DeGennaro
Gerry Deitz
Paul Gottfried
Tim Hunt
John Leo*
William Mulroy
Doug Robertson
Patricia Stasco*
Pat Wortley

Organization

Onondaga County Health Department
Syracuse Police Department
Onondaga County Sheriff's Department
New York State Police
CNYRTA
North Syracuse Police Department
I'm Smart
Onondaga County DOT
NYS Thruway Authority
East Syracuse Police Department
Syracuse University
SMTC

* *Designee*

Excused:

Ted Botsford, Onondaga County Sheriff's Department; Ted Finlayson-Schueler, Pupil Transportation Safety Institute; John Hayes, P&C; Bill McAnelly, Syracuse Supply; Linda McKinnon, Ross Limousine; Liz Morgan, Onondaga County Stop DWI; Chris Navetta, Byrne Dairy; Irene Scruton, Safety Council of CNY; Barry Stevens, NYS Department of Transportation; and Dave Wall, P&C.

1. Welcome

Kay Staley-Smith, Chairperson, opened the meeting at 9:35 a.m. Ms. Staley-Smith stated that members of Operation Lifesaver would be making a presentation to the Board at 10:00 a.m.

Ms. Staley-Smith also noted that long-time member, Norma Coburn, had passed away over the weekend. The Board observed a moment of silence in her memory.

2. Acceptance of Minutes

Ms. Staley-Smith stated that at the September 10, 2002 there were no changes/corrections to the minutes of July 9, 2002. Due to the lack of a quorum the minutes were not voted upon at that time. Ms. Staley-Smith stated that Chris Navetta should be noted as excused from the September 10, 2002 meeting and inquired if there were any other changes/corrections to the September 10, 2002 minutes. There were no other changes. Mr. Murdock moved and Ms. Dibble seconded a motion approving the July 9, 2002 minutes. Chief Perkins moved and Ms. Rowlands seconded a motion approving the September 10, 2002 minutes. Both motions were approved.

3. Committee Updates

Seat Belt Tracking: Mr. Murdock distributed seat belt restraint citation/disposition data. Mr. Murdock reported that at this time he is waiting for a T-Sleds report from the Albany DMV. Mr. Murdock stated that the committee has met twice to date and has an upcoming meeting on December 5th. Mr. Murdock also noted that Town of DeWitt Justice Jack Schultz addressed the committee at their second meeting. Chief Perkins stated that it was his belief that the problem with seat belt dispositions does not always lie with the judges. The Chief suggested talking to someone in the District Attorney's (DA) office relative to seat belt violation dispositions. Mr. Mulroy volunteered to contact the DA's office.

Business and Industry: Mr. Murdock stated that the committee has not met recently and that a meeting will be scheduled in the near future.

Youth: Officer Bulinski did not have a report at this time.

Project Planning: Ms. Rowlands stated that she had nothing new to report. Ms. Staley-Smith stated that the committee should meet soon regarding the St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Executive: Ms. Staley-Smith stated that a committee meeting needs to be scheduled.

Awards Breakfast: Ms. Staley-Smith suggested severing the regular January meeting from the Awards Breakfast, as attendance at the meeting after the breakfast is low. Chief Perkins moved and Ms. Rowlands seconded the motion. The Awards Breakfast will be held on January 14th at the Genesee Inn. The regularly scheduled January meeting will be held on January 21, 2003 at Rural Metro Headquarters.

Nominating: Mr. Deitz stated that the committee would be meeting on November 19th at the DMV. At this time, they are waiting for updates from Sue Tormey from the County Executive's office.

Lights On: Mr. Barrett stated that things are going well. Henninger High School has a committee set up. Mr. Deitz has provided the route – starting at 11:00 a.m. at Centro. Mr. Deitz will be discussing the route with the Syracuse Police. Mr. Barrett needs to meet with Ms. Kogut to make sure that no names are left off the flyer. Mr. Barrett inquired if the Board wished to have a tribute table to Mrs. Coburn at the school on December 14th.

Legislative: Ms. Dibble stated that there was not much going on at this time; however, the Legislature may reconvene in December. She noted that the Governor signed the Graduated Licensing bill into effect for 2003. Ms. Dibble is currently gathering information through a survey to determine what the Board wants to address next year. She will be getting touch with committee members.

Onondaga County Heath Department Update: Ms. Kogut provided those present with copies of her report. Ms. Kogut highlighted recent events, including: Child Passenger Safety Technician Certification with 31 new technicians; eight check up events, on-going fitting stations; attendance at National SAFE KIDS and the NYS Highway Safety conferences. Additionally, there will be a Fraudulent Documents training on November 18th.

Before proceeding, Ms. Staley-Smith presented Fraudulent Documents information and Grant monies information. Ms. Staley-Smith noted that she had been informed by the GTSC that the Board needs to come up with new and innovative ideas for next year's grant.

4. Presentation

Joe Croteau, Ed Sheehy and John Kane appeared before the Board on behalf of Operation Lifesaver. Currently, they are seeking to be part of our grant through the Health Department. They presented an overview of the national program that focuses on statistics, education and enforcement relative to railroad safety. They are looking for members of the OCTSAB to train to be Level 1 Presenters. A presenter goes to the schools, fire, police and EMS departments and conducts informational sessions.

Chief Perkins stated that law enforcement has a difficult time getting someone from CSX to sign complaints when there are trespassing citations issued. Other discussion followed as to how people found out about the Operation Lifesaver program.

5. Round Table Discussions

Mike Orso stated he is seeking input from this Board relative to any information they would like him to put in his holiday commercials. Mr. Davison suggested seat belt safety.

Ms. Rowlands requested that anyone with upcoming meeting/event dates e-mail her and she would get them in the next issue of the SMTC's newsletter.

Mr. Politano stated that Mary Ann Fields has replaced Emily Sposato as Trauma Coordinator at University Hospital.

Ms. Stasco stated that Syracuse University would be hosting a drunk driving simulator at HSBC on December 5, 2002. Additionally, she provided those in attendance with copies of a press release relative to the March 9-11, 2003 Conference to Reduce Alcohol Abuse. Ms. Staley-Smith stated that Ms. Madelone would be seeking help from this Board.

Commander DeGennaro noted that there would be a Youth Violence Symposium on November 13, 2002 for those interested. Additionally, a press conference will be held on November 15, 2002 at the Red Cross kicking off the next phase of Buckle Up New York (BUNY). The theme is Together We Can Save a Life.

6. Old Business

Ms. Staley-Smith handed out designee sheets and requested the members fill them out and return them.

7. New Business

Since a quorum was present, the By-Laws were presented for a vote. Ms. Staley-Smith and Mr. Deitz presented the notable changes in the By-Laws. Ms. Rowlands moved and Mr. Davison seconded a motion for approval of the revised By-Laws. The motion carried unanimously.

8. Closing

The meeting was adjourned at 10:58 a.m.

Next Meeting:
Tuesday, January 21, 2003 9:30 AM
at
Rural Metro Headquarters
488 West Onondaga Street