

Onondaga County Traffic Safety Advisory Board

November 14, 2007

Meeting Minutes

Members Attending:

Diana Dibble
Curt Dailey*
Robert Keller
Linda McKinnon
William Mulroy
Casey Gray*
Steve Rotunno
Jeff Tripp
Leo Williams
Patricia Wortley

Organization:

AAA
Onondaga County Sheriff's Office
Nationwide Insurance
OCTSAB
NYS Thruway Authority
New York State Police
Camillus Police Department
North Syracuse Police Department
Centro
SMTC

**Designee*

Stakeholders Attending:

Diane Graser
Marty Nerber
John Patane
Jeff Peckins

Organization

NYS Department of Transportation
Clay Police Department
Onondaga County Department of Transportation
Manlius Police Department

Also attending: Mario Colone, SMTC

Excused: Deraux Branch, Branch's Driving School; Steve Brustein, NYS DMV; Gene Conway, DeWitt Police Department; Paul Gottfried, Southern Wine & Spirit of Upstate New York; John Leo, Onondaga County Department of Transportation; Bill McAnelly, NYS Motor Truck Association; Glenn Murdock, Burns Bros.; Irene Scruton, Safety Council of CNY; and Shannon Trice, Syracuse Police Department.

1. Welcome

Ms. Wortley, Chair, opened the meeting at 9:45 a.m. at Clay Town Hall, Clay, N.Y.

2. Acceptance of Minutes

Ms. Wortley stated that we still do not have a quorum present. The minutes have not been approved since the May meeting.

3. Communications and Reports

A. Onondaga County Department of Transportation – Traffic Safety Program Update

Ms. Wortley provided a copy of Ms. Kogut's, Traffic Safety Educator, reports.

Mr. Patane, Onondaga County Traffic Safety Coordinator, highlighted the following items: A BUNY Press Conference is set for November 15. The message sign is available

for use. The TSP Grant was approved for \$125,000.00. Mr. Patane's Annual Report was distributed.

Traffic Safety Fair: Attendance was not what was hoped for. Total of 150 volunteers were on sight. Christy Casciano, Channel 9 WSYR, announced the winners of PSA video contest. The PSA will air on 9WSYR's digital channel.

B. Committee Updates:

Aggressive Driving: Capt. Rotunno stated that agencies have not heard about STEP grants. There may be a possible campaign after the holidays.

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 has met to make their selections. Invitations will be extended in the coming weeks.

Grants: Ms. Wortley inquired if all present had been notified of their grants. Most departments had not been notified.

Lights On: Ms. Wortley stated that Lights On will be held at Liverpool High School on December 8. Ms. Wortley stated that Mr. Patane has copies of the flyer for distribution.

Nominating: Ms. McKinnon stated that the committee will be meeting on December 4.

Seatbelts: Officer Tripp stated that a BUNY press conference will be held on November 15.

4. Old Business

None.

5. New Business

A. MPO Traffic Safety Working Group: Ms. Wortley stated that some of the presentations at the Fall Highway Safety Conference mentioned work that the Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) were doing with traffic safety boards. Ms. Wortley has requested that Mr. Colone provide an overview of what those efforts include.

Mr. Colone stated MPO is planning work with federal, state and local agencies. Long-range transportation improvement program will be initiated utilizing federal transportation fund. There are 13 MPOs in New York State and 6 working safety groups, and road safety audit team. A road audit will be complete in one year. Mr. Colone stated that his goal is to establish a relationship with the TSAB.

B. Future Meetings: Ms. Wortley stated that she is seeking meeting spaces for the 2008 meetings. All meetings will be held on the second Tuesday of the odd numbered months, with exceptions for January and the summer meeting. Due to a scheduling

conflict on the second Tuesday of the odd numbered months, the meetings will be on the third Tuesday. She asked that anyone wishing to host a meeting contact her. Centro will host the January 15, 2008 meeting.

C. Roundtable Discussions: Capt. Rotunno requested photos from anyone for a presentation at the upcoming Awards Breakfast.

Chairperson Wortley stated a donation in Mr. Pirro's name will be made to the SPCA.

7. Public Comment

None.

8. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 10: 20 a.m.