

# Onondaga County Traffic Safety Advisory Board

## March 22, 2006

### Meeting Minutes

#### **Members Attending:**

Don Barrett  
Warren Darby  
Mike Davison  
Gerald Deitz\*  
Paul Gottfried  
John Leo  
Laura Madelone  
Linda McKinnon  
William Mulroy  
Glenn Murdock  
Jeff Raub  
Doug Robertson  
Steve Rotunno  
Shannon Trice  
Jeff Tripp  
Barry Weiss  
Patricia Wortley

*\*Designee*

#### **Organization:**

Mothers Against Drunk Driving  
Onondaga County Sheriff's Office  
Think First  
Centro  
Southern Wine & Spirit of Upstate New York  
Onondaga County Department of Transportation  
Syracuse University  
OCTSAB  
New York State Thruway Authority  
Widewaters Group, Inc.  
New York State Police  
East Syracuse Police Department  
Camillus Police Department  
Syracuse Police Department  
North Syracuse Police Department  
District Attorney's Office - Stop DWI  
SMTC

#### **Stakeholders Attending:**

Steve Brustein  
Damon Gagnier  
Thomas Hurley  
Jack Keller  
Chuck Murphy  
Jeff Peckins  
Darryl Perrigo  
Kathy Turner  
Marty Werber

#### **Organization**

DMV Frauds & Auto Theft Unit  
DeWitt Police Department  
NYS Insurance Department  
New York State Police  
Senator DeFrancisco's Office  
Manlius Police Department  
Solvay Police Department  
Onondaga County Health Department  
Clay Police Department

**Excused:** Diana Dibble, AAA; William McAnelly, NYS Motor Truck Association; Terry Pierce, P&C Foods; and Leo Williams, Centro.

#### **1. Welcome**

Ms. Madelone, Chair, opened the meeting at 9:38 a.m. at the Town of Camillus Offices, Camillus, NY. Following introductions, Ms. Madelone proceeded with the meeting.

## **2. Acceptance of Minutes**

Ms. Madelone inquired if there were any changes/corrections to the January 18, 2006 minutes. Hearing none, Mr. Gottfried moved and Chief Robertson seconded approval of the minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

## **3. Communications and Reports**

### **A. Onondaga County Health Department Update:**

Ms. Turner stated that the May OCTSAB meeting would be held at the Civic Center, with County Executive Nick Pirro speaking. Please e-mail Ms. Madelone any questions you may have for the County Executive as soon as possible.

Ms. Turner highlighted some of the recent Health Department events which included car seat checks in conjunction with the Sheriff's Office and the State Police. She stated that two Alive at 25 events were cancelled due to lack of participation. However, she noted that there are 2 upcoming sessions with several participants. Spring Into Pedestrian Safety will kick off with a press conference on March 31<sup>st</sup> at Liverpool Elementary School. Additionally, the Department will be addressing Drowsy Driving issues. Ms. Turner stated that the Health Department grant application will be taking a different approach in order to include the GTSC's requests.

Car Seat Program Budget Update: Ms. Turner stated that a four-day technical training will be held in April. Ms. Turner gave an update on the funding for car seats, stating that the remainder of the \$8,400 would be spent on car seats before the end of March.

Statistics from the Medical Examiner: Ms. Turner stated that the official report has yet to be released. She stated that in 2005 there were 32 fatalities in Onondaga County. Of those 32, 40% involved individuals between the ages of 25-44 years of age and 35% involved persons 60 or older. There were no fatalities involving anyone under the age of 14. Once the official data is released, Ms. Turner will provide the information to the group.

2007 Grant: Ms. Turner stated that the Health Department is looking at hosting a Safety Fair or some other large event. She would like to solicit information from the Board regarding the direction to take. Lt. Trice stated that he believed that Ms. Michaels, District Attorney's Office, has been working on putting together a Safety Fair. He suggested checking with her about her efforts.

Officer Tripp stated that the Spring Into Pedestrian Safety event would be held on March 31<sup>st</sup> at the Liverpool Elementary School on Route 370. He asked that one representative from each law enforcement agency meet at 7:30 a.m. for the press conference. Ms. Madelone stated that she believed that Ms. Kogut was attempting to get the police departments to do enforcement efforts during the week. Officer Tripp stated that some agencies were going to be doing school zone enforcement.

## **4. Old Business**

None.

## **5. New Business**

### **A. Important Reminders and Dates**

Ms. Madelone provided a due dates listing for 2006 to those present.

## **B. 2007 Grant Information**

Ms. Madelone provided grants information handouts.

2006 Highway Safety Strategic Plan (<http://safeny.com/hssp-06.htm>): Ms. Madelone stated that this site is useful as it includes 402 Grant Points to include in your applications.

BUNY Statistics Revised (<http://safeny.com/hsdata.htm>): Ms. Madelone stated that information from this site should be used for the statistics portion of the grants. Ms. Madelone stated that departments should not expect to see an increase in funding.

### Special Programs:

*Operation Eagle Eyes:* Lt. Rotunno stated that the local grant is almost complete. He will be meeting with Lt. Trice regarding the event. If any other departments are interested in participating, they should let him know so that they may be included. Lt. Rotunno hopes to be able to conduct a second Operation Eagle Eyes this year.

*Syracuse Nationals:* Ms. Madelone stated that GTSC wants enforcement included in the STEP grants. She stated that if your department is affected by the Syracuse Nationals you should include this in the grant. She stated that they could increase their grant by 35% if they do enforcement. Ms. Madelone requested that the departments get together to coordinate the wording they used in their respective applications.

Capt. Raub noted that safety seat clinics are conducted throughout the year.

## **C. 2006 Committee Structure**

Ms. Madelone provided a revised Committee listing based on the comments she received. She stated that if anyone had an interest in being on a committee that they should let her know. She stated that this listing gives a description of each committee's charge for the upcoming year. Ms. Madelone stated that a Media Relations Committee was created to provide structure and a point person.

Mr. Murdock inquired as to who made the decisions about the committees. Ms. Madelone stated that she created the listing. Mr. Murdock inquired as to what happened to the Business and Industry Committee. Ms. Madelone stated that she did not believe that the committee was functioning and that it had been tied into the Media Relations Committee. Mr. Murdock stated that he believes that the Business and Industry Committee could be turned around. Ms. Madelone requested that Mr. Murdock develop a charge for the committee and recruit members.

## **D. DMV Event Request**

Mr. Brustein stated that last year the DMV combined a VIN etching event with the "Heat is On" campaign. Some members participated in the event at the DMV last year. Mr. Brustein is looking for participation this year for an event on June 20<sup>th</sup> at the DMV. Capt. Raub stated that there was a lot of solidarity for the program. Capt. Raub inquired if this could be combined with the Safety Fair. Ms. Madelone stated that the Safety Fair would not take place until the next grant program. Mr. Brustein stated that the June date was picked as it coincides with the June 21<sup>st</sup> Auto Crime Investigation Seminar being held in Syracuse.

Trooper Keller inquired if there was opposition to holding the event on a weekend in order to attract more people. Mr. Brustein stated that there was not, but the intention was to hold the event prior to the seminar. Lt. Trice suggested holding a press conference prior to the seminar and then holding the event on a Saturday. He inquired if the DMV was open on Saturdays. Mr. Brustein stated that the DMV is not open on Saturdays and he would have to check to see it would be possible to be open on a Saturday. Trooper Keller stated that drawing working people from 10:00 to 2:00 on a weekday is tough. Mr. Murphy stated that he would be willing to speak to one of the Assistant Commissioners of DMV regarding opening the DMV on a Saturday for the event.

**E. Roundtable Discussions:**

Undersheriff Darby stated that Air One will be refurbished and inspected and back in service by April 1<sup>st</sup>. Further, he stated that digital video systems have been installed in 36 marked cars. The results have been positive. The system tapes constantly, but only captures and saves the images once the lights have been activated. Lt. Trice inquired how the Sheriff's Office funded the camera purchase. The Undersheriff stated that they were paid for with grants from Senator DeFrancisco and Congressman Walsh.

Ms. Wortley provided updated listings of the members and stakeholders. Additionally, she distributed copies of the 2006 meeting schedule.

Lt. Rotunno stated that he had questions about BUNY amounts and expanded effort. Lt. Trice stated that the State is cutting back on certain things. Ms. Madelone stated that each department needs to include a copy of their seat belt policy in their BUNY grant applications.

**6. Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Undersheriff Darby moved and Chief Robertson seconded the adjournment of the meeting and the meeting was adjourned at 10:12 a.m.