

Onondaga County Traffic Safety Advisory Board

May 11, 2004

Meeting Minutes

Members Attending:

Don Barrett
Warren Darby
Frank DeGennaro
Michael Davison
Paul Gottfried
John Leo
William Mulroy
Lloyd Perkins
Phil Politano
Kay Staley-Smith
Shannon Trice
Leo Williams
Patricia Wortley

Organization:

Justice Services InfoNet, Ltd.
Onondaga County Sheriff's Department
NYS Police
Think First
North Syracuse Police Department
Onondaga County Department of Transportation
NYS Thruway Authority
Camillus Police Department
Public Safety Training Center/The Politano Group
NYS DMV
Syracuse Police Department
Centro
SMTC

Stakeholders Attending:

Kevin Bamerick
Richard Cox
Mike Cronin
Jerry Deitz
George Doucette
Bill Haseltine
Tim Hunt
Debbie Kogut
Mary Jo Kohl
Michael Lefancheck
William Loucks
Doug Robertson

Organization

Onondaga County Snowmobile Association
Solvay Police Department
NYS Thruway Authority
Centro
NYS Department of Transportation
DOT Foods
I'm Smart
Onondaga County Health Department
Onondaga County Sheriff's Department
Baldwinsville Police Department
Retired – West Genesee Central School District
East Syracuse Police Department

Guests: Alex Taussig, Manlius Pebble Hill School.

Excused: Linda McKinnon, Ross Limousine and Glenn Murdock, Syracuse Utilities.

1. Welcome

Lt. Shannon Trice, Chairperson, opened the meeting at 9:40 a.m. at the Camillus Town Hall Conference Room, 4600 W. Genesee St., Camillus, N.Y. Lt. Trice congratulated Frank DeGennaro on his recent promotion to Major with the NYS Police. Further, Lt. Trice stated that for police departments there would be a meeting on May 12, 2004 at the Geddes Town Hall regarding Alcohol Grants.

2. Acceptance of Minutes

Lt. Trice inquired if there were any changes/corrections to the minutes of March 9, 2004. Sgt. Gottfried moved and Mr. Williams seconded approval of the March 9, 2004 minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Communications and Reports

A. Committee Updates:

Legislative: Major DeGennaro deferred stating Mr. Bamerick would make his presentation under new business.

Grants: Ms. Staley-Smith stated that the grants are down to the wire. We are holding pretty close to the same amount as last year.

Youth: Lt. Trice stated that the Syracuse Police are continuing their underage drinking stings. They recently worked with the State Police in the University area. Lt. Trice noted that the Sheriff's Department is also conducting underage drinking stings.

B. Onondaga County Heath Department Update: Ms. Kogut stated that since her last report, two trainings were offered for car seat technicians; car seat checks have been held and will continue to be held and fitting stations are in operation. Additionally, the 2nd Annual "Spring into Pedestrian Safety" campaign kicked off with an event hosted by the Lyncourt School. Lt. Trice and Sheriff Walsh made presentations. Two hundred-fifty helmets were distributed and fitted at the SAFE KIDS night at P & C Stadium. Further, traffic safety education continues in the community on various levels.

Ms. Kogut noted that the grant proposal was submitted to the Grant Committee. Also, they will be moving their office back to the Civic Center in June.

C. Lights On Video: Due to technical difficulties, Alex Taussig's presentation was delayed to another meeting.

4. Old Business

None.

5. New Business

A. Daytime Running Lights Legislation: Mr. Bamerick spoke relative to a proposed piece of legislation before the New York State Senate regarding the retrofitting of vehicles with daytime running lights and a reduction in insurance rates. Mr. Bamerick provided copies of the proposed legislation and the Introducer's Memorandum by Senator DeFrancisco. Mr. Bamerick stated that daytime running lights aid in peripheral vision at intersections. Major DeGennaro and Mr. Bamerick are seeking a letter of support from this Board. Discussion was had over the wording

of the bill, i.e. usage of incidents or crash versus the word accident. Further discussion was had about the proposed law, police department support and daytime running lights.

Ms. Staley-Smith moved and Mr. Politano seconded a motion for the OCTSAB to send a letter in support of the legislation to Sen. DeFrancisco. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Round Table Discussions:

Mike Davison: Mr. Davison stated that Think First has launched their "Did You Click It" campaign through funding provided by last year's grant. He explained the program and how he would be working with four schools. He has posters available for any one wishing to take some.

Patricia Wortley: Ms. Wortley noted that May is National Bike Month. Copies of the SMTC Bicycle Map and a flyer promoting an SMTC sponsored event at the May 16, 2004 Parkway Sunday were provided to those present.

Tim Hunt: Mr. Hunt thanked the law enforcement agencies present for their help in assisting I'm Smart crews in difficult situations.

Gerry Deitz: Mr. Deitz that the Bus Rodeo would be held on May 23, 2004 at the Rollaway Bearings facility. They are still looking for judges for the event. Additionally, the New York State Bus Rodeo will be held at the Fair Grounds on September 11, 2004 and they will also need judges.

Warren Darby: Undersheriff Darby stated that he and Deputy Kohl would be giving presentations to older drivers.

Don Barrett: Mr. Barrett spoke of the Victims Advocate group support available in the state of Florida. They are looking to develop some type of 800-number to assist relatives of victims of drunk driving accidents in order to know trial dates, etc.

Kay Staley-Smith: Ms. Staley-Smith that we need a location for our July picnic meeting. Ms. Kogut will check into the availability of a pavilion at Marcellus Park. Ms. Staley-Smith noted that this year there would be a donation to cover the cost of the meat.

6. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Next Meeting:
Tuesday, July 13, 2004 – 12:00 p.m.

at
Marcellus Park
Marcellus, NY