

# Onondaga County Traffic Safety Advisory Board

## May 13, 2003

### Meeting Minutes

#### **Members Attending:**

Ted Botsford\*  
Mike Davison  
Jack Hayes\*  
John Hayes  
Charles Jones\*  
Debbie Kogut  
John Leo  
Glenn Murdock  
Lloyd Perkins  
Phil Politano  
Kay Staley-Smith  
Patricia Wortley\*

#### **Organization:**

Onondaga County Sheriff's Department  
Think First  
Syracuse Police  
P&C  
New York State Police  
Onondaga County Health Department  
Onondaga County DOT  
Syracuse Utilities Inc.  
Camillus Police  
Rural Metro  
DMV  
SMTC

#### **Stakeholders Attending:**

Gerry Deitz  
Paul Gottfried  
Bill Haseltine  
Mike Lefancheck  
William Mulroy  
Douglas Pennock  
Doug Robertson  
Joseph Snell  
Leo Williams  
\* *Designee*

#### **Organization**

CNYRTA  
North Syracuse Police  
DOT Transportation  
Baldwinsville Police  
NYS Thruway Authority  
Cicero Police  
East Syracuse Police  
Cicero Police  
CNYRTA

#### **Attending:**

DMV Frauds Team Representatives: Lauren Cimino, William DeVoe, Paul Hojohn, Ryan Lang, and Ben Schiavone.

#### **Excused:**

Diana Dibble, AAA; Mike Orso, Nick Orso's; Ted Finlayson-Schueler, PTSI; Bill McAnelly, Syracuse Supply; and Mary Rowlands, SMTC

#### **1. Welcome**

Kay Staley-Smith, Chairperson, opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

## **2. Acceptance of Minutes**

Ms. Staley-Smith stated that since there was not a quorum present at the last meeting, we would be approving the minutes from the January 21, 2003 meeting as well as the March 11, 2003 meeting. Ms. Staley-Smith inquired if there were any additional changes/corrections to the January 21, 2003 minutes. Ms. Staley-Smith called for a motion. Mr. Murdock moved and Asst. Chief Botsford seconded approval of the January 21, 2003 minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Staley-Smith inquired if there were any additions/corrections to the March 11, 2003 minutes. Being none, Ms. Staley-Smith called for a motion. Mr. Politano moved and Mr. Davison seconded approval of the March 11, 2003 minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

## **3. Old Business**

❖ None

## **4. New Business**

A. Frauds Team: Ms. Staley-Smith provided an introduction of the representatives of the Frauds Team. Mr. Lang and Mr. DeVoe gave an overview of what the unit has been doing and what they hope to accomplish. Recently, in the Syracuse area there have been bar raids for fake licenses that the team has been assisting the Syracuse PD with. Syracuse PD also shut down a license making operation following the arrests and a fake ID Internet site has been also been shut down.

Mr. Lang stated that he could be reached via phone at 585-482-5166 or via pager at 585-528-1024. The Syracuse Team is located within the Taft Road office of the DMV and they can be reached at 458-7128.

Questions included if there were training programs to recognize fake ID's. Mr. Lang is available to conduct training sessions for both law enforcement personnel and businesses. A question arose about fake CDL's. The Fraudulent Document Task Force is working in conjunction with the State Police. Further questions arose relative to available devices for detecting fake/altered licenses. In addition to the 3M devices, portable black lights and magnifying glasses can be used. It was noted that the VIN Bar Code Reader only could verify NYS information. It was suggested that you get to know the feel of a NYS license in order to help with detection of a fake/altered license. NYS will be issuing a new type of license later this year.

Mr. DeVoe thanked those present for inviting the Frauds Team to make a presentation.

## **5. Committee Updates**

Grants: Ms. Staley-Smith stated that the Committee met to review the grant applications to determine the allocations. The Committee tried to be equitable in their distribution. Following the determinations, Ms. Staley-Smith stated she received requests for additional programs that will not be funded as they missed the deadline for submission to the Committee. Ms. Staley-Smith thanked the Committee for all of their work. Ms. Staley-Smith provided a hand out of the Grant Summary. (Provided herein)

Chief Snell spoke to those present relative to the cut in funding Cicero would be receiving. The Chief expressed his dissatisfaction with the size of the allocation Cicero would be receiving. He stated that last year, Cicero received \$12,000 and this year the funding would be \$8,500. He stated that Cicero is the fastest growing town in the County at this time and that the Town has serious issues with traffic.

Chief Perkins spoke relative to the allocation distribution process stating that the Committee looked at a lot of different factors. He stated that the Committee tried to follow the state guidelines for allocations. The Committee looked at all the municipalities that applied for the funds and tried to create an equitable distribution. He noted that his department also received a cut in funding. Chief Perkins stated that funding would have to be cut from somewhere else if the Cicero funds were reinstated. Ms. Staley-Smith displayed the working copies of the Committee's efforts.

Chief Robertson stated that his department also lost funding. Chief Perkins stated that most police departments took a cut in funding. Chief Perkins further stated that a lot of the Committee's time was spent on the allocation of funds to health department personnel.

Ms. Staley-Smith stated that Ms. Rowlands submitted a grant application today for the Committee's approval on behalf of the Onondaga County DOT for Electronics Parkway. Ms. Staley-Smith believed that this request competed for the same funding that has already been allocated. Ms. Staley-Smith stated she would need to speak to Mr. Swartz prior to signing off on the grant application.

Seat Belt Tracking: Mr. Murdock stated that the committee would be meeting after this meeting. The progress has been slow, but they are gaining. They are looking at conducting a training program.

Youth: Officer Hayes stated that the bar raids are done until the fall. He noted that during the raids, most students had out of state licenses. Officer Hayes stated that if there is underage drinking going on the bar tender gets arrested even if ID's were checked at the door. He stated that bars are starting to do more ID checks in addition to the door.

Ms. Staley-Smith stated that there is money budgeted under DWI for the City and the County for stings next year.

New Membership Committee: Ms. Staley-Smith stated that they are working on getting a listing from the Chamber. She asked that people let her know if there are other prospective members. A few people have been added as stakeholders. Ms. Staley-Smith introduced Mr. Haseltine of DOT Transportation.

Onondaga County Health Department Update: Ms. Staley-Smith sent around the Health Department's Semi-Annual report and requested that anyone one in need of a copy indicate so on the cover attachment.

Ms. Kogut distributed her report together with Helmet Sale schedules. Ms. Kogut highlighted various events, including the Car Seat re-certification training and Spring Into Pedestrian Safety week. Ms. Kogut noted that the LOOK program kickoff would be on May 19<sup>th</sup>. She stated that the County Wellness Walk would take place on May 21<sup>st</sup>. Additionally, Think First will hold a Catered Affair on May 28<sup>th</sup>.

### **Round Table Discussions:**

A discussion was had relative to finding a permanent meeting space or whether to continue to rotate the meeting sites between the member agencies. Sgt. Gottfried indicated that North Syracuse has a facility available in addition to the already existing sites. Following discussion, it was decided that the meeting site would continue to rotate amongst the member agencies.

Chief Perkins noted that the Lt. Governor would be at the Camillus Police Department on May 14<sup>th</sup> for a press conference relative to stiffer DWI penalties. He explained the new penalties. Additionally, the Onondaga County Police Chiefs have started meeting with EMS and other emergency responders relative to developing a plan to cut down on the number of emergency vehicles responding to an incident. They are looking to develop a safer way. Chief Perkins also noted that they are changing the colors on light bars on the back of police vehicles to aid in identification/visibility. Additionally, Camillus has changed the color of the officers' jackets to make them more visible.

Mr. Murdock inquired if the Work Zone speed enforcement by the State Police was only being done on I-690 & I-81. Sgt. Jones stated that it was only being done by the State Police in those areas. Discussion followed regarding the number of tickets issued. Sgt. Jones stated it was difficult to enforce in the City, as it is hard to safely get out of the work zone.

Mr. Deitz noted that he has sent letters out to members seeking judges for the Annual Centro Bus Rodeo on June 8<sup>th</sup>. Any help would be appreciated.

Mr. Haseltine noted that he could get a No Zone Trailer here to look at.

Ms. Staley-Smith noted that as part of the grant, they are asking for a training trailer for Child Passenger Safety.

**6. Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Assistant Chief Botsford moved and Chief Perkins seconded adjournment of the meeting and the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

**Next Meeting: PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE**

**Tuesday, July 15, 2003 -- 12:00 Noon**

**at**

**Linda McKinnon's House**

**3217 East Lake Road**

**Skaneateles, NY**