

# Onondaga County Traffic Safety Advisory Board

## July 13, 2005

### Meeting Minutes

#### **Members Attending:**

Don Barrett  
Mike Davison  
Jerry Deitz\*  
Paul Gottfried  
Mary Jo Kohl\*  
Linda McKinnon  
Glenn Murdock  
Jeff Raub  
Doug Robertson  
Kay Staley-Smith  
Shannon Trice  
Barry Weiss  
Patricia Wortley

#### **Organization:**

AVID  
Think First  
Centro  
Southern Wine & Spirit of Upstate New York  
Onondaga County Sheriff's Office  
OCTSAB  
Widewaters Group, Inc.  
New York State Police  
East Syracuse Police Department  
NYS DMV  
Syracuse Police Department  
District Attorney's Office - Stop DWI  
SMTC

*\*Designee*

#### **Stakeholders Attending:**

Ann Barnett  
Joseph Clabaugh  
Debbie Kogut  
Liz Morgan  
Chuck Murphy  
Jeff Peckins  
Steve Rotunno

#### **Organization**

Onondaga County Health Department  
Camillus Police Department  
Onondaga County Health Department  
Retired – Stop DWI  
Sen. John DeFrancisco's Office  
Manlius Police Department  
Camillus Police Department

**Excused:** Warren Darby, Onondaga County Sheriff's Office; Diana Dibble, AAA; Laura Madelone, Syracuse University; William McAnelly, NYSMTA; William Mulroy, New York State Thruway Authority; Lloyd Perkins, Skaneateles Police Department; Mary Tone, DeWitt Police Department; and Leo Williams, Centro.

#### **1. Welcome**

Lt. Shannon Trice, Chair, opened the meeting at 1:50 p.m. at the Glen Loch, Jamesville, NY. Following introductions, Lt. Trice proceeded with the meeting.

## 2. Acceptance of Minutes

Lt. Trice inquired if there were any changes/corrections to the May 12, 2005 minutes. Hearing none, Mr. Gottfried moved Mr. Deitz seconded approval of the May 12, 2005 minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

## 3. Communications and Reports

### A. Committee Updates:

Awards: Ms. McKinnon stated that the Awards Breakfast was tentative scheduled for January 10, 2006. The committee will be meeting the third week of September to discuss arrangements.

Buckle Up/Car Seat Support: Capt. Raub stated that in mid-September they plan to mirror the type of enforcement that occurs during Buckle Up campaigns. They are hoping this will serve as a reminder to the public.

Lt. Trice stated that Jim Kenyon of Ch. 3 News will be doing a piece on the rate of dismissal for traffic tickets. Lt. Trice stated that in the City, two-thirds of all traffic tickets are dismissed. Ms. Staley-Smith that due to the new DRA assessment fees, attorneys will be looking to do more plea bargaining to avoid the fees. Ms. Staley-Smith stated that over \$2 million has been raised by the new assessment fees.

Grants: Ms. Staley-Smith stated that some police departments have not submitted their semi-annual reports. Lt. Trice stated that next year's grants will not be processed until the reports are submitted.

Lights On: Mr. Deitz stated that the committee will be meeting at the end of July or beginning of August. Mr. Barrett stated that the event will be the first Saturday in December, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. They are currently looking for a school to go to.

Pedestrian/Bike/School Safety: Ms. Staley-Smith stated the committee will be meeting on July 25<sup>th</sup>. She has gathered materials for the committee to review.

Youth: Lt. Trice stated that there are currently two underage drinking initiatives going on in Onondaga County. Discussion was had relative to the two groups funding sources and whether it would be possible to merge the two groups.

### B. Onondaga County Health Department Update:

Ms. Kogut provided a copy of her report. She highlighted the events over the last few months. Ms. Staley-Smith stated that the format for the Health Department update might be changing. She is working with Ms. Turner.

Additionally, Lt. Trice stated that the DeWitt Fire Department has applied for a grant to get a fitting station.

## 4. Old Business

Collection in Memory of Bill Loucks: Lt. Trice stated that a collection will be taken up in memory of former stakeholder Bill Loucks. The contribution will be made to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Liverpool.

## 5. **New Business**

### **A. Stakeholder Discussion:**

Ms. Staley-Smith stated that there are a large number of stakeholders that do not attend meetings or participate. Various ideas were discussed relative to stakeholder status and whether it should be listed in the By-Laws. Ms. Kogut stated that stakeholders do not have direction about their role. She suggested holding separate meetings for stakeholders. Mr. Murdock stated that he is trying to develop a training through the Business and Industry committee. Ms. Staley-Smith stated that the role of a stakeholder could be outlined in the By-Laws and then hold stakeholder orientations two times a year. It was decided that Ms. Wortley will e-mail the existing stakeholders and inquire if they still wish to be stakeholders.

### **B. Possible Upcoming Meeting Locations:**

The November meeting will still be held at the North Syracuse Community Center. Ms. Staley-Smith asked those present to think about hosting a meeting in 2006.

### **C. Upcoming New York Highway Safety Annual Fall Conference:**

Ms. Staley-Smith provided the conference packet. She encouraged those present to think about individuals to be nominated for awards. Lt. Trice noted that the Camillus Police Department would be nominating Christie Casciano from Ch. 9 for an award. Ms. Morgan volunteered to help anyone needing assistance writing up nominations.

### **D. Roundtable Discussions:**

Lt. Trice stated that Onondaga County received \$12,000 for the Impaired Driver's program. Lt. Trice will be contacting Chief Conway, DeWitt Police, to set up a meeting with local police departments. The money needs to be spent from August 19 through September.

Additionally, Safe and Sober award nomination forms are out. Mr. Murdock inquired if there would still be a competition for OCTSAB awards. Lt. Trice stated that awards would be given to the top performers in various categories.

Mr. Gottfried inquired about the website status, noting that it has not been updated. Lt. Trice stated that he had been thinking about that too, as he has been in meetings recently with Onondaga County IT people regarding another matter. Lt. Trice will look into it. Mr. Gottfried also inquired about members having an OCTSAB e-mail address rather than using people's business or personal accounts.

Mr. Barrett stated that President Bush is putting a cap on victim's funds. Eventually there will be no funding. Mr. Barrett stated that in the last 25 years 1 million people have been killed in drunken driving accidents in the U.S. They are setting dates for the next Communications Network to be held at area schools.

Ms. McKinnon state that she and Ms. Staley-Smith met regarding seeking contributions from PBA's for the Awards Breakfast. Sgt. Tone has agreed to distribute the letter to the PBA's.

Mr. Murdock inquired about getting copies of all traffic related news segments. Most police departments have copies of segments relating to their departments. Ms. Barnett stated that those pieces could be used for orientation meetings.

Ms. Wortley distributed information regarding the New York State Truck Association picnic to be held July 26<sup>th</sup> at Long Branch Park.

## **6. Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chief Robertson moved and Mr. Gottfried seconded the adjournment of the meeting and the meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

**Next Meeting:**  
**September 15, 2005 – 9:30 a.m.**  
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**North Syracuse**