

Onondaga County Traffic Safety Advisory Board

July 15, 2003

Meeting Minutes

Members Attending:

Ann Barnett*
Warren Darby
Mike Davison
Diana Dibble
John Leo
Laura Madelone
Linda McKinnon
Liz Morgan
Glenn Murdock
Kay Staley-Smith
Shannon Trice
Patricia Wortley*

Organization:

Onondaga County Health Department
Onondaga County Sheriff's Department
Think First
AAA
Onondaga County DOT
Syracuse University
Ross Limousine
Stop DWI
Syracuse Utilities Inc.
DMV
Syracuse Police
SMTC

Stakeholders Attending:

Kevin Bamerick
Ted Botsford
Maryann Fields
Douglas Pennock
* *Designee*

Organization

Onondaga County Snowmobile Association
Onondaga County Sheriff's Department
University Hospital
Cicero Police Department

Excused:

Ted Finlayson-Schueler, PTSI; John Hayes, P&C; Debbie Kogut, Onondaga County Health Department; Bill McAnelly, Syracuse Supply; William Mulroy, New York State Thruway Authority; Mary Rowlands, SMTC; and Irene Scruton, Safety Council.

1. Welcome

Kay Staley-Smith, Chairperson, opened the meeting at 1:35 p.m.

2. Acceptance of Minutes

Ms. Staley-Smith inquired if there were any changes/corrections to the minutes from the May 13, 2003 meeting. Ms. Staley-Smith called for a motion. Lt. Trice moved and Mr. Davison seconded approval of the May 13, 2003 minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Communications and Reports

Onondaga County Heath Department Update: Ms. Staley-Smith provided copies of the Health Department's report to those present.

Youth: Lt. Trice stated that the Convincer is being used at Manlius Pebble Hill and Corcoran High School driver education programs. The police are continuing their underage drinking enforcement efforts. Currently, they are concentrating on the Armory Square area.

Legislative: Ms. Dibble provided copies of the new Graduated Licensing Law that takes effect on September 1, 2003. Additional legislation discussions involved: a maximum speed limit, .08; and Segway scooters. Additionally, the Department of Transportation will be conducting a survey in areas with high levels of senior citizen accidents. Ms. Barnett inquired if there were any new legislative efforts relative to booster seats for older children. Ms. Dibble stated that at this time there are no new efforts and it appears that there are no uniform standards for children over 50 pounds. Ms. Barnett believes that several other states have such legislation.

Seat Belt Tracking: Mr. Murdock stated that Mr. Mulroy has been trying to contact the chief City Court judge, but has been unable to do so. Mr. Murdock requested OCTSAB letterhead for correspondence.

Lights On: Mr. Barrett stated that the 20th consecutive Lights On caravan would be held December 13, 2003 at Jamesville DeWitt. He has received a good response from the local high schools relative to participation. Additionally, they have been conducting programs at Manlius Pebble Hill and Corcoran.

4. Old Business

❖ None

5. New Business

A. Website: Ms. Wortley provided handouts of the draft website together with a website link sign up sheet. Discussion was had relative to the content of the site. Those present determined that the preamble of the By-Laws would serve as the home page mission statement. Additionally, the By-Laws, meeting minutes, upcoming events, member agency website links and a listing of the members/stakeholders names, addresses and e-mails would be included on the site. After further discussion it was decided that a generic e-mail slot should be made available to those visiting the site. Ms. Wortley stated that she would be e-mailing the link to the OCTSAB website in order to obtain comments and suggestions.

Round Table Discussions:

Undersheriff Darby stated that the Sheriff's Department has a new boat in operation on Skaneateles Lake. That brings the total count to four boats with two jet skis. The department will be obtaining two more jet skis. They are being very active on Boating While Intoxicated.

Chief Pennock stated that the Cicero Police have placed a new facility at Sheldon Memorial park in Bridgeport. This will give them an enhanced presence in the area. Additionally, the department just received accreditation.

Mr. Davison stated that Think First has a new website, www.ThinkFirstCNY.org. They have been working with the driving schools this summer.

Lt. Trice stated that they have increased the number of officers assigned to the Traffic Division.

Ms. Barnett stated that they are busy with helmet site sales.

Mr. Bamerick was introduced to those present. The Onondaga County Snowmobile Association is looking to institute a Snowmobile Advisory Council. A newsletter will be forthcoming in September.

Ms. Staley-Smith stated that the DMV has been very busy.

6. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Next Meeting:
Tuesday, September 9, 2003 – 9:30 a.m.
at
Department of Motor Vehicles
5801 East Taft Road
North Syracuse, NY