

# **Onondaga County Traffic Safety Advisory Board**

## **July 9, 2002**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**Members Attending:**

Kay Staley-Smith, Chair  
Donald Barrett  
Diana Dibble  
Debbie Kogut  
Bill McAnelly  
Linda McKinnon  
Glenn Murdock  
Mary Rowlands

**Organization:**

DMV  
Avid  
AAA  
Onondaga County Health Department  
Syracuse Supply  
Ross Limousine  
Syracuse Utilities Inc.  
SMTC

**Stakeholders Attending:**

Ann Barnett  
Wendell Boehme  
Jack Hayes  
Laura Madelone  
Irene Scruton  
Barry Stevens  
Pat Wortley

**Organization**

Onondaga County Health Department  
PEACE Inc.  
Syracuse Police Department  
Syracuse University  
Safety Council of CNY  
NYS Department of Transportation  
SMTC

**Excused:**

Ted Botsford, Onondaga County Sheriff's Department; Mike Davison, Think First; John Hayes, Penn Traffic; Bill Mulroy, NYS Thruway Authority, Chris Navetta, Byrne Dairy; Mike Orso, Nick Orso's Body Shop; Nick Pirro, Onondaga County; Phil Politano, Rural Metro; Shannon Trice, Syracuse Police; and T. Brendan Whelan, Onondaga County Legislature.

**1. Welcome**

Chairperson Kay Staley-Smith opened the meeting at 1:40 p.m.

**2. Acceptance of Minutes**

Ms. Staley-Smith asked if there were any changes/corrections to the minutes of May 14, 2002. Under Roundtable Discussion, it should state Debbie Kogut. The official minutes will be corrected.

Ms. Staley-Smith noted that there were not enough members present to constitute a quorum and, therefore, there would be no voting on agenda items.

**3. Committee Updates**

Legislative: Diana Dibble stated that the State Legislature approved Graduated Driver Licensing (GDL). Ms. Dibble provided a handout describing the GDL that takes effect in September 2003. Don Barrett inquired as to the public awareness of GDL. Ms. Dibble stated that it has been in the news recently and more press will be given when the Governor signs the legislation into effect.

Project Planning: Mary Rowlands stated that the picnic was a success despite the weather.

Business & Industry: It was noted that Irene Scruton and Glenn Murdock needed to meet regarding Business & Industry. Mr. Murdock stated that he has reviewed the membership and has separated the public sector from Business & Industry members. Recruiting efforts need to be conducted to gain more Business membership. Currently he is exploring ideas as to how to get more Business people involved. He has spoken to the State and Federal Departments of Transportation. Ms. Staley-Smith asked that anyone knowing of additional businesses that could become stakeholders should let either Ms. Scruton or Mr. Murdock know.

Since the OCTSAB cannot use funding for advertising, discussion was had relative to providing window stickers for OCTSAB membership as a way of getting their name out there.

Mr. Murdock noted that Tim Hunt of I'm Smart CNY would be providing OCTSAB members with I'm Smart memberships. They should be available at the next meeting.

Nominating: Ms. Staley-Smith noted that at the last meeting it was announced that Phil Politano has replaced Ann Barnett as a member. Today she stated that Emily Sposato has left the OCTSAB and has been replaced as a member by Glenn Murdock.

By-Laws: Ms. Staley-Smith stated that a new Ex-Officio member category needed to be added to the By-Laws creating a position for the Chairperson of the County Police Chiefs. Additionally, as fifteen voting members are not present at today's meeting, the vote approving the By-Laws will be tabled until the next meeting.

Web Site: At the last meeting Ms. Rowlands had mentioned the idea of an OCTSAB web site noting current traffic-related events, links, etc. A letter needs to be sent to County Executive Nick Pirro stating that this Board is endorsing such a web site. A letter will be drafted for Ms. Staley-Smith to sign. Ms. Scruton noted that the County is considering shifting their web site at this time. Discussion about the new site followed.

Lights On: Donald Barrett stated that this year the program would be at Henninger High School for City of Syracuse Schools. Debbie Kogut noted that a meeting would be held in August.

Onondaga County Heath Department Update: Ms. Kogut stated that she did not have a written report prepared at this time. Ms. Kogut highlighted some of her department's

activities recently, which included: participation in Buckle Up America Week, helmet giveaways, the honoring of County Executive Pirro by Safe Kids, car seat events, and Heat Is On events. Ms. Kogut noted that Manlius Police recently issued the first ticket for a helmet law violation.

Ms. Rowlands noted that the SMTC is in the second year of their Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan. Ms. Rowlands stated that the SMTC has received 10-years worth of bicycle and pedestrian accident reports from the DMV for the study.

Discussion was had relative to the use of PVU's on the roadside.

#### **4. Old Business**

None.

#### **5. New Business**

##### Round Table Discussions:

Barry Stevens informed those present that Route 695 Emergency 911 signs/markers are up. Ms. Dibble requested that AAA be given a copy of the signage sites to aid with calls taken by their dispatchers for emergency service on the roadway. Additionally, Mr. Stevens noted that it looks as if both houses of the State Legislature are going to pass a law requiring motorists to yield to pedestrians no matter where the pedestrian is in the walkway. Further, Mr. Stevens recently attended a seminar relative to older American drivers. He will provide information to those interested.

Ms. Barnett stated there would be an Older Driver workshop on July 16<sup>th</sup> at Mohawk Valley Community College if anyone were interested in attending.

Ms. Kogut noted that for the last few years the Health Department has sold helmets during the first two days of the Fair. This year they will be selling helmets for the run of the Fair. She noted that she might be seeking volunteers from this Board to staff the booth. The event will be sponsored by the State Think First.

Mr. Murdock inquired if the OCTSAB were to hold a seminar if they charged for the event. It was stated that a fee might be charged to cover the cost of room rental and food, but that the OCTSAB could not raise money. Discussion was had relative to establishing a memorial fund or foundation.

Ms. Dibble noted that she had School's Out posters available for anyone interested.

#### **7. Closing**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

**Next Meeting:**

**Tuesday, September 10, 2002 9:30 AM**

**at**

**NYS Department of Motor Vehicles**

**5801 East Taft Road**

**North Syracuse, New York**