

**Onondaga County Traffic Safety Advisory Board**  
**September 9, 2003**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**Members Attending:**

Donald Barrett  
Diana Dibble  
Debbie Kogut  
William McAnelly  
Linda McKinnon  
Liz Morgan  
Glenn Murdock  
Lloyd Perkins  
Mary Rowlands  
Kay Staley-Smith  
Shannon Trice

**Organization:**

Avid  
AAA  
Onondaga County Health Department  
Syracuse Supply  
Ross Limousine  
Stop DWI  
Syracuse Utilities Inc.  
Camillus Police  
SMTC  
DMV  
Syracuse Police

**Stakeholders Attending:**

Kevin Bamerick  
Ann Barnett  
Jerry Deitz, Sr.  
George Doucette  
William Loucks  
Paul Gottfried  
Michael Lefancheck  
Doug Robertson  
Leo Williams  
Patricia Wortley

**Organization**

Onondaga County Snowmobile Association  
Onondaga County Health Department  
Centro  
New York State Dept. of Transportation  
West Genesee Central Schools  
North Syracuse Police  
Baldwinsville Police  
East Syracuse Police  
Centro  
SMTC

**Excused:**

Mike Davison, Think First; John Leo, Onondaga County Department of Transportation; Laura Madelone, Syracuse University; and Phil Politano, Rural Metro.

**1. Welcome**

Kay Staley-Smith, Chairperson, opened the meeting at 9:35 a.m.

**2. Acceptance of Minutes**

Ms. Staley-Smith inquired if there were any changes/corrections to the minutes from the July 15, 2003 meeting. Ms. Staley-Smith called for a motion. Chief Perkins moved and Lt. Trice seconded approval of the July 15, 2003 minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

**3. Communications and Reports**

Legislative: Ms. Dibble provided handouts relative to the Graduated Licensing Law that took effect September 1, 2003. Ms. Staley-Smith provided additional handouts. Discussion was had relative to the changes in the law. Ms. Dibble also spoke about AAA being against the licensing of Segway Scooters. Ms. Staley-Smith stated that they could not be registered with the DMV as they do not meet their requirements.

Currently the State Assembly and Senate have bills before them relative to senior drivers. Additionally, she stated that there probably will not be any legislation relative to booster seats for children over 50 pounds as there currently are no consistent standards in the country. Further, Ms. Dibble also provided a revised traffic fines listing.

Youth: Lt. Trice stated the Syracuse Police conducted Operation Prevent last week and 67 underage drinkers were ticketed. Discussion was had relative to the punishments for possessing false identification. Ms. Staley-Smith noted that the DMV can pull the licenses of those caught with false identification. Further discussion was had relative to some type of event being held at Syracuse University to educate the students about underage drinking and DWI. It was decided that students are more receptive to a forum type atmosphere.

Lt. Trice noted that they have been going to Manlius Pebble Hill (MPH) and the City driver education programs with the Convincer machine.

Lt. Trice will be making an Operation Prevent presentation at the Traffic Safety Conference in October.

Seat Belt Tracking: Mr. Murdock stated that the committee has still not been able to get in contact with City Court Judge Merrill. Lt. Trice and Mr. Deitz both stated that they would try contacting him. Mr. Murdock stated that basically the courts have been left out of the loop relative to traffic safety. Ms. Staley-Smith suggested inviting magistrates to come to our meetings. Ms. Morgan stated that we need to contact the Court Clerk's Association as well.

Awards: Ms. McKinnon stated that we are all set for January 13, 2004 at 8:30 a.m. at the Genesee Inn. Ms. Staley-Smith reminded those present about the Community Awards the board wished to initiate. Please let her know of any nominations.

Nominating: Mr. Deitz stated that he will be working on the list. He will need to check with the County Executive's office.

Projects: Ms. Rowlands spoke relative to the OCTSAB website. The SMTC's computer network has been down for two weeks so the SMTC Webmaster has not been able to incorporate all the suggestions/changes at this time. Once the site is completed, all members and stakeholders will be sent the link to view the site again. The SMTC will be working with the County's IT person to make the page live. Ms. Rowlands stated that the simple updates would be handled by Ms. Kogut and Ms. Barnett. The SMTC will add the meeting minutes to the site.

Onondaga County Heath Department Update: Ms. Kogut provided her report. Ms. Kogut highlighted the car seat checks, the training of 11 new technicians in Ithaca and the fact that Volkswagen will be coming to Syracuse to training. Ms. Kogut noted that Think First sold over 300 helmets during the New York State Fair. Their big summer project was to conduct Pedestrian Safety presentations at the Onondaga County Public Libraries.

Ms. Barnett noted that Safe Kids put together a campaign relative to window safety that was featured at the Fair. She also noted that it has been a busy helmet season.

**4. Old Business**

None

**5. New Business**

GTSC Annual Fall Conference: Ms. Staley-Smith stated that the information for the conference is out. If anyone needs information, they should let her know.

Additionally, Ms. Staley-Smith provided Mr. Barrett with a listing of the driver education instructors for Onondaga County. Anyone wishing to receive a copy should let her know.

Graduated Licensing: Ms. Staley-Smith went over highlights of the new law. Discussion was had relative to the police departments' enforcement of same.

**Round Table Discussions:**

Mr. Barrett stated that he represented the New York State Victims Committee at the Attorney General's booth at the Fair. Mr. Barrett noted that there is a problem with communication – getting the message out. He suggested doing some type of program with Time Warner. Mr. Barrett stated that he attends the New York State Magistrates Association meetings and he will try to get the OCTSAB on their agendas. Mr. Barrett also noted that he is working with a Florida group that assists out-of-state residents involved as victims in drunk driving accidents.

Lights On will be held on December 13<sup>th</sup> and the planning is going very well. Mr. Barrett is seeking someone to sponsor the cost of a banner for the event.

Mr. Barrett is also involved with the VINE Program. He thanked Lt. Trice for his help with a recent matter. Mr. Barrett stated that law enforcement needs better education relative to making victims feel more safe.

Sgt. Gottfried stated that the North Syracuse Police Department was seeking a letter of support from the OCTSAB relative to signage for Route 11 dealing with no passing on the right. After discussion, the members approved of the letter of support.

Ms. Dibble stated that she had School's Open materials available.

Chief Perkins stated that his department has seen an increase in red light running. He inquired as to whether there was any type of education available. It was noted that Western New York has a red light campaign currently. Discussion was had as to the increased amount of red light running. Mr. Murdock stated that the public needs to become educated. Mr. Deitz suggested a public service announcement (PSA) and suggested contacting former board member Nancy Duffy of Channel 9. Ms. Morgan suggested finding a co-sponsor for the PSA. Chief Perkins suggested tying the education to one of the grants we receive. Ms. Rowlands and Mr. Doucette stated that there are no plans for red light cameras in Syracuse. Currently, it is not legal to have the cameras anywhere in New York other than Long Island. Chief Perkins suggested getting all local police agencies involved in the effort. Further discussion was had about involving Syracuse University students in the production of the PSA.

Mr. Doucette stated that the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) is installing ten monitoring cameras on Route 81 from the I-481 entrance south of the City to the I-481 entrance north of the City. Discussion was had about linking the cameras into the 911 system and sharing the video feed with 911. Plans are underway for a control center based at Hancock Airport as a result of the Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) project Strategic Plan. Chief Perkins inquired if 695 would eventually be linked. Mr. Doucette stated that eventually 690 and 695 would be linked.

Chief Perkins inquired if it would be possible to include the State Magistrates in the OCTSAB mailings. Ms. Staley-Smith will look into getting a listing. We will also include the Court Clerks Association. Mr. Murdock is looking into attending the Magistrate's meetings.

Ms. Morgan stated that she is willing to help anyone out in anyway they need assistance.

## **6. Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

**Next Meeting:**  
**Wednesday, November 12, 2003 – 9:30 a.m.**  
**at**  
**North Syracuse Community Center**  
**South Bay Road**