

Onondaga County Traffic Safety Advisory Board

September 14, 2004

Meeting Minutes

Members Attending:

Don Barrett
Ted Botsford
Richard DeMott*
Paul Gottfried
John Leo
Glenn Murdock
Lloyd Perkins
Jeff Raub
Kay Staley-Smith
Shannon Trice
Patricia Wortley

**Designee*

Organization:

Justice Services InfoNet, Ltd.
Onondaga County Sheriff's Department
New York State Thruway Authority
North Syracuse Police Department
Onondaga County Department of Transportation
Syracuse Utilities
Camillus Police Department
New York State Police
NYS DMV
Syracuse Police Department
SMTC

Stakeholders Attending:

Kevin Bamerick
Debbie Kogut
Mary Jo Kohl
William Meyer
Robin Palmer
Doug Robertson
Mary Tone

Organization

Onondaga County Snowmobile Association
Onondaga County Health Department
Onondaga County Sheriff's Department
Onondaga County Legislature
New York State Police
East Syracuse Police Department
DeWitt Police Department

Attending: Christine Robison, CPFC.

Excused: Warren Darby, Onondaga County Sheriff's Department; Gerry Deitz, Centro; Diana Dibble, AAA; Linda McKinnon; Phil Politano, The Politano Group; and Leo Williams, Centro.

1. Welcome

Lt. Shannon Trice, Chairperson, opened the meeting at 9:49 a.m. at the North Syracuse Community Center, North Syracuse, N.Y.

2. Acceptance of Minutes

Lt. Trice inquired if there were any changes/corrections to the July 13, 2004 minutes. Hearing none, Sgt. Gottfried moved and Ms. Staley-Smith seconded approval of the July 13, 2004 minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

3. **Communications and Reports**

A. Committee Updates:

Business: Ms. Staley-Smith stated that the Committee has not met at this time.

Awards: Ms. Staley-Smith stated that the Committee would be meeting in the future.

Legislative: Ms. Staley-Smith stated that Mr. Politano is the new Committee chair, replacing Major DeGennaro.

Nominating: Ms. Staley-Smith stated that the Committee has not met.

Youth: Lt. Trice stated that there have been no meetings. Alcohol stings were conducted in the City of Syracuse and the Town of Geddes and they were very successful. Additionally, Syracuse University is hosting a Virtual Intoxification golf cart event this afternoon at 4:00 p.m. Good Morning America will be taping the segment. Lt. Trice invited the police agencies to attend the event.

Lights On: Mr. Barrett stated that he would have a complete report at the next meeting. Mr. Barrett needs to speak to Mr. Deitz relative to the route on December 11, 2004.

Awards: Ms. Staley-Smith stated that the Committee has not met yet. She stated the Jordan Police Department contacted the GTSC and stated that they submitted a grant to the OCTSAB and they did not receive any money. Ms. Staley-Smith stated that an application was never received. Chief Perkins stated that a lot of work goes in to the Committee review of the applications.

In additional discussions relative to grant money, Ms. Kogut stated that Ken Carpenter stated that the biggest concerns were local grants, then STEP and BUNY funding. There is a cut back in all funding due to Congress.

Lt. Trice spoke relative to Operation Lifesaver. Last year, the OCTSAB agreed not to sponsor the effort. Following discussion of the program, it was decided that Operation Lifesaver might best be incorporated into a driver's education program in the schools rather than a special presentation due to academic time constraints.

Lt. Trice also mentioned the TRACS system. He recently met with representatives from the City, County and State IT departments. The City of Syracuse has agreed to donate a server to the Onondaga County Sheriff's Department for TRACS. The Sheriff's Department would serve as the lead agency. TRACS would deposit information in a central location and would avoid redundant information entries. Significant discussion followed regarding the procedures used by local police agencies and CNY Leads. Lt. Trice stated that TRACS could provide accident information in a more timely manner than it is currently available.

Onondaga County Health Department Update: Ms. Kogut provided a handout relative to recent Health Department activities. Ms. Kogut noted that both Houses approved the Booster Seat bill. Currently, the final wording is being drafted before the bill goes to the Governor for signature. Additionally, the GTSC has informed the Health Department that they need to cut another \$20,000 from their budget. This means that Ms. Barnett's position will be decreased by 50%.

4. Old Business

A. Lights On Presentation: Due to the fact that Manlius Pebble Hill High School started this week, Alex Taussig was unable to make his video presentation today. It will be scheduled for the next meeting.

5. New Business

A. Traffic Safety Conference Discussion: Ms. Staley-Smith provided conference packets. The conference will be held in Binghamton October 17-20, 2004.

B. Awards Discussion: Ms. Staley-Smith provided nomination forms for the January awards breakfast. This year we are looking at a possible change in format for the breakfast. Some possible suggestions for categories are the top performer in the County; new categories of awards, weighted voting to determine winners, and awards for traffic units and patrol units. Please get any recommendations to Ms. Staley-Smith.

C. Round Table Discussions:

Ms. Staley-Smith stated that the Erie Canal license plate became available on September 13, 2004.

Mr. Murdock shared a sugar packet that he discovered while in Albany that had a Buckle Up message on it. He inquired if the OCTSAB could do something like that in this area. Lt. Trice suggested partnering up with a local business. Sgt. Tone stated that the DeWitt Police have had very good luck with Wegmans as a sponsor.

Christine Robison of the Citizens for a Pedestrian Friendly Community (CPFC) spoke relative to the group's efforts. At this time the CPFC is mainly looking at the Fayetteville Manlius area, specifically, F-M Road (State Road 257). They are attempting to create a pathway conducive to bikes, wheelchairs and runners. The discussion yielded that the CPFC needs to make contact with the municipality representatives to lobby the New York State Department of Transportation relative to speed reduction, bike lanes, sidewalks, crosswalks, etc. Anyone wishing to contact Ms. Robison may do so at 637-1662, or ecrobison@prodigy.net or www.cpfcommunity.org.

6. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chief Perkins moved and Sgt. Gottfried seconded the adjournment of the meeting and the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, November 9, 2004 – 9:30 a.m.

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**Department of Motor Vehicles
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