

# Onondaga County Traffic Safety Advisory Board

## May 17, 2011

### Meeting Minutes

#### **Members Attending:**

Jack Beattie\*  
Warren Darby  
Diana Dibble  
Diana Graser  
Michael Johnson\*  
Rob Keller  
Linda McKinnon  
Bill Mulroy  
Glenn Murdock  
Jeff Raub  
Steve Rotunno  
Irene Scruton  
Kay Staley-Smith  
Shannon Trice  
Jeffrey Tripp  
Patricia Wortley

*\*Designee*

#### **Organization:**

Town of Manlius Police Department  
Onondaga County Sheriff's Office  
AAA  
NYS Department of Transportation  
Branch's Driving School, Inc.  
Nationwide  
OCTSAB  
NYSTA  
ABC  
New York State Police  
Camillus Police Department  
National Safety Council of C&WNY  
OCTSAB  
Syracuse Police Department  
North Syracuse Police Department  
SMTC

#### **Stakeholders Attending:**

Jim Carsten  
Karyn Johnson  
Trish Jubinville  
Kathleen Miller Murphy  
Greg Mueller

#### **Organization**

Onondaga County Sheriff's Office  
Onondaga County Health Department  
OCTSAB Traffic Safety Awareness Program  
Crouse Hospital  
NYS DMV

**Excused:** Steve Brustein, NYS DMV; Timothy Coley, Onondaga County Department of Transportation; Curt Dailey, Onondaga County Sheriff's Office; Mike Lefancheck, Baldwinsville Police Department; Nick Macherone, NYSACOP/GTSC; William McAnelly, NYSMTA; Jeff Peckins, Town of Manlius Police; Barry Weiss, Onondaga County Stop DWI; and Leo Williams, Centro;

#### **1. Welcome and Introductions**

Ms. Staley-Smith, Vice Chair, opened the meeting at 9:32 a.m. at the Associated Builders and Contractors, 6369 Collamer Drive, East Syracuse. Following introductions, there were no changes to the day's agenda.

#### **2. Acceptance of Minutes**

Ms. Staley-Smith inquired if there were any changes or corrections to the March 15, 2011 minutes. Hearing none, Mr. Keller moved and Capt. Rotunno seconded approval of the March 15 minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

### **3. Communications and Reports**

#### **A. Traffic Safety Program Update:**

Ms. Jubinville provided the program report for April: She stated that she had been a guest lecturer at various Manlius Pebble Hill School's Driver Education program classes. She participated in SU's Recreation Department's Health and Wellness Expo, providing information on Distracted Driving. She distributed and fit bicycle helmets at several events. She presented bike safety and helmet use education at ESF's Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day.

Mr. Keller inquired if we should be contacting area teen centers to see if they would like presentations. Ms. Jubinville will contact the centers, starting with Cicero and Camillus.

#### **B. New York State Association of Traffic Safety Boards Update:**

Ms. Scruton stated that three main items were discussed at the recent meeting: ESLETS conference reports, Traffic Safety Board involvement with prom activities; and the annual conference in Long Island. Ms. Scruton reported that the National Safety Council is part of a new partnership with Allstate and Teen Driving. She also stated that there is a concern over attendance at the fall conference given it is being held in Long Island.

#### **C. Committee Updates:**

##### **Aggressive Driving:**

Officer Tripp provided the results of the monthly enforcement efforts for March and April. A total of 1,280 tickets were written for window tint violations, while 3,012 tickets were issued for cell phone violations. This month they are focusing on seat belt enforcement.

Capt. Raub stated that there will be night time BUNY effort in Camillus on May 23. This will run for 4-5 hours. The press will be invited as well.

##### **Grants:**

Ms. Staley-Smith stated that the Grants Committee met twice to review all submittals. An e-mail was sent to the departments and agencies to submit their applications electronically. Capt. Trice submitted the endorsement pages.

She noted that the Onondaga County Sheriff's have applied for the Traffic Safety Awareness Program grant for next year. One new item will be utilizing officers from the actual community where the presentation is being made. Reimbursement for their time will come from the grant.

##### **Occupant Restraint:**

Capt Rotunno stated that a press release went out for the May 23 press conference at the Carmelo Anthony Center on the SU campus. They are hoping to have an SU coach present at the event. He noted that Ms. Jubinville developed a Buckle Up poster. Discussion ensued over having large sized posters printed for distribution to the local departments and other locations.

Ms. Jubinville will contact YNN to see if they can run the seat belt PSA this month.

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

None.

**5. New Business:**

**A. Creating Healthy Places to You Live, Work & Play:**

Ms. Karyn Johnson, Onondaga County Health Department, spoke relative to Creating Healthy Places to Live, Work & Play. The department will be promoting Complete Street policies. She gave an overview of the “Complete Streets” program. She stated that planning ahead for things as bus stops, bike paths/lanes and sidewalks for pedestrians leads to a decrease in accidents. It also lets people stay connected to their community. The project has a “green” initiative in that providing these necessities leads to a decrease in air pollution. It is also a social issue – some people do not have cars, but they still should be able to get around safely. The Health Department is working with the community. They will provide trainings. They are looking to have these trainings take place in municipalities.

Ms. Johnson requested the Traffic Safety Advisory Board’s support of the program. She also would like a representative for the working group. Capt. Trice inquired if the SMTC was involved with this effort. Ms. Wortley stated that the SMTC has a staff member working with the Health Department on the upcoming Cycle in the City event. No decision was made at this time about supporting the group.

**B. Summer Meeting Date & Location**

Ms. Staley-Smith stated that we are seeking a date and location for our June meeting. People stated that they liked Kelley’s. Capt. Trice will contact Kelley’s. He will check availability for June 21 or 28 at 1 p.m. The Limp Lizard is the alternate location.

**C. Round Table Discussions:**

Mr. Murdock requested an update on the Traffic Safety Awareness Program grant. Ms. Scruton stated that they had just received payment for October through December. Capt. Trice inquired if there was going to be a Safety Fair this year. Ms. Scruton stated that was up to the Board. Ms. Staley-Smith inquired if Ms. Jubinville was working full time, stating she would need to work full time in order to prepare for the Fair. At this time, Ms. Jubinville is part-time. Ms. Scruton stated that her education events could be rescheduled. Mr. Murdock inquired as to how much money was in the grant for the Fair. Ms. Scruton stated that the money was broken up into different line items but there was approximately \$2,500 for the event.

It was determined that we would hold a Fair. The Committee will meet. Discussion was had over the venue. Ms. McKinnon suggested tying into other events at the mall so that there would be more people. Capt. Rotunno stated that he would check with SU about doing something at a football game.

**6. Public Comment**

No comments.

**7. Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Committee; the meeting was adjourned at 10:13 a.m. by a motion from Mr. Keller and seconded by Ms. McKinnon.