

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY BOARD

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Executive Secretary

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MINUTES *January 20, 2010*

PRESENT: M. James, M. Davison, G. Jarvis, D. McDougall, C. Ballard, A. Peabody, Sheriff K. Wells, Lt. D. Polniak, Cpt. D. Chauvin, Lt. June Worden, NYSP (Guest), Charlotte Peabody (Guest)

ABSENT: M. Bogart, D. Forsythe, E. Olin, W. Dashnaw

Chairman Gary Jarvis called the meeting to order. Introductions were made. The Minutes of the October, 2009 meeting were approved with motions by Craig Ballard and Cpt. Chauvin.

TRAFFIC SAFETY ACTIVITIES

Mary reported:

- Sent letters to school districts and human service agencies informing them of some of our projects; provided programs at Lawrence Avenue School and St. Lawrence Psychiatric Center as well as one on adult/child occupant restraints for Headstart
- Planning some cooperation with Community Development Program (CDP) and Wheels to Work Program; submitted several news releases to media; did interview with Scott Dosztan of WPDM focusing on teen drinking/buzzed driving
- Ordered car seats; obtained several quotes on visibility items (bike helmets, key tags for underage drinking, banners, etc.)
- Published TS newsletter and posted it on Gouverneur Central School's website; Jefferson Elementary School requested copies of newsletter and 125 brochures
- Contacted Ogdensburg's safety group (formed after a child was struck in crosswalk) providing them with resource info and programs
- Planning to do more PSA's with teens as well as one regarding motorcycle safety with Tom Wood; provided 285 teen driver packets to DMV
- Attended health fairs at SLPC (11/6/09) and St. Lawrence Co. EAP (11/8/09); scheduled to do an inservice soon for WIC on occupant protection for adults/children
- Operation Safe Stop set for April 15 (statewide initiative to educate drivers of dangers of passing a stopped school bus)
- Reproducing occupant restraint and teen driving info cards; attended "Driving Through the Eyes of Teens" Webinar from Children's Hospital of Philadelphia

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Sheriff Wells informed the Board:

- Department continues with usual traffic safety details
- Participating in Operation Stone Garden detail with NYSP (homeland security initiative to promote law enforcement as well as intelligence gathering via roadchecks)
- Correctional Facility is full at present with 157 inmates
- Equipment to be installed this week to provide civil processing

NYSDOT

No report given.

NYSP

Cpt. Chauvin reported:

- *NYSP currently working on new Traffic Safety Plan for 2010; all other projects status quo, trying to do more with less*

COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

No report given.

STOP-DWI

Michele informed the Board:

- *This year, we've had 22 DWI and 6 Felony Arrests in our county as of 01/20/10; as of 01/21/09, we had 27 DWI and 4 Felony Arrests in 2009*
- *In 2009, we had 610 DWI Arrests and 106 Felony Arrests (above the 650 average)*

Enforcement

- *Fourth Quarter Arrest Reports for 2009 by Police Agencies and T-SLED Arrests as of 12/09 were passed out*
- *Liquor Authority Training will be held at the Law Enforcement Academy on 02/19 or 03/04*

Public Information

- *Provided displays/health fair materials; gave presentation at The Richville Clinic, health classes at Massena Central*
- *Press Release for Ogdensburg Advance News*
- *Working on updating educational materials and statistics*
- *Leandra's Law has gone into effect (anyone operating a vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs with child under 16 in vehicle will be charged with Class E Felony)*

Administration

- *2010 STOP-DWI Plan has been approved*
- *Working on recidivism report on DWI and DDP for past 17 years looking for trends*
- *DWI Fines Not Collected Lists will be sent to courts that have outstanding cases*
- *3 motorists completed our VIP for court requirement (1 person did not return responses)*
- *STOP-DWI Revenues are up slightly compared to last year at this time*
- *STOP-DWI had budget reductions this year (eliminated 1 DWI Probation Officer, 2 deputy sheriff positions transferred back into Sheriff's budget)*

TRAFFIC SAFETY GRANT UPDATE

Michele reported:

- *Our county had 12 highway fatalities in 2009: 2 – Failure to Keep Right/Slippery Pavement; 2 – Alcohol/Speed; 1 – Alcohol/Failure to Keep Right; 1 – Failure to Keep Right; 1 Passenger – Driver Alcohol/Drug; 2 – Speed; 1 – Pedestrian in Crosswalk; 1 – Drifted into Oncoming Lane; 1 – Pedestrian in Parking Lot.*
- *102 Parent Packets were provided to DMV*
- *Our 402 and Child Passenger Safety Grants for 2009-2010 have been approved*
- *Michele attended Franklin County's Traffic Safety Board Meeting in October (passed out copies of those Minutes to Board members)*

OTHER CONCERNS:

- *Dick McDougall noted the Madrid Bridge is now open.*
- *Michele informed Board members that Roger Folsom has resigned from the Board. She asked for input from other members regarding whether the vacancy should be filled and if yes, who might they recommend as a good replacement for the spot.*
- *Gary Jarvis inquired about when his Chairmanship expires.*

A motion to adjourn today's meeting was made by Cpt. Chauvin, seconded by Dick McDougall. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for April 21, 2010 at 3:00 p.m. in Canton.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Kim Hayes
Recording Secretary*