Dutchess County
Traffic Safety Board

Minutes
October 17, 2016
1:00pm

Members present:

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<td>Emily Dozier</td>
<td>Matthew Heneka</td>
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<td>Norm Fenichel</td>
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Staff: William Johnson, Adrianna Frazier

Minutes:
Norm Fenichel motioned to accept the minutes as written from the September 12th meeting. Seconded by Todd King. Motion carried.

** Steve Gill called the meeting to order at 1:07pm**

On-going Items:
- **2017 TSB Officer Elections:** S. Gill received an email from P. Bonfiglio making a nomination to keep the existing slate of Vince Bellino – Chairman, Steve Gill – Vice Chairman, and James Rapoli – Secretary. No other nominations were received. W. Johnson stated that the Secretary will cast one ballot at the November TSB meeting.

- **2016 Grant Programming:** W. Johnson said the 2016 federal fiscal year ended on September 30th. He is still waiting on Crash Data from V/Millerton PD and V/Wappingers Falls PD in order to finalize a report due to GTSC on October 15th. Multiple emails have been sent. W. Johnson is also waiting on end of year Child Passenger Safety data from DCSO, T/Poughkeepsie PD, Pleasant Valley FD, and V/Wappingers Falls PD. He has just sent another follow-up email.

Injury Prevention: W. Johnson attended several college health safety fairs (Vassar College and Dutchess Community College). There are no additional health safety fairs scheduled in the near future.

Bike/Helmet Safety - W. Johnson stated that it would be a good idea to get out on the rail trail since the weather is fairly good. The bike trailer could be put out on the trail for bike/helmet inspections, on a Saturday or Sunday, before the bike season ends. There is Bicycle/Pedestrian meeting on October 27th.

School Bus Safety - W. Johnson said School Bus Safety week is from October 17 – 21. There are no planned activities for Dutchess County. W. Johnson stated that he has been assisting Ulster County with a safety bus demonstration in Kingston. There will be a press conference held in the
City of Kingston to discuss safety issues. They also want to push for legislation for stop arm cameras.

**MAPE:** W. Johnson has asked GTSC for a breakdown of the 2017 approvals to Dutchess County applicants/law enforcement agencies. He wants to provide assistance to agencies during the 2017 grant year. Allocations will only be provided when posted on the SafeNY website as public information.

- **Child Passenger Safety:** W. Johnson stated that he received a memo from GTSC regarding 2017 car seat purchases. Any agency that receives funding for the low income seat distribution (Schedule D) must use those seats only for this program. If there are car seats left over from the 2016 grant year they can continue to be used for any of the schedules. The TSB was funded $1,500 for low income car seat distribution only. The TSB will institute a program through Social Services. Not only will they be able to identify persons who fall into the low income category, but they will also be in a position to provide the education awareness component.

  E. Dozier asked will there be a change in the future regarding the purchase of car seats. W. Johnson said in May NHTSA released information regarding what it considers final guidance on the subject of permissible purchases for highway grant programs. They put potentially allowable purchases into one of five categories: equipment, recognition awards, educational materials, advertising media, and safety items for public distribution. An important distinction is made between “equipment” defined as items needed by those carrying out work under a grant; and safety items for public distribution. As compared to car seats used for teaching, and seats meant for public distribution are classified under the category of safety items for public distribution. These must be specifically identified in a project agreement and needed for an identified problem. W. Johnson said hence low income seat distribution. Items given away must have a sole purpose of improving highway safety. In general any item given away to generate goodwill or to motivate behavior change, whether called memorabilia, models, gifts, or souvenirs, *cannot* be purchased with Section 402 funds. He stated that is why the TSB is no longer able to purchase our give away items. NHTSA highway funds may be used to purchase recognition awards provided the purchase is for a *formalized* recognition program related to the purposes served by the NHTSA grant. The School Bus Driver of the Year award is a formalized recognition program. Educational materials and safety advertising meant to reach a large audience are allowable. W. Johnson said usually these items are provided on the federal level. In general, NHTSA urges state program managers to not use Section 402 funds for purchases when their allowability is questionable. He stated that the TSB always double checks on the purchase of certain items.

  W. Johnson said the Child Passenger Safety Seat Check Saturday event on September 24th was held at the C/Poughkeepsie PD inspected 51 car seats and 19 were replaced. He thanked the C/Poughkeepsie PD for allowing the TSB to hold the event there. There was also a Car Seat Safety/Checkup held at the Adriance Library for the Toddler Learning Center on Friday, October 30th.

  W. Johnson read an article in the Poughkeepsie Journal on the “Wheels to Work” program. On Friday, October 14th five local residents received the “gift of travel.” The program, started in 2001, and is designed to help low-income residents get and keep a job by providing them with reliable transportation to and from work. W. Johnson said he was extremely disappointed because once again the TSB was not contacted to provide assistance on installing car seats and providing education for the families. He said in the past the TSB had been contacted but for the last two years we haven’t. He will coordinate and advise partner agencies of the resource/intent.
W. Johnson stated that we purchase Safe Ride News subscriptions for six of the fitting stations. The fitting stations should be aware that they can receive one continuing education credit for subscriptions to Safe Ride News. He received a proof of purchase letter indicating the credit. He will contact them to see if only one person at the fitting station can receive the credit or if it can be given to any who have read the publication.

W. Johnson said he revised the Arlington FD equipment letter and mailed it. He has not heard anything from the Fire Department Board regarding their Child Passenger Safety equipment.

**Additions:**

- **Transportation Council/Updates:**
  - **Complete Streets:** E. Dozier said Dutchess County adopted a “Complete Streets” policy. It passed the County Legislature on October 11th. The policy applies to County facilities, including roads, bridges, parks, trails, and buildings. Implementation will mainly fall under Public Works but the Planning Department is also involved. She stated that it is a good first step. We also have a checklist that will allow the County to evaluate its own projects, and will be used by private applicants with projects on County roads. The policy and checklist can be a model for other communities.

  The Complete Streets Committee is also working on an educational campaign, entitled “Watch Out For Me.” The awareness campaign will provide safety tips for pedestrians, bicyclists, and drivers. She distributed a draft brochure called Street Safety Tips. English is on one side and Spanish on the other. E. Dozier will have the Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee take a look at the brochure for suggestions. The Complete Streets Committee is also working on educational advertisements for the sides and interior of County buses.

  - **National Drug Take Back Day:** W. Johnson stated that National Drug Take Back Day is on Saturday, October 22nd. He drafted a press release for the event. He received an email indicating that since 2014 over 3,600lbs of unwanted prescription drugs have been collected and destroyed. W. Johnson said the Riverkeeper organization is writing a grant to purchase two more receptacles to enhance the prescription drug collection. W. Johnson is trying to identify additional locations to place the receptacles. S. Gill asked, if the general public knows about these collection receptacles. W. Johnson said the majority do not know. A component of the grant through Riverkeeper includes public education to develop and print laminated cards that can be given to health care providers or posted in waiting rooms. Information will also be printed in Spanish. S. Gill asked about putting the information on the public television stations. M. Heneka asked if signs could be placed at pharmacies. W. Johnson said a separate card was developed to give to funeral directors. It is being reviewed by Mental Hygiene.

  - **Autonomous Vehicles:** W. Johnson distributed a handout on “Autonomous Vehicles: Technology Driving Legal Change” from the National District Attorneys Association. Article says we need to look at legislation because there is no single definition of an operator. Who is responsible for fatal crash when no one is driving? What is the personal liability? There are five different levels of autonomous vehicles.

M. Heneka motioned to adjourn the meeting at 1:55 p.m. N. Fenichel seconded. All in favor.

**NEXT MEETING:**
November 14th 2016 @ 1:00pm.
*626 Dutchess Turnpike, First Floor*