



Dutchess County Traffic Safety Board

Minutes

November 10, 2014

1:00pm

Members present:

Vince Bellino
Paul Bonfiglio
Michael Dampf
Emily Dozier

Norm Fenichel
Neil Garrison
Stephen Gill
Todd Jicha

John McKinney
Steve Minard
Ann Rush
Anthony Russo

- Called /could not attend: Dan Dowd, John Healy, Christine Lopez, James Rapoli, Joe Ryan, Robert Simpson, and William Steenbergh,

Staff: William Johnson, Mary Fields

Minutes:

Paul Bonfiglio motioned to accept the minutes as written from the October 8th meeting. Seconded by Ann Rush. Motion carried.

** Steve Minard called the meeting to order at 1:05pm**

On-going Items:

- ❖ **2015 Officer Elections:** W. Johnson said he received ballots from everyone present at the meeting today, as well as, D. Dowd, W. Steenbergh, and J. Ryan. At the October TSB meeting the slate remained the same except for nominations for Vince Bellino and Steve Gill for Vice Chairman. W. Johnson said he received a total of 9 votes for V. Bellino and 6 for S. Gill. The slate will remain the same for 2015 (Steve Minard – Chairman, Vince Bellino – Vice Chairman, and James Rapoli – Secretary).
- ❖ **2015 GTSC e-Grant Package:** W. Johnson said at the last meeting we had received all the grant award notifications for 2015. He has a tentative breakdown of the Police Traffic Services (PTS) grant of \$89,488 for aggressive driving (75%), and occupant restraint (25%) enforcement. W. Johnson is not ready to finalize yet due to the commercial driving enforcement component. He will check with GTSC to see if he can allocate funding for commercial driving enforcement. Once the County budget is finalized and he has spoken with GTSC award letters will be sent to the law enforcement agencies.
- ❖ **2014 Grant Programming:** W. Johnson provided the TSB with a handout of the 2014 PTS statistics for seat belt, aggressive driving, and commercial driving enforcement. W. Johnson read the crash data statistics which is included in the reporting to GTSC. He will provide the TSB a copy with the November minutes. The total allocation for the PTS grant was \$88,010 and the amount expended was \$83,825 with a remainder of \$4,185. W. Johnson said the DCSO did not participate in the commercial driving enforcement. The TSB discussed the statistical data.

Local Grant award was \$53,520 and the amount claimed was \$51,427 with an unrealized amount of \$2,093. CPS grant award was \$17,500 and the amount claimed was \$13,542 with an unrealized amount of \$3,958. W. Johnson said he decided not to purchase the remainder of \$1,750 for car seats due to the number of replacements and the number of events being down. He had built up additional funds for travel expenses to the CPS Safety Conference in Pennsylvania. There were only three technicians that requested reimbursement who attended the conference.

- ❖ **Child Passenger Safety:** W. Johnson gave the TSB a handout of the consolidated reporting for CPS. He said next year we need to make a commitment to have some technicians certified. Many of the fitting stations are down to only one or two technicians. The Child Passenger Safety class is generally held in the spring. W. Johnson said 23,366 car seats have been inspected since 2001 and 6,401 were replaced. In 2014 there were 1,301 car seats inspected and 401 replaced. W. Johnson said he doesn't know what we can do to better support the Child Passenger Safety program. W. Johnson was asked if he had tried to recruit technicians through the fire departments and rescue squads. P. Bonfiglio said he thinks the biggest problem is departments are not willing to pay overtime for technicians to participate in various events. W. Johnson said we need to reinvigorate the fitting stations.

- ❖ **Handicapped Parking Education Program:** W. Johnson said every year we have a media radio campaign for handicapped parking awareness. He received a price quote from Townsquare Media of \$3,300 with a match of some of the commercials. The radio spots will be on four stations WPDH (\$32.66ea), WKXP (\$12.70ea), WRRB (\$12.70ea), and WCZX (\$12.70ea). The contract stipulates that the 30 second radio spots will air 189 times. W. Johnson said the TSB is limited because we don't have the revenue anymore. We target the holiday time period because that's when there are the most violations for parking in handicapped parking spaces. W. Johnson said there is \$8,000 in the dedicated fund. V. Bellino made a motion to purchase the Handicapped Parking education holiday radio message spots from Townsquare Media. P. Bonfiglio seconded. All in favor.

Additions:

- ❖ **Bicycle Traffic Safety Skills 101 Course:** E. Dozier said the course was held on Friday, October 17th (6:00pm-9:00pm-classroom) and Saturday, October 18th (8:30am-2:30pm-outdoor skills/drills). There were 10 participants in the course. She received good feedback regarding the value of the course. P. Bonfiglio said he found the course to be beneficial. He said it is similar to the motorcycle safe riding course. E. Dozier thanked B. Simpson for the use of his classroom. E. Dozier noted that the Bicycle Traffic Safety Skills 101 course is the first step to becoming a League of American Bicyclists-certified instructor. E. Dozier is hoping to hold the course earlier in 2015. There could be opportunities to hold a one day course and shorter trainings (by breaking the course into various components) which could be done on the rail trail. P. Bonfiglio asked if the current course is solely restricted to age 18 and older or if it could be done with a younger age group and their parents. E. Dozier said it would need to be a different version for children but since we have the bicycle rodeos for children we wanted to reach the adult population. She stated that there are a lot more adults riding bicycles now (due to the Walkway and rail trails) that but don't have basic skills. E. Dozier said there are many segments of the population we could reach out to. W. Johnson asked will there be potential for funding for next year's class. E. Dozier said yes, the MPO has money set aside in the contract to hold the class again. W. Johnson said there has been discussion about bringing the Bicycle Safety trailer out on the rail trail to do maintenance demonstrations and helmet safety

inspections. Events can be advertised. P. Bonfiglio asked W. Johnson if additional funding could be attached to the Local Grant for these workshops. W. Johnson said the 2015 GTSC budget has been completed and approved. He will have to request funding in the 2016 grant. A. Rush asked if the colleges could help subsidize a bicycle safety course. She said she lives in Northern Dutchess and the Bard College students could use a course like this. W. Johnson said students at our surrounding colleges could use basic bicycling training. He said the TSB was approved to purchase \$2,250 for helmets and hopefully we're not forced to purchase under the "Buy America" Act which may limit the number of helmets purchased due to higher cost.

- ❖ **Safety Assessment:** E. Dozier thanked DCSO and the Town of Rhinebeck PD for their support of the safety assessment. The assessment was performed a little more than a week ago and took a day and half on Slate Quarry Rd between 9G and White School House Rd. The safety assessment allowed them to get the main issues on paper. E. Dozier stated that there are a few things they would like to do to make the road safer. They utilized the Road Safety Audit Software to make recommendations. She was asked how do they identify which roads to survey? She said through TRAC's crash data and complaints to municipalities.
- ❖ **Roundabouts:** A. Russo gave the TSB a handout from Arlington HS on navigating the roundabouts.

P. Bonfiglio motioned to adjourn the meeting at 1:43 p.m. T. Jicha seconded. All in favor.

NEXT MEETING:

December 8th 2014 @ 1:00pm.

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