



Dutchess County Traffic Safety Board

Minutes
February 8, 2016
1:00pm

Members present:

Vince Bellino	Todd Jicha	Ann Rush
Paul Bonfiglio	Todd King	Anthony Russo
Michael Dampf	Christine Lopez	Joe Ryan
Emily Dozier	John McKinney	Robert Simpson
Stephen Gill	James Rapoli	

- Called /could not attend: Norm Fenichel, John Healy, and William Steenbergh

Staff: William Johnson, Adrianna Frazier

Minutes:

Paul Bonfiglio motioned to accept the minutes as written from the January 11th meeting. Seconded by Vince Bellino. Motion carried.

** Vince Bellino called the meeting to order at 1:06pm**

On-going Items:

- ❖ **2016 TSB Membership & Officer Re-Elections:** W. Johnson said there were three resignations from the TSB (Lt. Dan Dowd, Neil Garrison, and Captain Steve Minard). Two replacements were identified to represent the City of Poughkeepsie PD and the Culinary Institute of America. However, as a result of S. Minard's resignation as Chairman, the officer elections for Chairman and Vice-Chairman had to be re-initiated. S. Gill said he received the following nominations: Chairman (Vince Bellino and Jim Rapoli); Vice Chairman (Steve Gill, Christine Lopez, and Jim Rapoli). Consent was ascertained from those nominated. All agreed. W. Johnson stated that officer elections will be completed at the March 14th TSB meeting. He said depending on how the voting turns out will determine if the TSB will need nominations for the Secretary position. The ballots will be sent to all TSB members. P. Bonfiglio made a motion to close the nominations. Seconded by A. Rush. All in favor. W. Johnson will identify TSB members needing to be re-appointment and submit the list to the County Executive's Office along with the officer appointments when completed.
- ❖ **2015 TSB Program Summary:** W. Johnson provided the TSB with the 2015 Program Summary. He noted that the summary shows the value of the various programs administered/managed under the TSB. V. Bellino asked about providing our senior/mature drivers with updated/refresher information on driving. The course could help them to be knowledgeable about the newer driving laws. W. Johnson said J. Ryan just gave him information recently from the NYS Office for Aging. The Aging and You Program has a video entitled, "Older Driver Safety." The video deals with how aging can affect ability to drive. J. Ryan said he would be happy to put a program together if the TSB sponsors it. The program has to be phrased appropriately so that the seniors don't feel that it's a threat to their being able to continue driving. J. Ryan said it would be better

to have an event during the day at one location. He says every fall there is a seminar featuring 12 different topics something could be given then. He reiterated that it must be conducted in a positive way. J. Ryan can arrange a location but the focus now is what we say and who will say it. P. Bonfiglio stated that many seniors get updated information when they take the defensive driving classes. J. Rapoli said the brochures the TSB purchases on “Drivers 55 Plus” and “How to Help an Older Driver” are picked up at the defensive driving classes he teaches for the NYS DOT. W. Johnson said P. Bonfiglio is still a certified CarFit technician. P. Bonfiglio said the program is designed to provide more education. W. Johnson provided information on what resources are available. S. Gill said license renewal is every eight years so if a person is 72 the renewal wouldn’t come until age 80. Thus a need for special programs. There was much discussion on the subject. V. Bellino made a motion to accept the 2015 Program Summary. A. Rush seconded. All in favor.

- ❖ **NYS Association TSB Regional Meeting:** W. Johnson said he attended the quarterly Region 2 NYS TSB Association Meeting on Wednesday, January 13th.
- ❖ **2016 GTSC Grant Package:** W. Johnson said the first quarter voucher for the Local Grant was submitted.

MAPE: W. Johnson provided the TSB with a handout of the breakdowns for the Multi Agency Police Enforcement Grant. He allocated 25% for occupant restraint enforcement and the remainder for aggressive driving. Three agencies were selected to receive radar/lidar equipment based on productivity. The total grant is \$96,990 (Occupant Restraint - \$22,708, Aggressive Driving - \$67, 598, and Equipment – \$6,684). Award letters will be sent to all law enforcement agencies. E. Dozier made a motion to accept the proposed allocations. J. Ryan seconded. All in favor.

Injury Prevention: W. Johnson will inventory helmets on hand to determine what to purchase through Safe Kids Bell Sports. He received a preliminary request from Johnny Galbraith (SPOKE) to support a bike rodeo at the City of Poughkeepsie “Earth Day” on Saturday, April 16th.

W. Johnson stated that applications for the 15th “School Bus Driver of the Year” are due Friday, February 26th. Operation Safe Stop day is on Thursday, April 21st. The Dutchess County press conference will be held on Wednesday, April 20th. The venue will be determined once a winner is selected for “School Bus Driver of the Year.” W. Johnson said although Ulster County usually holds their press conference on the day of Operation Safe Stop this year it will be held on Tuesday, April 19th due to another event taking place. W. Johnson received one application to date (Arlington Central School District).

- ❖ **Child Passenger Safety:** W. Johnson said the NHTSA Region 2 Child Passenger Safety Technical Conference will be held on May 10 – 12, 2016 at Lake Placid NY. The conference fee is \$175. On Tuesday, May 10th there will be a workshop on CPS Restraints on School Buses. The fee is \$125. P. Bonfiglio will attend the conference, as well as, the workshop. W. Johnson said there is also a pre-conference workshop on CarFit. He said registration fees, mileage, and meals are reimbursable under the Child Passenger Safety grant.

W. Johnson said there will be a CPS Coalition Meeting on Thursday, February 11th at 5:30pm. The location is the Emergency Response Center on Creek Road. Hopefully a decision will be determined for dates to host a Child Passenger Safety Technician class in Dutchess County. The class will be held during the day. He has asked that all fitting station grantees send a representative. W. Johnson stated that Orange County will host a class in Goshen from June 1 – 4.

Ulster County may hold a class the third week of September. There is a Technician Update Refresher Class in Ulster County on Tuesday, March 15th from 8:30 – 3:30pm. This course satisfies the minimum 6 CEU requirement for recertification purposes. Also Orange County will be hosting a refresher course either on 03/09 or 03/10. Information has been sent out to all the technicians.

W. Johnson said Ulster, Orange, and Dutchess Counties are interested in hosting a regional school bus safety restraints course at the end of the school year. He stated that a venue will need to be arranged for the event. This course will provide information on NHTSA's recommendation of three point harnesses on school buses.

W. Johnson stated that an order for \$4,924 for car seats was recently received. The order was placed before the blanket purchase order expires at the end of February.

- ❖ **2017 GTSC Grant Package:** W. Johnson said he received a call from Paul Overbaugh from GTSC regarding the 2017 grant applications for Police Traffic Services and Highway Safety grants. Multi-agency block grants will no longer be allowed by GTSC. Starting in fiscal year 2017 individual police agencies will be required to prepare and submit grant applications directly to GTSC for their respective agencies. W. Johnson stated that this policy change came about due to pressure from the federal government. There were complaints because law enforcement agencies under block grants had the ability to get additional funding if other agencies were not expending their funds. W. Johnson said he thinks this change will impact participation of the law enforcement agencies throughout the County, especially those that do not have a grant manager in their department. This will have a large impact on the revenue received by the TSB. GTSC would encourage each new agency to reach out to their Highway Safety Program Representative at GTSC to inquire about the possibility of setting up a meeting with the agencies from their county who are in need of enrolling their agency and staff in the eGrants system.

The due date for 2017 grant applications was moved up two weeks to May 1, 2016. Local agency applications must be approved by the applicant's County Traffic Safety Board. GTSC will not award applications that have not been properly approved. The local Traffic Safety Boards retains the right to approve or disapprove the grant applications in their county. Local agencies should contact their County Traffic Safety Board about their county's preapproval procedure. GTSC will work to obtain approvals directly from each County Traffic Safety Board.

Additions:

- ❖ **STOP-DWI Awareness Night:** W. Johnson said the STOP-DWI awareness night will be held at Marist College on Tuesday, February 23rd at 7:00pm. The event is part of the NYS STOP-DWI Foundation's sports venue partnership program aimed at raising awareness of impaired driving issues in sports venues across New York State. Planned activities include parking of marked police units at the entrance; uniformed officers on the court for the National Anthem, and fatal vision goggle walk the line demonstrations.

P. Bonfiglio motioned to adjourn the meeting at 2:00 p.m. S. Gill seconded. All in favor.

NEXT MEETING:

March 14th 2016 @ 1:00pm.

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Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. **** Please Call 486-3603 if you cannot attend. ****