



# Dutchess County Traffic Safety Board

Minutes  
March 9, 2015  
1:00pm

## Members present:

Vince Bellino  
Paul Bonfiglio  
Norm Fenichel  
Stephen Gill

Todd Jicha  
Christine Lopez  
John McKinney

Ann Rush  
Robert Simpson  
William Steenbergh

- Called /could not attend: Michael Dampf, Dan Dowd, Emily Dozier, Neil Garrison, John Healy, Steve Minard, James Rapoli, Anthony Russo, and Joe Ryan

Staff: William Johnson, Adrianna Frazier

## Minutes:

Norm Fenichel motioned to accept the minutes as written from the November 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. Seconded by Todd Jicha. Motion carried.

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

## On-going Items:

- ❖ **2015 TSB Membership:** W. Johnson said he has reached out the County Executive' office regarding re-appointments. The County Attorney's office is drafting a resolution with staggered TSB membership re-appointments so that they don't all expire at the same time. The appointments will be retroactive and at this point are not on the Legislature's March agenda.
- ❖ **2014 TSB Program Summary:** The TSB was provided with a handout of the 2014 TSB Program Summary. It summarizes funding and expenditures and program activities/accomplishments for 2014. W. Johnson emailed the summary to TSB members in February for review. B. Simpson made a motion to accept the summary as written. A. Rush seconded. All in favor. W. Johnson said he will email the summary to OCIS to update the Dutchess County website.
- ❖ **NYS TSB Association Regional Meeting:** W. Johnson attended the NYS TSB Association meeting on Thursday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> in Goshen. Six of the seven counties were represented at the meeting. He said they discussed how they are utilizing grant funding from GTSC. They will meet again on Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup> to request funding through the Association to conduct regional trainings related to work zone safety.
- ❖ **2015 GTSC Grant Package:** W. Johnson said the first quarter voucher in the amount of \$13,921.70 has been approved.

**PTS Grant** – W. Johnson stated that award notifications were sent to law enforcement agencies in late January. Participation is required and mandated in the May seat belt

mobilization. Reimbursement for other enforcement activities of the grant will be jeopardized. W. Johnson provided the TSB with a handout of 2014 observation survey seat belt use. He said since Dutchess County is at 93% seat belt compliance rate, law enforcement agencies may need to use other creative methods to identify persons not wearing seat belts. Reminders of the seat belt mobilization dates will be sent out as the time nears.

❖ **Injury Prevention:**

**Bicycle/Helmet Safety** – W. Johnson said the TSB has \$2,250 to purchase about 281 helmets. He did an inventory of the helmets we have on stock. We received an order form from Bell Sports with 2014 prices. Also they have available again the standard helmet (\$8.00) that is adjustable. W. Johnson said the True Fit helmets are easy to use but tend to run small. He said he will place an order for the standard helmets. There is also \$1,000 available for reflective materials. W. Johnson stated he will probably order the reflective blinking lights again. The following is a list of requested bike rodeos:

Hagan Elementary School – 05/05, 9:00am-12:00pm and 1:00pm-2:30pm

St. Peters School – 05/28 from 5:00pm – 8:00pm

Adriance Library Youth Services Department – Mid May

W. Johnson has been working with the Dutchess County Complete Streets Committee, made up of the Planning Department, DPW, DCSO, Health Department, OFA, and Transit. The purpose is to put together a complete streets policy. It is in the final draft stage. The policy will be used when there are building projects. They are putting a checklist together to consider all users (pedestrians, cyclists, motorcycles, etc.). S. Gill said DPW is doing a pilot right now. This is a requirement of each county and state to come up with a complete streets policy for federal funding. W. Steenbergh stated that this policy needs to be pushed down to the town and city level. W. Johnson said once it is adopted as a County policy then it can be pushed down to the municipalities. He will bring the checklist to the next TSB meeting.

**School Bus Safety** – W. Johnson said the 14<sup>th</sup> annual “School Bus Driver of the Year” nominations are due Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>. The Mid-Hudson Transportation Supervisors Meeting will be held on Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup> to go over the nominations. He said the original deadline for nominations was March 1<sup>st</sup> but it was changed to allow for more time. W. Johnson said he is not very optimistic regarding the number of nominations to be received. There was some discussion about the lack of nominations. W. Johnson stated that the whole process has been made easy for the supervisors there is only a one page application. He said he encourages the supervisors to participate because this is an opportunity for positive press. He said there have been 13 school bus drivers who have been genuinely touched by winning the award. Operation Safe Stop is on Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup>. The press conference for Dutchess County will be held on Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>.

W. Johnson stated that on Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup> he will present for the Arlington Central School District bus drivers a Distracted Driving presentation.

- ❖ **Child Passenger Safety:** W. Johnson said a CPS Coalition meeting is scheduled for March 9<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm. Instructor recertification needs will be discussed at the meeting. He said many of the CPS fitting stations under the block grant only have 1 to 2 technicians. At the meeting will propose to hold a certified technician class either in late May or early June. The class is 32hrs of instruction. A. Rush asked if the class will be held in the evening. P. Bonfiglio said not this one. W. Johnson said to prevent individuals having to be on overtime this class will be held

during the day. He stated that he has been having conversations with Vassar Brothers Hospital and Northern Dutchess Hospital regarding having some of their nurses certified. Hughsonville FD wants to hold a seat check event on Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>.

W. Johnson modified the RFP with Evenflo to purchase a different infant seat that cost a little bit more. P. Bonfiglio said the new seat will provide ease of use when installing.

### **Additions:**

- ❖ **Senior Picnics:** W. Johnson received the senior summer picnic list from J. Ryan. The first picnic is scheduled for June 3<sup>rd</sup> at Boyce Park in the Town of Dover. The Office for the Aging wants W. Johnson to coordinate the prescription drug collection at all the picnics. He has contacted DCSO. He also will submit the variances requests for approval to NYS Health, Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement, and NYS DEC.

W. Johnson said he is currently in the approval process for three additional permanent prescription drug collection units (C/Beacon PD, T/Poughkeepsie PD, and V/Wappingers Falls PD). He stated that CVS is sponsoring a law enforcement program where they purchased 250 receptacles to be used for drug collections. He submitted their variance and approval request to the state. He has already received DEC approval. They approve the disposal of the drugs. The Health Department & Bureau of Narcotics Enforcement approve of the collection, transport, and storage of the drugs. W. Johnsons hope the collection units will be in place before Drug Take Back Day in late April. There are currently four drug collection boxes (NYSP in Millbrook, Village of Red Hook PD, Town of Poughkeepsie PD, and DCSO).

- ❖ **2016 GTSC Grants:** W. Johnson said applications for 2016 grants are already available. He received a call from GTSC asking him to submit the PTS grant under the 401 Highway Safety Grant. This will allow them to list each law enforcement agency separately with their allocations. GTSC will be providing a form that is to be sent to each agency. The deadline for grant submission is Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>.

P. Bonfiglio motioned to adjourn the meeting at 2:01 p.m. J. McKinney seconded. All in favor.

### **NEXT MEETING:**

April 13<sup>th</sup> 2014 @ 1:00pm.

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