



Dutchess County Traffic Safety Board

Minutes
April 10, 2016
1:00pm

Members present:

Vince Bellino	Stephen Gill	John McKinney
Michael Dampf	Todd Jicha	James Rapoli
Emily Dozier	Todd King	Ann Rush
Norm Fenichel	Christine Lopez	Anthony Russo

- Called /could not attend: Paul Bonfiglio, John Healy, Joe Ryan, Robert Simpson, and William Steenbergh

Staff: William Johnson, Adrianna Frazier

Minutes:

Norm Fenichel motioned to accept the minutes as written from the March 14th meeting. Seconded by Todd Jicha. Motion carried.

** Bill Johnson called the meeting to order at 1:03pm**

On-going Items:

- ❖ **TSB Membership:** W. Johnson said he has yet to notify the County Executive's Office regarding the change in the TSB elected officials and new members due to continual changes. He was recently notified that Joe Ryan will be leaving Office for the Aging and going to the Department of Behavioral and Community Health. Brian Jones has been hired to replace him. W. Johnson said he asked J. Ryan to submit Brian Jones' resume so that it can be reviewed by the TSB and sent to the County Executive's Office with the other membership information. W. Johnson stated that twelve members need to be reappointed (retroactive to January 1st) and three new members (Sgt. Todd King, Matthew Heneka, and Brian Jones) to be appointed.
- ❖ **2017 GTSC Grant Package:** W. Johnson is currently working on the 2017 grant package. There will be submission of only two grants the Local and Child Passenger Safety. The CPS grant will cover installation materials, conference fees, recertification fees, and miscellaneous expenses. *Car seats cannot be purchased.* W. Johnson sent required forms to all the fitting stations for inclusion in the grant. He is still waiting to receive information from DCSO, Fairview FD, Pleasant Valley FD, T/Fishkill PD, and V/Wappingers Falls PD. Arlington FD is waiting for approval from their Board to determine if they will be submitting a CPS grant. They may choose to discontinue their CPS services or come under the TSB umbrella grant. The Local Grant for 2017 will be called Multi-Faceted Injury & Crash Prevention Campaign. It will cover all the miscellaneous injury prevention initiatives. He reminded the TSB that *no bike helmets, reflective safety materials, or promotional items can be purchased.* W. Johnson is looking at other items that can be purchased. With limited helmets available he's trying to decide how to let kids use helmets on a loan basis to participate in the bike rodeos. He said P. Bonfiglio came up with the idea of using disposable

shower caps for hygienic purposes. W. Johnson will include the purchase of shower caps in the local grant. He will also include athletic field lime for marking the bike rodeo courses. He said the cost of freight is more expensive than the lime. These materials will allow the TSB to be able to support the bike rodeos and helmet presentations. W. Johnson will finalize the grants. The grants/budgets are due on eGrants by Sunday, May 1st. As we try to identify potential supporters/alternative funding streams, anyone with ideas or potential contracts please advocate for this program.

W. Johnson said he has worked with the DCSO, C/Beacon, T/Hyde Park PD, T/Poughkeepsie PD, T/East Fishkill PD, and T/Fishkill PD of their 2017 PTS grants. They each have initiated their eGrants application. The C/Poughkeepsie PD will also be submitting a grant. W. Johnson stated again the grants are due 05/01 so the departments cannot wait to the last minute to complete.

❖ **2016 GTSC Grant Package:**

Multi-Agency Police Enforcement (MAPE) / Operation Safe Stop – W. Johnson stated that “Operation Safe Stop” is Thursday, April 21st. There is an online enforcement reporting form that was sent to all those participating. The Dutchess County press conference will be held at Arlington High School at 10:00am on Tuesday, April 19th. The “School Bus Driver of the Year” winner Heather McCaffrey from Arlington Central School District will be presented with her award. W. Johnson requested law enforcement presence to support the event. He presented the County Executive’s Office with a draft press release. The County Executive will attend the event. W. Johnson isn’t sure about representation from Senator Sue Serino’s office.

Radar/Lidar Equipment – W. Johnson said he had to complete a modification to the MAPE grant because the DCSO did not want to purchase one piece of equipment at the higher cost. They want to purchase two instruments at a lower cost and cover the \$600 difference of the award amount of \$2,228. The budget modification was approved by GTSC. W. Johnson encouraged the other two agencies (C/Poughkeepsie, and T/Poughkeepsie) to purchase their equipment as soon as possible. GTSC requires that they be on hand by July 1st.

Distracted Driving – W. Johnson said The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration is kicking off its second national high visibility enforcement campaign for distracted driving: "U Drive. U Text. U Pay" from April 8 – 13, 2016. The law enforcement agencies have been notified of ability to participate in this campaign.

To complement the ongoing teen driver educational efforts, GTSC is encouraging law enforcement agencies to participate in a new "Empty Chair" teen initiative during the week of **April 18 - 22, 2016**. A key element to keeping teens safe is education. Law enforcement agencies that have School Resource Officers (SRO's) or a presence at high schools within your jurisdiction are also encouraged to conduct outreach this week and throughout the prom and graduation season. Educational materials are available at the GTSC Young Driver Toolkit using the link <http://safeny.ny.gov/SRO-Toolkit/default.html>. Posters for schools, police departments and other areas that teens frequent are also available. These details should be conducted in the vicinity of high schools whenever possible. Please consider assigning patrols to focus on a different traffic safety threat each day of the week:

Monday, April 18, 2016 – Speeding in School Zones;
Tuesday, April 19, 2016 – Seatbelts and Child Restraints;
Wednesday, April 20, 2016 – Cell Phone Use and Texting;
Thursday, April 21, 2016 – Graduated Driver License Provisions
Friday, April 22, 2016 – Underage Drinking and Impaired Driving

W. Johnson stated that dedicated overtime enforcement to address this initiative is reimbursable under the MAPE grant.

- ❖ **Child Passenger Safety:** W. Johnson said as with all the other grants the mid-year report is due April 15th. He is waiting on fitting stations to submit their data by April 13th. The NHTSA Region 2 Child Passenger Safety Technical Conference will be held from May 10 – 12, 2016 at Lake Placid NY. The TSB has received requests from three technicians to attend the CPS Conference (Paul Bonfiglio, Justin Bohlman, and Kelvin Grey). The TSB will be hosting a CPS Technician Certification Course from May 4 – 7, 2016 (8:00am – 5:00pm). It is open to 20 - 25 students. The location is Fairview FD. Information has been put on the CPS list serve.

- ❖ **Injury Prevention:**

Bike/Helmet Safety - W. Johnson said we have placed an order for 233 helmets with Bell Sports. The majority we ordered were adult helmets because the helmets tend to run small and are not adjustable. They should be delivered soon. W. Johnson said we should have enough helmets available for upcoming events.

He stated that the C/Poughkeepsie PD has provided two bike officers for the bicycle rodeo at the “Earth Day” event on Saturday, April 16th from 12:00pm-4:00pm. If any would like to help support this event please let him know. W. Johnson said he hasn’t heard from the committee that wanted the TSB to host the rodeo in regard to volunteers. T. King said the committee did meet with the City of Poughkeepsie. Prior to the rodeo there will be an “Earth Day” cleanup from 10:00am-12:00pm.

W. Johnson stated that Hagan Elementary bike rodeo will be held on “Bike to School Day” Wednesday, May 4th. T. Jicha said there will be bike patrol officers to support the event. W. Johnson said Noxon Road Elementary School bike rodeo will be held on Friday, May 13th from 5:30pm-8:00pm. The rain date is Wednesday, May 18th. The Village of Red Hook PD bike rodeo will be held on Saturday, May 14th at the V/Red Hook High School. North Park Elementary is looking to host a bike rodeo on Wednesday, June 1st from 5:00pm-7:30pm.

W. Johnson said he is working on an option for loaner helmets during the bike rodeos for participants that don’t have a helmet. He will spray paint either the straps or the top of the helmets.

Motorcycle Safety Awareness – W. Johnson would like to identify venues where motorcycle safety information may be disseminated. He also has lawn motorcycle safety signs available to be distributed for display across the County at high visibility locations.

Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Training for Law Enforcement – E. Dozier said she attended the Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Training for Law Enforcement on March 31 – April 1, 2016. She said officers from C/Poughkeepsie, T/Poughkeepsie, T/East Fishkill, and V/Fishkill, as well as, officers from other areas outside of Dutchess County. The course covered vehicle and traffic laws related to pedestrian and bicycle safety. E. Dozier said they did a field exercise looking at crosswalk enforcement with an officer as a decoy pedestrian. She said there were two officers from the Village of Ramapo who have done this in their village and offered to help other agencies. T. King said it is a three pronged system: engineering, enforcement, and education; working in conjunction with everyone to promote pedestrian and bicycle safety. He said he doesn’t see this going very far at the present time until there is funding to support. T. Jicha asked how is the training geared to the officer? T. King said the one thing that came to his attention was the

importance of adding additional information on the MV-104 forms. T. Jicha said an officer who has limited training is not going to fill in the additional information because they are not comfortable doing so. T. King said during his 19 years of being on the job he has never received this type of training. T. Jicha stated that there are known glitches in TraCS. He said there has never been proper training. E. Dozier thought NYS did the TraCS training. W. Johnson stated that there was an initial training. E. Dozier will try to get information from the course to share electronically for officers that were unable to attend. W. Johnson said how can we identify specific areas where training is needed? He said there should be a go to TraCS person in each department. C. Lopez said the NYS Troopers training school receives 40 hours of training which includes TraCS, accident reconstruction and investigation. Once troopers are out of the academy there are no update training classes on TraCS. E. Dozier asked C. Lopez if NYS Police provide training on TraCS to other agencies. C. Lopez said Sgt. Jim Daily in Albany does training if it is requested. M. Dampf said the DCSO had a policy change where for anything that involves accident reconstruction, the reconstruction officer completes the MV-104 form. He said he could set up TraCS training during one of DCSO's once a month trainings. W. Johnson said we would have to poll law enforcement agencies to determine what specific TraCS training is required. E. Dozier sent Jim Daily an email regarding TraCS training. His response was: "Dutchess County is on a version of TraCS 10, but an older one. We will be reaching out to the agencies in order to schedule an update time to the most recent version. This version does fix the pedestrian issue. As for training, after our initial train the trainer, we leave behind all of our training materials for the agency to utilize."

Additions:

- ❖ **Coaching the Experienced Driver:** V. Bellino suggested a 45 minute program on "Coaching the Experience Driver" to host for the senior/mature driver. They will be able to see videos and be updated on new laws they may not be familiar with. He said the information can be adapted for the mature/older driver. V. Bellino compared it to the program CAPE uses for teens. He said this would be a non-threatening way to present information. V. Bellino said it could be tested in one location to see how well it goes. W. Johnson said we will need to look at a potential venue. He asked A. Rush if there are some established groups through the health department we can target.

T. Jicha motioned to adjourn the meeting at 1:55 p.m. C. Lopez seconded. All in favor.

NEXT MEETING:

May 9th 2016 @ 1:00pm.

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