



Dutchess County Traffic Safety Board

Minutes
August 11, 2014
1:00pm

Members present:

Dan Dowd
Emily Dozier
Norm Fenichel

Stephen Gill
John McKinney
Anthony Russo

Joe Ryan
William Steenberg

- Called /could not attend: Vince Bellino, Paul Bonfiglio, Michael Dampf, Neil Garrison, Todd Jicha, Christine Lopez, Steve Minard, James Rapoli, Ann Rush, and Robert Simpson

Staff: William Johnson, Adrianna Frazier

Minutes:

Norm Fenichel motioned to accept the minutes as written from the July 14th meeting with the updates to the date. Seconded by Steve Gill. Motion carried.

** William Johnson called the meeting to order at 1:05pm**

On-going Items:

- ❖ **2015 County Budget & GTSC Grant Package:** W. Johnson stated that GTSC is in the review stage of all the 2015 grant proposals. The County review budget meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 13th in the afternoon between 2:00pm – 4:00pm. The TSB budget appropriations are \$219,694. The expected grant revenue total is \$203,050. The net cost to the County is \$16,629.

- ❖ **Injury Prevention:**

Bicycle/Helmet Safety – W. Johnson said there are no scheduled bike rodeos. When school starts back the TSB will probably get requests. W. Johnson completed a bike rodeo with the Village of Wappingers Falls summer recreation program at Mesier Park. There were 28 participants and 13 helmets were given away. He stated that the support from the PBA wasn't as it had previously been. In the past food was provided, a canine demonstration, and a free bicycle giveaway. The summer recreation program has already set a date for next July.

W. Johnson said he will be selecting a date with the Walkway to coordinate a bike rodeo in the fall.

E. Dozier said they are still figuring out the funding to cover costs for the adult bicycle skills course. She has found a local instructor that is certified by the League of American Bicyclists to teach the course. It will be scheduled in the fall, with a Friday evening for classroom instruction and a Saturday six-hour session to learn and practice road skills. B. Simpson said the use of his classroom on Friday should be fine. On Saturday mornings however his motorcycle students use the outdoor course for practice and then go back to the classroom in

the afternoon. He said in late October training slows down and the outdoor course may be available.

E. Dozier said perhaps we could use the rail trail for outdoor training. She said the class will be small, likely between 12 – 15 students. B. Simpson said he probably could work something out but his main concern is insurance. E. Dozier said she thinks insurance is provided through the League of American Bicyclists. W. Johnson said she could also check with Eoin Wrafter to determine if the County could provide insurance if it is a County sponsored event. E. Dozier said she will follow up with B. Simpson. W. Johnson said on a Saturday there are other parking lots nearby the rail trail that may be able to be used.

W. Johnson said the Poughkeepsie-Dutchess County Transportation Council (PDCTC) will be organizing counts of people walking and bicycling in different areas of the County in September. E. Dozier said the counts will be held on September 9, 10, or 11 from 4pm – 6pm and September 13 from 12 – 2pm. She can provide training. If anyone is interested in volunteering please contact E. Dozier (edozier@dutchessny.gov).

Senior Driver Mobility – W. Johnson said there has been a lot of success with the prescription drug collection at the senior picnics. Flyers were made available at the picnics listing the permanent drug collection stations. W. Johnson stated that the last senior picnic will be held next week in the T/Lagrange – Freedom Park – Wednesday, 8/20. The children with special needs picnic will be held in the T/Lagrange – Freedom Park – Thursday, 8/21.

Please check your calendars and contact W. Johnson
Picnics are generally from 11:30am – 1:30pm
Support at these events is greatly appreciated.

- ❖ **Child Passenger Safety:** W. Johnson said the TSB received car seats from Evenflo (\$4,600). He did a seat distribution on Friday, August 8th. The following is a list of upcoming child passenger safety training classes:

Greenburgh Westchester – 9/17 – 20, from 8am-4pm

Ulster House No. 5, Kingston Fire Station – 9/17 – 20, from 8am-5pm

There is an \$85 fee. September 3rd is the deadline for registration

W. Johnson stated that Dutchess County will hold an event for National Seat Check Saturday. The CPS Coalition will determine where the seat check will be done. W. Johnson ordered materials from the NYS Health Department for the car seat check event.

Additions:

- ❖ **MidHudson Regional Hospital:** W. Johnson spoke with the MidHudson Regional Hospital regarding picking up educational materials to be used at a consumer expo booth at the Poughkeepsie Galleria on Saturday, August 23rd.
- ❖ **STOP-DWI Awareness Campaign:** W. Johnson provided the TSB with a “Have a Plan to get Home Safely!” card for the STOP-DWI new awareness campaign. It has a QR (quick response code) code that can be scanned to download a free app. The app encourages people to have a plan to get home safely if they are impaired by alcohol or drugs. Some of its’ features include: ability to preload a list of designated drivers, find a taxi cab via GPS, an alcohol impairment estimator, various motor skills tests to assess impairment level and a ‘Report DWI’ button that

connects users to their local 911 service. “The ‘Have a Plan’ app will be important in the effort to prevent impaired driving.

- ❖ **Conviction Data:** W. Johnson provided the TSB with 2013 summary charts on motor vehicle convictions by county.
- ❖ **Did You Know?:** W. Johnson gave the TSB a “Did You Know???” handout regarding the ball-bank indicator used to set curve advisory speeds. S. Gill said this simple little tool is what the engineering department still uses to determine curve speeds.

J. McKinney motioned to adjourn the meeting at 1:35 p.m. D. Dowd seconded. All in favor.

NEXT MEETING:

September 8th 2014 @ 1:00pm.

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