



Dutchess County Traffic Safety Board

Minutes
September 8, 2014
1:00pm

Members present:

Vince Bellino	Neil Garrison	Steve Minard
Paul Bonfiglio	Stephen Gill	Ann Rush
Michael Dampf	John Healy	Anthony Russo
Dan Dowd	Todd Jicha	Joe Ryan
Emily Dozier	Christine Lopez	Robert Simpson
Norm Fenichel	John McKinney	

- Called /could not attend: James Rapoli and William Steenbergh,

Staff: William Johnson, Adrianna Frazier

Minutes:

Vince Bellino motioned to accept the minutes as written from the August 11th meeting. Seconded by Norm Fenichel. Motion carried.

** Steve Minard called the meeting to order at 1:03pm**

On-going Items:

- ❖ **TSB Membership & 2015 Officer Elections:** W. Johnson stated that the next TSB meeting falls on the Columbus Day holiday and asked if the members would like to change the meeting to before or after the holiday. The TSB members chose to hold the meeting on Monday, October 6th. W. Johnson said it is time for officer elections and a volunteer is needed to chair the nominating committee. S. Gill volunteered. All nominations should be emailed to S. Gill prior to the next meeting on **Monday, October 6th** (sgill@dutchessny.gov). Nominations are for the chair, vice-chair, and secretary. W. Johnson stated that once we've complete the officer elections all TSB members will be re-appointed or appointed in 2015. The TSB will be divided into two groups (2yr and 3yr) staggered terms. S. Minard asked if the TSB member's appointments are already staggered. W. Johnson said last year there were no re-appointments; as a result, everyone's term ends this year. W. Johnson said we still have one opening on the TSB. He will check with Lt. Kevin Keefe, who is currently the acting Chief at the Town of East Fishkill PD, as to whether he would still like to serve on the TSB.
- ❖ **2015 County Budget & GTSC e-Grant Update:** W. Johnson completed preliminary budget review on Wednesday, August 13th with the County Exec/Budget Office. There were no questions regarding the budget. It was reviewed and submitted as received. W. Johnson received confirmation from GTSC for the Local grant (includes salaries, program overhead, school bus, motorcycle, mature/older driver, pedestrian, and bicycle safety). The TSB was awarded \$53,650 to participate in New York State's Highway Safety Program. There has been no confirmation for the other two grants to date. He stated that the STOP-DWI program received \$128,700 for the Crack Down grant project for fiscal year 2014-15.

❖ **Injury Prevention:**

Bicycle/Pedestrian Safety – W. Johnson said there are no scheduled bike rodeos.

W. Johnson stated that there will be a free webinar on Pedestrian Safety Enforcement Operations. The date and time have been postponed. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has developed a new guide that gives law enforcement and community partners advice, guidance, and promising practices for setting up and conducting effective pedestrian safety enforcement and reducing pedestrian fatalities. This informative session will include presentations and a discussion with the guide's authors and presentations from two-case study programs, introducing you to the guide and its findings and providing information about incorporating successful pedestrian safety strategies in your community. W. Johnson will send a link to the TSB. He said there have been some operations in Ulster County in the cities of Saugerties and Kingston. We may like to initiate similar operations in Dutchess County. He said in the next grant year he would like to build a pedestrian enforcement campaign into the PTS grant. W. Johnson will contact GTSC to see if we can utilize PTS grant monies in the spring to focus on trouble spots.

E. Dozier said the Poughkeepsie-Dutchess County Transportation Council (PDCTC) will be organizing counts of people walking and bicycling in different areas of the County on September 9th, 10th, and 11th from 4pm – 6pm and Saturday, September 13th from 12 – 2pm. She said S. Gill and A. Russo have volunteered to help with the counts. E. Dozier said they still need a few more volunteers particularly in the City of Beacon and on the Harlem Valley Rail Trail. If anyone is interested in volunteering please contact E. Dozier (edozier@dutchessny.gov). She has the forms and can provide training. These counts help the PDCTC to track volume and trends of where people are walking and biking. It provides good baseline data.

E. Dozier said she has been working with B. Simpson regarding the location of the Bicycle Traffic Skills 101 course for adults. The course will teach people how to ride safely in traffic on the road. She will be able to use his indoor and outdoor facilities. The course will be held on Friday, October 3rd (indoor classroom session), from 6:00-9:00pm and Saturday, October 4th (outdoor skills practice), from 8:30-2:30pm. E. Dozier is still working with the County regarding insurance. The PDCTC is helping to subsidize the cost of the course. The cost will be \$20 per person. The class will be limited to fewer than 20 people.

W. Johnson said he received a call from a gentleman regarding walkers/bikers not stopping at the stop sign on the rail trail by HG Page. He suggested the man file a complaint with the Loop Bus system. J. Ryan said pedestrians think they have the right of way and walk right out into the road. There continues to be a need to educate all users of rights/responsibilities.

School Bus Safety Awareness – W. Johnson said the County website has back to school bus safety and driver awareness information. He reached out to the MidHudson Transportation Supervisors Association to identify school districts that want coloring books and videos to utilize for K through 5 students. If anyone has a need for special groups let him know.

- ❖ **Child Passenger Safety:** W. Johnson stated that 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

He said the Kingston class is closed. There may be a few spots available in the Westchester class. W. Johnson said National Car Seat Check Saturday is on October 20th. The theme this year is "Know for Sure Your child is in the Right Seat." He sent an email to the CPS Coalition to determine a location to host the event. The response has not been overwhelming. He wants a minimum of 8 to 10 CPS technicians before he schedules the event. W. Johnson received coloring books and crayons from NYS Health Department to distribute at the event. A. Rush said Dr. Reiber would like to be made aware of any event information. W. Johnson said once he knows there are enough technicians to support an event he will post the information on the CPS list serve. S. Minard will check to see if the C/Poughkeepsie PD at 505 Main Street is available for the event. W. Johnson said the event would be held from 10:00-2:00pm. He said it is critical to hold an event because it is a requirement of the grant.

P. Bonfiglio said Raymour & Flanigan is requesting a seat check event at their Child Family Day on Saturday, September 27th. P. Bonfiglio recommended that they have an informational booth with literature instead of the seat check.

Additions:

- ❖ **Recognition:** W. Johnson took a moment to recognize/acknowledge V. Bellino for his work on the NYS Association of Traffic Safety Boards for the past 10 years. He resigned as regional Vice President in August. They are looking for a new regional vice president and will elect someone at the October meeting.
- ❖ **Roundabouts:** V. Bellino said there is a yield sign for Arlington HS entrance and Stringham Rd but not for traffic on Route 55. M. Dampf said Arlington HS provided the students with a very good brochure on roundabouts. On the Arlington HS website there is a link entitled "Navigating Roundabouts Information and Video" to provide the students, faculty, and parents with needed information. The TSB discussed the matter. E. Dozier later emailed the TSB regarding the yield signs. There are yield signs on every approach of the roundabout on Route 55 and on Raymond Ave. [ED:1] In the email she said this appears to be NYSDOT's standard practice.
- ❖ **Marist College Health Fair:** W. Johnson received a request from Marist College to setup an informational booth at their Health Fair on Friday, September 12th, from 12:00-4:00pm at the McCann Center. P. Bonfiglio will assist him at the event.
- ❖ **Fairview Firehouse Open House:** W. Johnson received a request from Fairview Fire House to attend their open house on Wednesday, October 8th, from 5:00-8:00pm. He will attend and if anyone would like to assist please let him know.
- ❖ **LaGrange Fire House Safety Day:** W. Johnson received a request from LaGrange Fire House Station 2 to support their Safety Day on Saturday, October 4th, from 12:00-3:00pm. W. Johnson said he is unable to attend. However if any TSB member would like to support this event please let him know and he will provide literature.
- ❖ **Mental Hygiene Mobile Crisis Team:** W. Johnson was recently contacted by the Mental Hygiene Mobile Crisis Team. They were in need of a car seat to transport a patient. They will soon be merging with Astor. Once they merge W. Johnson would like to arrange child passenger safety awareness training. He offered our services and printed materials.

- ❖ **Spirit of Beacon Day:** W. Johnson will provide materials to D. Dowd for the Spirit of Beacon Day on Saturday, September 27th.
- ❖ **Center for Healthy Aging:** W. Johnson said J. Ryan forwarded to him information regarding an upcoming event to help aging drivers stay safe behind the wheel. The Center for Healthy Aging will offer “Taking the Driver’s Seat: Advice for Healthy Driving” at 2:00 pm on, Monday, September 22nd. Marybeth Meyer, a certified driver rehabilitation specialist, driving instructor and occupational therapist, will be joined by a member of the hospital’s occupational therapy department. The CarFit program provides older adults with the tools to understand and apply the safety features of their vehicles. It also gives them the opportunity to check how their personal cars fit them. W. Johnson will not be able to attend. He asked P. Bonfiglio to please attend if he is available. W. Johnson wants to make a connection with the Center for Healthy Aging in the future to disseminate mature/older driver literature.
- ❖ **NY Highway Safety Symposium:** E. Dozier said ITSMR will be hosting the New York Highway Safety Symposium from October 19 – 22 in Lake Placid. The registration form and agenda are on the following website:
<http://www.itsmr.org/NY%20Highway%20Safety%20Conference.htm>. She will be presenting with a panel on the following topic: Eyes on the Street: The Value of Law Enforcement in Safety Assessments.
- ❖ **Walk Like MADD:** W. Johnson said MADD had a kickoff meeting on Thursday, August 28th to raise awareness of their upcoming fundraising event, “Walk Like MADD” on the Dutchess Rail Trail. The event will be held on Saturday, October 25th with registration at 9:00am. The opening ceremony will begin at 10:00am and the walk will be from 10:30-1:00pm. The event will start near the Van Wyck trail parking area. Every step taken and pledge made helps raise necessary awareness and funds for MADD’s free community programs and helps keep neighborhoods safe for families.

P. Bonfiglio motioned to adjourn the meeting at 1:45 p.m. J. McKinney seconded. All in favor.

NEXT MEETING:

October 6th 2014 @ 1:00pm.

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