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MINUTES OF THE STOP-DWI PLANNING BOARD
January 26, 2016

MEMBERS PRESENT:

**Ann Rush
Lt. Frank LaMonica
John Thomes**

**Ernie Floegel
Angela Flesland
Matthew S. Vetare**

**Jessica Segal
John Merwin
Nick Johnson**

MEMBERS ABSENT:

**Jim Warner
Michael Hill**

**Brad Kendall
Marie Dynes**

**Tony Marchese
Sgt. Christine Lopez**

A. Flesland made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 8, 2015 board meeting. N. Johnson seconded the motion and all were in favor.

W. Johnson read a letter to the board from GTSC regarding approval of the 2016 STOP-DWI Plan. GTSC requires a page from the 2016 STOP-DWI Budget to complete the plan submission which will be forwarded to them shortly.

Program and Fiscal Status Update:

W. Johnson informed the board that all 2015 claims were submitted and paid with the exception of the 4th quarter Probation billing and the Village of Millerton's final billing. The yearly expenditures to date are approximately \$485,000. He referred the board to the revenue spreadsheet and mentioned that the 4th quarter posting from the State is still pending and we expect to exceed the projected revenue mark for the year. The 2016 STOP-DWI budget is \$534,000; \$96,000 for Crackdown activities and \$438,000 for STOP expenditures.

The total 2015 DWI arrest figure reported to the STOP Program is 1,327; down from 1,333 in 2014 and 1,363 in 2013. Arrests have declined in most agencies. The State Police had 663 arrests in 2015 which is 49% of total arrests reported. In 2014 the State Police had 42% of total arrests reported. There were 99 DWI related crashes in 2015 compared to 119 in 2014. There were zero* DWI fatalities in 2015 compared to 2 in 2014 (*this was revised to one fatality after reviewing reporting data again). In 2015 there were 196 STOP and grant funded arrests compared to 330 in 2014. There were 3,496.25 patrol hours in 2015 compared to 5,446 in 2014. The total cost per arrest in 2015 was \$859 compared to \$695 in 2014. The Village of Millerton and Red Hook had the lowest cost per arrest figures in 2015. Two Hundred and five hours were devoted to sobriety

checkpoints which resulted in 8 arrests in 2015. There were three sobriety checkpoints conducted in 2015 compared to ten checkpoints in 2014.

The District Attorney's statistics for 2015 were reviewed and discussed by members. There were 1,551 convictions (+83 from 2014); the felony convictions (61) were down slightly (-5) from last year's figures, and 49% of convictions were reduced to a lesser charge. It was mentioned that fines should be enhanced when charges are reduced. J. Segal informed the board that the DA's office has implemented a policy to enhance fines for reduced charges. W. Johnson briefly discussed the 2015 statistics for Probation and Lexington Center for Recovery as well.

2016 Dedicated Patrol RFP:

\$46,000 has been allocated for 2016 Dedicated Patrols. Law Enforcement Agencies were invited to apply for the funding. W. Johnson discussed his recommendations for funding as follows: Town of Poughkeepsie \$8,000; City of Poughkeepsie \$7,500; City of Beacon \$0; Town of Hyde Park \$3,000; DCSO \$16,300; Town of East Fishkill \$3,500; Village of Red Hook \$3,500; Village of Millerton \$1,500; Village of Wappingers \$1,800; and Town of Fishkill \$900. The board discussed the Town of Fishkill's allocation recommendation and felt due to their lack of participation in the Crackdown periods, they should not receive any of the already limited funding. W. Johnson said that the \$900 would give them an opportunity to schedule patrols on non-holiday periods which might be easier to fulfill for a small agency with ongoing manpower issues. A. Flesland made a motion to move the \$900 from the Town of Fishkill and add it to the DCSO allocation of \$16,300 for a total of \$17,200; and to approve the allocation recommendations for all of the other agencies as stated. J. Thomes seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Crackdown Enforcement Grant:

The next Crackdown period is for the Superbowl, February 5 – 8. W. Johnson and F. LaMonica are discussing a possible checkpoint during the crackdown.

To date \$40,733.21 has been spent in the 2015-2016 Crackdown period with a balance of \$78,476.79. W. Johnson reported that the Holiday Crackdown period resulted in 76 DWI arrests. A press release about the Holiday Crackdown was shared with GTSC and they were impressed with the number of arrests.

Prescription Drug Collection Initiative:

There are two new drug collection receptacles that have been approved to be stationed in the Village of Millerton Police Dept. and the DCSO Pawling sub-station. The rollout for the two receptacles will happen shortly. Northern Dutchess Hospital requested to conduct a prescription take-back event on February 6, 2016, Required applications were submitted to NYS Health, BNE & DEA and are still pending approval. A. Flesland suggested that a press release be sent out on how much drugs were collected in 2015 and to remind the public of the drug take back locations.

Trainings:

Orange County is hosting once again the annual Mid-Hudson Regional Prosecution and Enforcement Conference on Wednesday, April 13, 2016 at Anthony's Pier 9. The cost of the conference remains the same. W. Johnson will send out notices/invitations to law enforcement agencies to send their TOP COP and any others who may be interested in attending.

There is a training on alcohol and drug trends in Westchester County on March 29, 2016 and in Columbia County on March 30, 2016. The training is free and registration forms will be e-mailed to law enforcement agencies.

Additions:

The STOP-DWI Foundation has contracted with Marist College for a sports venue campaign and they are targeting February 9th or February 23rd for the event. W. Johnson said that February 9th was short notice and he suggested the 23rd. He will invite police departments to participate as well as STOP-DWI Coordinators from other counties.

The Pandora Holiday Awareness Campaign had 51,000 impressions over the period of December 7th through January 1st on Pandora Radio station. This resulted in a 27% increase of hits to the NYS STOP-DWI web-site. The STOP-DWI Coordinators are discussing participating in another campaign during prom/graduation time.

E. Floegel requested that the board have a creativity session or “think tank” to discuss innovative ideas on how to address various drug and alcohol related issues. The board is going to send their ideas to W. Johnson and they will be discussed at the next board meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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