

Suffolk County Traffic Safety Board

Meeting Notice

**The next regular meeting of the Suffolk County Traffic Safety Board
will be held on:**

Wednesday, April 16, 2008

At 2:00 p.m.

**in the Work Session Room (3rd Floor) at Town Hall*
Town of Brookhaven, New York**

Meeting Agenda

- 1. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings**
- 2. Correspondence**
- 3. Enforcement Programs**
- 4. Engineering Programs**
- 5. Highway Safety Programs**
- 6. Legislative Update**
- 7. STOP-DWI**
- 8. Old Business**
- 9. New Business**
- 10. Adjournment**

***Directions to Town Hall: (Work Session Room, 3rd Floor)**

- Take Long Island Expressway Exit 63 for North Ocean Avenue (County Road 83). Go north (right turn at traffic light for westbound and left turn at traffic light for eastbound traffic).
- Drive approximately one mile and turn right at the traffic light on Granny Road.
- Left turn at the second street, which is Bicycle Path.
- Right turn into Independence Hill for Town Hall parking lot.

**NOTE: ALL MONTHLY MEETINGS OF SCTSB FOR 2008 WILL BE HELD AT THIS LOCATION.
NEXT MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, May 21, 2008**

**SUFFOLK COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY BOARD
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**

Date: March 19, 2008

Place: Work Session Room at Brookhaven Town Hall

MEMBERS PRESENT (8)

Robert J. Behrle

Suffolk County Sheriff's Office

Stephen Miller

Suffolk County District Court

Robert Pearce

Southampton Town Police Department

Michael J. Salatti

Vice President, Greenman-Pedersen, Inc.

John Saraceno

Traffic Engineer III
Town of Smithtown

Richard H. Schneider

East Hampton Village Police Department

Arvind Vora

Traffic Engineer II
Suffolk County Department of Public Works

Lynn Weyant, Chair

Director of Traffic Safety, Town of Brookhaven

GUESTS PRESENT (13)

Denna Cohen, MADD

Louis Dini, Suffolk County Police Department

Kevin J. Duchemin, East Hampton Village Police Department

Sarah Furey, Suffolk County Police Department

Robert J. T. Gallagher, ABATE

Angela Jimenez, EAC

Audrey Kirwin, MetLife

Andrew Maresca, NYSDOT

Tom McCoy, MADD

Michael A. Petronzio, New York State Police

Margaret Rebholz, MADD
Edward Seltenreich, Quogue Village Police Department
Bill Shilling, Presiding Officer's Office

CALL TO ORDER – The meeting of March 19, 2008 was called to order by Lynn Weyant, the Chair, at 2:10 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Lynn Weyant requested additions or corrections to the minutes of the February 20, 2007 meeting.

A motion to approve the February minutes, as presented, was made by John Saraceno and seconded by Michael J. Salatti. The motion passed (8-0-0).

CORRESPONDENCE – Arvind Vora reported that there were twelve pieces of correspondence. He reported and read out (see Attachment A) the essence of each piece of correspondence.

ENFORCEMENT PROGRAMS

- Robert J. Behrle of the Sheriff's Office distributed one page (see Attachment B) of Enforcement Division Statistics for January 1, 2008 through February, 2008. He reported that numbers are down in general due to a staff shortage.
- Louis Dini of the Suffolk County Police Department distributed one page (see Attachment C) of Enforcement Statistics from January 1, 2008 through February 29, 2008. He reported that there was an increase of 50 percent for seat belt summonses issued by the Highway Patrol and a 23 percent increase by SCPD. Speed summonses as well as total summonses issued by the Highway Patrol were down by 7 percent each. Louis Dini reported that DWI arrests by the Highway Patrol were up by 10 percent and an increase of 17 percent for the entire Department, both of which are encouraging developments.
- Robert Pearce of the Southampton Police Department reported that there were 23 DWI arrests in February 2008. He reported that the grant packages are ready and waiting for the Supervisor to sign them.
- Kevin J. Duchemin of the East Hampton Village Police Department distributed two pages of an Offense Analysis Report (see Attachment D) for January 1, 2008 to March 15, 2008. He reported that there were 3 DWI arrests in February 2008.
- Michael A. Petronzio reported that he will present a quarterly report at the next meeting.

- Ed Seltenreich, of the Quogue Village Police Department, distributed one page (see Attachment E) of a report covering patrol periods January 1, 2008 to March 18, 2008. He reported that during this period there were 12 DWI arrests, two aggravated DWI arrests, and a total of 598 summonses were issued.

ENGINEERING PROGRAMS

- John Saraceno of Smithtown reported that his department is preparing a grant for Safe Routes to Schools. He reported that they contacted three school districts within the town and every elementary school student is eligible for school busing.
- Andrew Maresca of the New York State Department of Transportation reported that on the Long Island Expressway an HOV Access Lane will be provided westbound near Exit 59 and eastbound near Exit 55, while an Exit lane will be provided eastbound near Exit 58.
- Lynn Weyant of Brookhaven reported that the Town is working on grant applications e.g., Training Sessions for TEP grants which is due in June, and for sidewalk installations.
- Arvind Vora of the Suffolk County Department of Public Works distributed a two-page newspaper article (see Attachment F) that lists the proposed improvements, including safety improvements on various county roads and reconstruction of CR97, Nicolls Road, from the Long Island Expressway to Middle Country Road.

HIGHWAY SAFETY PROGRAMS

- Denna Cohen of MADD introduced John McCoy, the newly appointed Executive Director, and reminded everyone of the Walk Like MADD event on Sunday, June 1, 2008 at 10:00 am at Farmingdale State College.
- Angela Jimenez of EAC is working on a Teen Driving Program and will provide details at the next meeting.
- Sarah Furey of the Suffolk County Police Department reported that Jennifer Hogan of GTSC was on Long Island for monitoring grants. She reported that when two separate grants were combined, in their case Motorcycle and STEP, a request was for a total funding of \$154,000 but was funded for only \$88,000. She was advised by Ms. Hogan to submit modifications to the scope of enforcements, otherwise expectations are that the agency will do everything originally submitted. It is important to separate grants and submit modifications if the grant is not fully funded.
- Margaret Rebholz of MADD reported that there will be an award luncheon on Wednesday, April 9, 2008, to honor law enforcement members, which will be attended by Probation, District Attorney's office, as well as, Police Commissioners of Nassau and Suffolk County. It will be at the Pine Hollow Inn on Rte. 112 in Medford.

- John Saraceno of Smithtown distributed ten pages (see Attachment G). A two-page newspaper article indicated that the life of 17-year old passenger, Michelle Arent, was due to late-night racing. He provided two pages of information about the computer site created by the Arent Family to educate the public to prevent future tragedies as well as to change the existing laws and add new ones that work to make our highways safer for all users. He provided six pages from the ITE Journal (March 2008) describe some of the major changes proposed in the Federal Manual of the Uniform Traffic Control Devices/MUTCD). He indicated some of the new controls proposed for MUTCD are for school buses, pedestrians, and bicycle facilities.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

None

STOP DWI

None

OLD BUSINESS

- John Saraceno reported that he is in touch with Police Officer Bob Rice of the Suffolk County Police Department Emergency Vehicle Operations Center (EVOC) as to his availability as a Guest Speaker. He reported that May 21, 2008 is acceptable to P.O. Rice, but the meeting at the EVOC site is not confirmed yet. Sarah Furey reported that she will get in touch with Sgt. Varley to finalize it.
- Sarah Furey reported that Board Member John McGarvey is now at the Second Precinct and Louis Dini at the Highway Patrol has many things to attend to, as such, not sure who the Department's new representative will be.
- Lynn Weyant reported that Jennifer Hogan of GTSC has informed her that the signature of the County Executive is no longer needed on grant applications.
- Lynn Weyant reported that Buckle Up New York grants are filed electronically and the applicant will get confirmation. If confirmation not received, please contact GTSC.
- Lynn Weyant reported that for the expanded Buckle Up New York program, the May check point enforcement is mandatory, plus one each in April and October. Now it is three times as opposed to two.
- Lynn Weyant reported that STEP includes commercial vehicles.

- Lynn Weyant reported that expenses for fall conference, that takes place usually at Lake Placid, can be disbursed from the grant money. Mike Petronzio asked why it is not held in the New York City/Long Island area.
- Lynn Weyant reported on important grant requirements, e.g.,
 - Not to forget bi-yearly status report.
 - Grant applications must be completed fully, particularly new rating serves to favor milestones.
 - Filing deadline of May 15 is firm and final, and as such all applications must be in by the next meeting on April 16 for a timely submission.

NEW BUSINESS

- Lynn Weyant reported that she is exploring the possibility of having a Suffolk County Traffic Safety Board website.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Lynn Weyant asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was made by John Saraceno and seconded by Richard H. Schneider and passed 8-0-0).