

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

**Date:** January 19, 2011

**Place:** Brookhaven Town Hall – Work Session Room

**MEMBERS PRESENT (11)**

**Robert J. Behrle**

Suffolk County Sheriff's Office

**Douglas Death**

Highway Safety Program Manager

**Steven Kamvakis**

SC Fire, Rescue and Emergency Services

**Karl Klug**

SC Department of Health, EMS Division

**Stephen Miller**

Suffolk County District Court

**Andrea Neubauer**

SC Probation Department

**Robert Pearce**

Southampton Town Police

**John Saraceno**

Town of Smithtown

**Stephen Shadbolt**

Sachem Central School District – Transportation

**Arvind Vora**

Retired – Formally of SCDPW

**Lynn Weyant**

Town of Brookhaven

## **GUESTS PRESENT (14)**

Eileen Beetar, AAA  
Stavros Dalambakis, ABATE  
Todd Engwer, NYSP, GTSC – Liaison  
Terry Flanagan, ABATE  
Sarah Furey, SCPD  
Audrey Kirwin, MetLife  
Joseph Kruk, 106 Rescue Wing  
Brian Lenz, Town of Brookhaven  
Dominick Macherone, NYSACOP, GTSC – Liaison  
Michael Mallin, SCPD Highway Patrol  
Doreen Pesce, ABATE  
Michael Petronzio, State Police  
Alexander Prego, SCDPW  
Patricia Ralph, SCDPW

## **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of January 19, 2011 was called to order by Lynn Weyant, Chair, at 2:15pm.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Lynn Weyant, Chair, asked for additions or corrections to the December 2010 minutes. Joseph Kruk indicated his name was missing from the list of guests.

A motion to approve the minutes, as modified, was made by Douglas Death, second by Robert Behrle and passed unanimously.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

Alexander Prego - nothing new to report.

## **ENFORCEMENT PROGRAMS**

- Suffolk County Sheriff's reported nothing new with enforcement programs
- NYS Police reported a DWI check point will be set up in Suffolk County on the Super Bowl weekend; the exact location has not been determined.
- Suffolk County PD reported their Safety Team was increased by 4 officers for DWI. They work the secondary roads with high crash locations. One page of Enforcement Statistics for 1/1/10 – 12/31/10 was provided. In addition, STEP money went out sooner and is ready to be used.
- Southampton PD reported 12 arrests for DWI in 2011; 296 arrests in 2010.

## ENGINEERING PROGRAMS

- John Saraceno reported Smithtown is continuing to install overhead LED street lights. Over 800 have been installed so far. A one page chart was provided indicating the planned locations, completed locations, wattages for the locations, and the replacement values. Smithtown has a total of 11,000 to 12,000 street lights. They are considering retrofit LED lights for the residential areas. LED's reduce energy costs and have an estimated 10 year lifespan. LED's emit a whiter light vs. pink with the high pressure sodium lamps. John questioned what other municipalities do for clearing snow to access pedestrian buttons and bus stops. He indicated Smithtown Highway Department currently cleans their three "Main Streets;" i.e. Main Street in Smithtown, Lake Avenue in St. James, and Main Street in Kings Park. Lynn Weyant indicated Brookhaven uses a contractor for clearing bus shelters.
- SCDPW is implementing a sign management system to comply with the FHWA mandate. FHWA requires all municipalities to have a system in place by the end of 2011. An RFP was sent out; proposals have been returned; and the contractor is due to be selected. The signs which are affected are regulatory, warning, and guide signs. The "engineer grade" is no longer permitted on regulatory, warning, and guide signs. The reflectivity must be high intensity or retro-reflective. The County is looking into the possibility for federal funding for the construction phase.
- Brian Lenz, Town of Brookhaven, indicated Safety Town will start up in March. The Town has elected to inventory their signs FIRST, then every 7 years, the signs must be replaced. They are installing LED street lights, however they will be doing a study to determine: what type of lights will be used, spacing, white vs. pink light, and the type of street light. They have approximately 40,000 street lights.

## HIGHWAY SAFETY PROGRAMS

- ABATE reiterated the Motorcycle Awareness & Safety event is scheduled for April. They are trying to bridge the gap between awareness and safety. They are looking for the same support as last year from Sheriff and Police departments. Jim Barr will be chairing the event.
- AAA – no new programs.
- Todd Engwer, NYS Police Law Enforcement Liaison, Governor's Traffic Safety Committee, discussed the Buckle Up Program. He indicated the "E" grant form has been standardized and is more "data-driven." The development of the "E" grant helps to expedite grant monies. He explained the GTSC grant process which included how the applications are reviewed, who makes up the panel which reviews the applications, and stated they are always asking, "What can make the program better?" They receive approximately 225 applicants per year.
- Dominick Macherone, Law Enforcement Liaison, Governor's Traffic Safety Committee, also discussed the grants. 800 grants were given out in 2010. Dominick provided a one page informative handout which provided websites and dates of conferences, training courses, and public "DWI Awareness Nights" basketball games. He indicated, in October 2011, a Highway Safety Conference is due to be held in Hauppauge.

## **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

- Nothing to report.

## **STOP DWI**

- Douglas Death indicated he did not have any statistics. In addition, "Suffolk County Top Cop" which recognizes officers making the most DWI arrests in their districts will be held on Tuesday, February 22, 2011.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- Douglas Death reported that he, Alexander Prego, Richard Schneider, and Arvind Vora had a morning meeting, this date, to discuss the web page/site. Website sections being considered are: calendar of events, 150 word paragraph describing the programs, and links to "Top Cop," SafeNY, Towns, Villages, town engineering departments, and INFORM. A general email will be created.
- SCPD reported EVOC training is scheduled in the summer with high school students.
- Lynn Weyant, Chair, suggested anyone interested in participating with the Traffic Safety Board should email their resume to Alexander Prego.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Stephen Shadbolt commented that NYS used brine this year on roadways and it appeared to help greatly with the snow. Alexander Prego commented that the County is seriously thinking about using it next year.
- Lynn Weyant, Chair, indicated elections were to be held this date. Richard Schneider was not present, however he was nominated for Chairperson. The nomination was made by Douglas Death, second by John Saraceno, and was moved to appoint. John Saraceno was nominated for Vice Chairperson. The nomination was made by Robert Pearce, second by Douglas Death, and appointed. Lynn Weyant closed the elections.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Lynn Weyant, Chair, asked for a motion to adjourn the monthly meeting of January and to hold the next meeting on February 16, 2011. The motion was made by John Saraceno, second by Douglas Death and passed unanimously.