

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

Date: May 18, 2011

Place: Brookhaven Town Hall – Work Session Room

MEMBERS PRESENT (11)

Robert Behrle

Suffolk County Sheriff

Steven Kamvakis

Suffolk County Department of Fire, Rescue & Emergency Services

Susan Katz

Safe Kids Suffolk

Stephen Miller

Suffolk County District Court

Andrea Neubauer

Suffolk County Probation

Robert Pearce

Southampton Town Police

Michael J. Salatti

Greenman-Pedersen, Inc.

John Saraceno

Town of Smithtown

Richard H. Schneider

East Hampton Village Police

Stephen Shadbolt

Sachem Central School District

Lynn Weyant

Town of Brookhaven

GUESTS PRESENT (8)

Bob Blickwede, Texting Awareness Foundation
Sarah Furey, SCPD
Rachel Lugo, EAC
Rocco Panetta, Texting Awareness Foundation
Michael A. Petronzio, State Police
Alexander Prego, SCDPW
Patricia Ralph, SCDPW
Bill Shilling, SC Legislature

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of May 18, 2011 was called to order by Richard Schneider, Chair, at 2:12pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Richard Schneider, Chair, requested any additions or corrections to the April 2011 minutes. Richard reiterated that April's meeting was not official due to a quorum not being present, therefore the March minutes had not been approved. A motion was made by Robert Behrle to approve both the March and April 2011 minutes; second by Robert Pearce.

CORRESPONDENCE

Richard Schneider, Chair, indicated a letter of recommendation was sent to Southampton Town, on behalf of Robert Pearce, for the interview of the Chief of Police position. Richard reported all the endorsements have been sent through E-Grants without any problems.

Alexander Prego, SCDPW, reported he spoke with Owen McShane from DMV. Mr. McShane is confirmed for the Board's June meeting to give a 20-25 minute presentation on the use of facial recognition in the investigation of fraud and identity theft at DMV.

ENFORCEMENT PROGRAMS

- Multiple law enforcement agencies reported "Buckle Up" begins the last week in May and runs through to June 3rd. They may do night time seat belt check.
- Sarah Furey, SCPD, provided enforcement statistics for April.
- Robert Behrle, Sheriff's Office – nothing to report.
- Robert Pearce, Southampton Town Police, reported 22 DWI arrests for April.

ENGINEERING PROGRAMS

- Alexander Prego, SCDPW, reported the County had the kick-off meeting for the scoping portion for a county wide system for upgrading signs and maintaining retro-reflectivity. January 2012 is the date to have an established plan to meet all the standards; by January 2015, all signs should be changed.
- Lynn Weyant, Town of Brookhaven, reported their first Bike Rodeo was a success. There were close to 200 attendees and they gave away almost 200 helmets. Lynn reported they are waiting for their contract/construction work to begin.
- John Saraceno, Town of Smithtown, reported they are finalizing the new signal at Old Willets Path/Oser Avenue; waiting to set up the video detection. Currently, it is running fixed time.
- Michael Salatti, Greenman-Pedersen, Inc., reported the ITE annual district meeting will be held at Danfords. It is a 3-day event – Wednesday, Thursday, Friday – discussing engineering topics, asset management, and safety programs. Currently, they have approximately 190 registrants.

HIGHWAY SAFETY PROGRAMS

- Rachel Lugo, EAC, reported:
 - Child Passenger Safety was held last week and went very well. The next event is June 9th.
 - May is Bicycle Safety Month
 - The ITSMR Symposium is scheduled for October 16, 17, 18th at the Hyatt Regency, Hauppauge.
- Robert Pearce, Southampton Town Police, reported ABATE had questions on a GTSC grant. Because of the late date, they were advised another grant would be available in September.
- Rocco Panetta, Texting Awareness Foundation, introduced himself and Bob Blickwede. Rocco indicated they are looking to reach out to any and all agencies in order to alert people to texting awareness. They would like to have signage up which stresses “Don’t Text & Drive.” All their items – posters, decals, thumb rings – are free to the public. The Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit agency.
- Susan Katz, Safe Kids Suffolk, discussed occupant protection in vehicles for children to age 12.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Nothing new to report.

OLD BUSINESS

- Alexander Prego, SCDPW, reported he is trying to get good videos/media for the website. In addition he is waiting on 3-4 resumes.

NEW BUSINESS

- John Saraceno, Town of Smithtown, indicated he would like to invite Chris Pagnello from Traffic Systems to come to a Board meeting to discuss new technology available for pedestrian push buttons.
- Richard Schneider, Chair, advised all Board members coordinate with Alexander Prego, SCDPW, to coordinate dates for people to talk to the Traffic Safety Board.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, Richard Schneider, Chair, asked for a motion to adjourn the monthly meeting of May and to hold the next meeting on June 15, 2011. The motion was made by Robert Pearce; 2nd by Robert Behrle and passed unanimously.