

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

Date: April 18, 2012

Place: Brookhaven Town Hall – Work Session Room

MEMBERS PRESENT (11)

Robert J. Behrle

Suffolk County Sheriff

William Devore

Office of the District Attorney

Dr. Susan Katz

Stony Brook Long Island Children’s Hospital

Andrea Neubauer

Suffolk County Probation Department

Robert Pearce

Southampton Town Police

Alexander J. Prego

Suffolk County Department of Public Works

Michael J. Salatti, P.E.

Greenman-Pedersen, Inc.

John Saraceno

Town of Smithtown

Richard H. Schneider

East Hampton Village Police Department

Arvind Vora

Retired from Suffolk County Department of Public Works

Lynn Weyant

Retired from Town of Brookhaven

GUESTS PRESENT (7)

Bob Blickwede, Texting Awareness Foundation
Sarah E. Furey, SCPD
Rachel Lugo, EAC
Christopher McBride, AAA

Tony Miserendino, State Police
Michael A. Petronzio, State Police
Patricia Ralph, SCDPW

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of April 18, 2012 was called to order by Richard Schneider, Chair, at 2:13pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Richard Schneider, Chair, indicated a quorum was present. Richard waived requests for additions, corrections, and approval for the March minutes as they were not available.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Alexander Prego, SCDPW, reported receiving an email from Stephen Shadbolt, Sachem Central School District – Transportation, expressing his thanks to the officers participating in Operation Safe Stop today and for their efforts all year round.

ENFORCEMENT PROGRAMS

- Richard Schneider, Chair, indicated nothing to report for East Hampton Village PD.
- Robert Behrle, Suffolk County Sheriff – nothing to report.
- Michael Petronzio, NYS Police – nothing to report.
- Sarah Furey, SCPD – nothing to report.
- Robert Pearce, Southampton Town Police reported:
 - 23 DWI's in March.
 - There have been requests to limit truck traffic, i.e. over 10,000 lbs., on Noyack Road. There is concern over limiting truck traffic on one road and transferring it to another. Lynn Weyant, Town of Brookhaven (retired), suggested checking with New York State for designated truck routes.

ENGINEERING PROGRAMS

- John Saraceno, Town of Smithtown, reported:
 - A bid opening is scheduled for Thursday, April 19, 2012, for a reconstruction and drainage project, along with the rebuilding of two (2) signals. The location is Nichols Road between Smithtown Blvd. and the town line; near Moriches Road. The two signals to be rebuilt are located at: Nichols Road @ Gibbs Pond Road and Nichols Road @ Browns Road/Alexander Ave.

- Lynn Weyant, Town of Brookhaven, reported:
 - All their capital projects are on “hold.”
 - Construction for the new roundabout at Miller Place-Yaphank Road/Whiskey Road has commenced. This construction has drastically impacted school bus routes. Completion is expected by the end of the “construction season.”
 - Bike rodeos are scheduled for April, May, July, and August. A flyer was provided for the upcoming April 28, 2012 bicycle rodeo.

- Alexander Prego, SCDPW, reported:
 - The County has been authorized for fifty (50) additional “Red Light Camera” intersections.
 - The original State authorization required an annual report to be generated regarding the “Red Light Camera” program. There wasn’t enough post-construction data to make any determinations. 2011 data should, however, provide enough data to make some determination on safety impacts.

HIGHWAY SAFETY PROGRAMS

- Dr. Susan Katz, Stony Brook Children’s Hospital – nothing to report.

- Rachel Lugo, EAC, reported:
 - Maintaining Grants which are due May 15th.
 - 150 helmets were distributed in March.
 - A Child Passenger Safety event is scheduled for April 24-27th.
 - An additional class for certification is being planned.
 - Suffolk County Police Academy in Brentwood has a seat fitting station.
 - New York Highway Safety Symposium: October 14th – 16th, Lake Placid.
 - Child Passenger Safety Technical Conference: October 25th-27th, Atlantic City.
 - Currently, Senate Bill 1337, is in the 3rd reading on the Senate floor – wording is the outstanding issue. The bill states back seat passengers, under the age of 16, must wear seatbelts – EAC wants all passengers, no matter age, to wear seatbelts.

- Christopher McBride, AAA – nothing to report.

- Michael J. Salatti, P.E., Greenman-Pedersen, Inc., reported:
 - A current project on Round Swamp Road involves new signage, special pavement markings, installation of speed indicators, and the installation of two (2) traffic signals set for 30mph.

- Bob Blickwede, Texting Awareness Foundation, is hoping for Police and Sheriff presence at two (2) Suffolk County breakfast fund raisers which are scheduled for May 12th at the Stony Brook Friendly’s and May 26th at the Commack Friendly’s. A flyer was provided.

- Andrea Neubauer, Suffolk County Probation Department – nothing to report.

- William Devore, Office of the District Attorney – nothing to report.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

- Alexander Prego, SCDPW – nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS

- Alexander Prego, SCDPW, will check on the status of the Traffic Safety Board website.

NEW BUSINESS

- Michael J. Salatti, P.E., Greenman-Pedersen, Inc., revisited the issue of a reduction in the number of Traffic Safety Board meetings. Alexander Prego, SCDPW, reported that according to the Suffolk County Charter and the NYS Vehicle & Traffic Law, nothing is stated in either regarding the number of meetings or what constitutes a quorum and the Board sets our own rules. Richard Schneider, Chair, requested a motion be made for subsequent meetings to be held on May 16th, June 20th, September 19th, November 14th (2nd week in November due to the Thanksgiving Holiday), and January 16th of 2013. In January, the meeting dates for 2013 will be evaluated. The motion was made by Michael Salatti; 2nd by Susan Katz. All were in favor; motion was so carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, the April monthly meeting was closed by Richard Schneider, Chair, at 2:38pm. Richard asked for a motion to adjourn – the motion was made by Robert Behrle; 2nd by Michael Salatti. The next meeting will be held May 16, 2012. Richard reiterated grants should be forwarded to him BEFORE the next Traffic Safety Board meeting.