

*Otsego County Traffic Safety Board
September 17, 2009
242 Main Street
Oneonta, NY 13820*

Members present: Patricia Crispell, Richard Devlin, Karen Liddle, Kevin Ritton. Absent: Michael Adams, Robert Barnes, Rodney Campbell, Timothy Jackson, Brian Pokorny, Andrew Thomas and Ronald Tiderencal, Excused: Cameron Allison, Michael Butler, Raymond Freer. Also present: Craig Whitten, Kathy Scribani, Anthony Scribani, Karen Vagliardo, Barton Ingersoll, and Gary Leahy, representing Rodney Campbell

The meeting was called to order at 0905 by Sheriff Devlin.

Karen Vagliardo addressed the Committee regarding her son's fatal motorcycle crash. His crash occurred within a mile of his home. The driver of the auto mobile that struck her son stated that he did not see her son. Mrs. Vagliardo is involved in the "Look twice! Save a Life"

campaign. Brochures and stickers were left for the committee to distribute. "Jason's Run" a memorial fundraiser will be held on Oct.3, 2009. Karen Liddle will be present with the DWI vehicle to assist with traffic/safety control. Mr. Whitten reported that there has been an increase in the number of motorcycle registrations, perhaps due to the cost of gas, and also an increase in the number of crashes involving motorcycles. Most motorcycle crashes are not the fault of the motorcycle driver. Every fatal crash has a DMV hearing.

Mrs. Liddle made a motion to accept the minutes from the June 11, 2009 meeting, seconded by Mr. Ingersoll.

Sheriff Devlin presented Draft 2 of the Traffic Safety By-laws. Members should review and send changes to Sheriff Devlin. The By-laws will be voted on at the next GTSC meeting in January.

New York State has passed a no texting law. Currently it is a secondary law but there will be pressure to make it a primary law.

Mr. Whitten spoke about grant funding available. \$1746 Buckle-Up New York was awarded to Cooperstown PD, \$3976 was awarded to Otsego County Sheriff Dept. The Otsego County CPS grant was approved reported Mrs. Liddle. Mrs. Liddle reported that her department could use a full time position to apply for and oversee grants. All grants are now done electronically and have a cover sheet that must be signed. Mrs. Liddle reported that she will investigate grants in Broome, Schenectady and Monroe counties. Cornell University is a leader in pedestrian safety. Also the City of Corning has a very active pedestrian safety program. Mrs. Liddle will look into that program. Mrs. Liddle requested that the other agencies represented at the GTSC consider sending people to Child Passenger Safety Technician class. The class is free. Fees incurred could be covered under the grant. Mrs. Liddle will post CPS events on the web site. Mrs. Liddle reported that the web site www.safeny.com has ideas for grants. Mrs. Liddle reported that any vehicle on the road moving less than 25 mph must have a slow moving vehicle emblem. Mrs. Liddle distributed brochures on that law. Mrs. Liddle discussed the change in the child

passenger safety law that will go into effect in November requiring children to be in an approved seat up to age 8. Mrs. Liddle will create a pocket size seatbelt law reference card for law enforcement. Mrs. Liddle reported that the Lifesavers conference will be held in April 2010 in Philadelphia. This is a very worthwhile conference to attend.

Mr. Ritton will deliver brochures to the Fire Advisory Board meeting tonight.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 am.

*Next meeting: January 21, 2010 at 242 Main St.
Oneonta at 9:00 am*

Respectfully submitted,

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