

STEBEN COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY BOARD

Friday, March 31, 2017

10:00 a.m.

South Conference Room

Steuben County Office Building

Bath, New York

****MINUTES****

PRESENT: Chief Chad Mullen, Chair, Bath Police Department
Chief Jeff Spaulding, Corning City Police Department
Justice Cathy Rouse-Nicholson, Magistrate's Association
Amy Dlugos, Planning Director
Noel Terwilliger, District Attorney's Office
Sgt. Richard Feely, NYSP
Ken Forenz, Deputy Director, Emergency Management Office
John McNelis, Undersheriff
Martin Butler, NYS Department of Transportation
Maureen Kozakiewicz, Governor's Traffic Safety Committee

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chief Mullen called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 16, 2016, MEETING MADE BY JUSTICE ROUSE-NICHOLSON, SECONDED BY MRS. DLUGOS AND DULY CARRIED.

III. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Friday, June 30, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. and will be held in the South Conference Room.

IV. DEPARTMENT/AGENCY/MEMBERSHIP REPORTS

A. Corning Police Department

- Chief Spaulding reported all is quiet, and currently there is no construction.

B. Planning

- Mrs. Dlugos informed the committee that they are applying for a new public transportation grant. Over the past several years they have implemented safety features which include the addition of fare boxes so that the drivers are no longer carrying cash
- The new bus shelter on Liberty Street is working very well.

C. NYSDOT

- Mr. Martin announced construction season is starting and there are a number of paving projects in the County:
 - SR 248, Greenwood
 - SR 415, Bath
 - I390 – I86, Wallace
 - SR 414, Corning City line to Hurd Hill
 - SR 415, Campbell – Savona

- I86 from Howard to I390
- SR 54, Bath
- Paving project for the City of Hornell
- They also will be working at all of the rest stops doing sidewalk work and ADA compliance work.
- Work will continue on various bridge projects.
- Goff Road and 352 – they have been working with Quik-Fill/Dandy Mart to look at one of their exits that leads to Route 352 and leads traffic across a yellow crosshatch area that is not safe. People are cutting through the parking lot if there is a backup on Goff Road.

D. Magistrate's Association

- Justice Rouse-Nicholson commented the Traffic Diversion Program is on hold, for at least a year, due to their association raising concerns.

Mr. Terwilliger stated the District Attorney is contacting the Attorney General's Office, as well as State Counsel to get a written determination on this. Depending on what they determine, next February the program will either start back up or be discontinued.

Justice Rouse-Nicholson stated when the Sheriff pulled out because of the County Attorney not agreeing with the interpretation of the program, the Magistrate's Association looked at this program and determined that people were not getting in-person training. There was a question as to who was actually taking the online course. We felt that part was taken away. Sometimes the online information is not up-to-date. With the Sheriff providing the training, if something is incorrect in the books, they can address it during the training.

Justice Rouse-Nicholson commented the other issue was ethical. It looked like if they could afford to pay, they could take the course, and if they could not pay, they could not participate. Additionally, the judges had noticed that some people had taken the course numerous times. Undersheriff McNelis commented that is an interesting point; if individuals are taking the course multiple times, there is no enforcement value to it.

E. Sheriff's Office

- Undersheriff McNelis announced that they will be applying for the Police Traffic Services Grant, Child Passenger Safety Grant and Bike Safety Grant.

Chief Mullen asked that the police departments email the grants they are applying for, and the amounts, to him and Mrs. Chapman no later than April 20, 2017. Mrs. Chapman will then send out a summary email on April 21, 2017 for the committee to approve. Once we do that, then he will be able to electronically submit those grants.

- Undersheriff McNelis stated that they are looking at doing multi-agency checkpoints in Bath, Hornell and Corning. We are going to team up with the Chambers of Commerce and Hornell Partners for Growth. If an individual's vehicle is in compliance, they will receive a complimentary coupon or something similar highlighting area businesses. If they are not in compliance, they will receive a ticket.

Chief Mullen stated that the Bath Chamber of Commerce is interested in doing this. Undersheriff McNelis stated that he is still waiting for a response from Hornell.

F. NYSP

- Sgt. Feeley informed the committee that they are continuing with their traffic safety program. Our grant year runs from October through September.
- He noted there has been a change in supervision of the Traffic Incident Management Detail. The new supervisor is Sgt. Jim Wilkinson who is out of Canandaigua.

G. Governor's Traffic Safety Committee

- Ms. Kozakiewicz announced submission deadline for grants is May 1, 2017.
- She stated that she would like to come and train agencies on how to apply for the PTS (Police Traffic Safety) grant. The intent is to make the grant process easier and your submission should be able to be done in five sentences or less. You are rated on a score, and if you do not meet certain criteria, you lose points. This information could also cross over to your CPS and HS1 grants

She stated that she could provide a training to Steuben, Allegany, Schuyler, Yates and Livingston on April 17th from 1pm – 3pm. This training is appropriate for law enforcement or anyone who will be a grantee. Mr. Forenz confirmed the training could be held on April 17th at the Civil Defense Fire Training Center.

Justice Rouse-Nicholson suggested contacting the Addison, Canisteo, Painted Post and Wayland police departments.

Undersheriff McNelis asked could the HS1 go off to cover SRO's? Ms. Kozakiewicz replied it could. If you do not have funding from the Superintendents, then it may be a good opportunity to get half of that funding. However, they can only use that funding to do traffic safety outreach education. This training will give you best practices and discuss how much funding is available.

- There is a tremendous amount of funding available for pedestrian and bicycle safety. There are 20 localities within 10 counties that have been targeted as high-risk. She assumes that many will not apply, so there may be extra money available.
- ESLETS (Empire State Law Enforcement Traffic Safety) symposium will be held in Albany April 6th -7th.
- Fall Symposium will be held in Niagara Falls October 15th – 18th.
- ARIDE and DRE trainings are still available. Those individuals that are ARIDE certified, are the ones that you want to take for DRE. Applications for DRE training in July are due April 3rd.

MOTION: TO ADJOURN MADE BY UNDERSHERIFF McNELIS, SECONDED BY MR. TERWILLIGER AND DULY CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted by

Amanda L. Chapman
Deputy Clerk
Steuben County Legislature