



Vermont Highway Safety Alliance

Meeting Notes



Enforcement FG

April 13, 2014 meeting

In Attendance:

Tom Fields, Lt. Garry Scott, ??, John Filipek, Lt. Bret Meyer, Amy Gamble, Pat McManamon, Ted Minall, Marcos Miller, Susan Clark, Robert T. White

SHSP Action Items: Mike Welsh, Orange County--to work with Brett on the parent nights, this has not yet begun.

Border to Border: Working with adjoining states on Highway Safety, raise awareness, one of the Action items; considering doing an event on the Ferry on Lake Champlain. Kick off the event at the state line on the Lake, would like to have the media there.

Vermont Sports Alliance will hopefully make the connection with Vermont Voltage around their new initiative to create an indoor soccer facility

DRE class wrapped up about 1.5 months ago; students from RI, MA, and VT; will put 3 more on the force. Question is what optimal number is. Lt Scott is reviewed the training

Super Bowl Sunday was the first, St. Patrick's Day, Burlington Mardi Gras, for DUI arrests.

Need a member of the Enforcement FG to represent on the Distracted Driving Task Force.

Robert T. White showed the map of the locations of the variable message boards; there is a request for one on 149 due to the connection to NY area with higher populations; the message can be varied during Click It or Ticket, for example: "Buckle Up Pawlet" .

Lt Scott—Percentage of Older Drivers to increase by 80% in the next 20 years. There is no procedure at the moment in handling older drivers during roadside stops. Even when the person obviously shouldn't be driving; there will be a 2 hour class at the Academy (is already in place). on how to handle these traffic stops. They can submit request for re-examination. Lt. Scott is working with Pat. DMV gets the notice for re-exam and processes it; may require medical review, may need to take exam. There are a series of re-exam possibilities; rarely require a psychological test even tho it is often checked by the officer, probably mean dementia which would be dementia. There are a lot of holes in the process; problem becoming more prevalent; working with AAA and AARP and they are checking the procedure; DM has a partnership with DOH, they sent out letter to the physicians to encourage them to request license taken away. Looking for funding to bring the train the trainer training to Vermont. The re-test is basically the driver's test.

**ask Garry who the woman is that he is working with

Legislation:

DMV misc is in Senate: autocycle has gone through; changes the definition of the motorcycle; autocycle is three years that has car controls; has to have seat belts and possible a roll cage; if; helmets did not go through; non drivers can go up to 4 years; hand helds; driver priveledge card; motorcycle sticker location change and now specifies the display location; registration and insurance can now be shown electronically to the officer; IE required to take data on race, gender, age, and something else; if someone is convicted of DUi and goes through the Dul court it is deemed they have gone through the edulcation requirememt-; status of eliminating the right to trail by jury; now accept permint from other states; Dul language is on life support; act to allow municipalities to set speed limits w/o a traffic study;--not gone anywhere; giving people chance to drive to work so they can earn the \$\$ to pay the fines; safety belts on school buses is still in committee;

Introduce Marcos who will take over for Amy Gamble. Amy moving to traffic managment in VTrans Operations; Marcos will take over Amy's commitment to assist with municipalities with ordinances, signs.

Marcos described his responsibilities: reviews signs, traffic committee requests, involved with towns and their requests on traffic control devices; crosswalks; regulatory signs-has a lot of experience; Rt 4

OP802: hoping to do enhanced Click It or Ticket campaign in the NEK; will meet to strategie; beginning of the month with education; will meet with the reps from the FG with a roughed out plan on how they will deal with it; will end the month with big enforcement part; big media push; frustration--not getting a lot of response from the Sheriffs and local PDs; understandably they have limited staff; we will do it from the State agencies; Hope to have the best performance yet because of the big media push; would like to set dates with VSP; be respectful of feelings of territorial-contraoal factor and the credit, Newport PD is onboard;

Hanging issues--Parent night is an area to work on; Tom to take trip to see Mike; Garry does Parent's nights and can add the dates to the efforts They have done about 15 so far; want to establish the protocal--could Garry give feedback on their experience; establishing the relationship with the new driver and the parent of the new driver. Garry'

**link from Garry to the new driver contract to put on the VSHA website

Problem with "book" that the officers are being trained from are being marked down

Work on ordinances--give Brett a date

Upcoming events:

Border to Border

Click It or Ticket task Force: 2 or 3 officers from each PD that are working on the TF and they move around the state with the TF; will be meeting this week.

Requests for reduced speed limits on 22A; heard comments about the lack of spots to pull people over; LE to consider where areas could be used for widened shoulders for pulling over--contact VTrans Put LE into the design process for the paving projects; ex. 62. This might be under review right now. This would be an opportunity for the Infrastructure and Enforcement FG to work together. Amy to look into 62.

Regional Safety Forum announcements

Robert T. White--bluetooth will go away in 2018, no more using a phone in the car. Will be DSRC.