



Vermont Highway Safety Alliance

VHSA-Enforcement Focus Group Meeting Notes

Date of Meeting April 21, 2015

Time: 10:00-12:00

Meeting Place: National Life Building, 5th Floor



The meeting began with a round of introductions including the introduction of the new Highway Safety Chief, Scott Davidson. The Chief took the floor to introduce himself to the Enforcement Focus Group with a brief history of his educational and law enforcement backgrounds.

Chief Davidson, LELs John Filipek and Tom Fields spoke about the move of the Governor's Highway Safety Office from the Department of Public Safety to the Agency of Transportation in Montpelier. There was the physical move of records, files and equipment along with the transition of all financial aspects involving DPS, AOT and NHTSA. Chief Davidson indicated that one of his first projects was to bring the HSO up to full staff so that the grant allocation process and all facets associated with the work accomplished at the office could work towards the goal of efficiency.

Mary Spicer gave a short presentation on the progress being made by the DATA Team and that of the TRCC. Mary also noted that one of her staff members, Sarah Kepcher, has left that office creating a void in crash analysis.

Tom Fields gave a presentation on the High Crash Location project better known as the Road Safety Audit process. One of the highest crash locations in the state have been identified and a team of people will be attempting to conduct audits at ten of these locations this year to offer suggestions on ways to improve the crash rates at these locations. AOT Engineer Mario Dupigny-Giroux will be heading up this project with help from members from our Enforcement Group, local law enforcement agencies, town/village/city personnel, Regional Planning Commission personnel, local VTRANS staff and others. The first audit is planned for U.S. Rt. 7 and Ferry Road in Charlotte and I89 Exit 17 at the junction of U.S. Rts. 2 and 7.

There was a presentation by VHSA Chairman Kevin Marshia regarding the prioritization of the Critical Emphasis Areas in the Strategic Highway Safety Plan. This presentation continued until the meeting was adjourned at 12:00.