



# Strategic Highway Safety Plan

## SHSP Focus Group Meeting-Enforcement Group



### Meeting Notes

Date of Meeting: December 15, 2014

Location: Davis Building Room D023, National Life, Montpelier

The meeting began at 10:00 A.M. with introductions around the room and a special welcome to Rejean Lafleche and Todd Law of VTRANS and Mark Belisle representing the Vermont Constables Association.

Present at the meeting were: Amy Gamble, VTRANS, Capt. Mike Welch, Orange County, Susan Clark, AOT, John Filipek GHSP, Mark Belisle, Constables Association, Pat McManamon, DMV, Lt. Garry Scott, VSP, Todd Law, VTRANS, Rejean Laflecke, VTRANS, Lt. Bret Meyer, Washington County Sheriff's Department and Tom Fields, GHSP.

Tom Fields began the discussion with some information about the move of the Governor's Highway Safety office to the Agency of Transportation. Liaison John Filipek has attended several transition meetings so he was able to provide the latest information on this initiative. The proposed transition is set to occur on January 11<sup>th</sup>.

Tom gave a report on the recent Thanksgiving Click it or Ticket campaign and the current Christmas/Holiday DUI campaign. Results:

- Vtrans MOB(Maintenance and Operations Bureau) to help with the messaging
- DUI Campaign from Dec. 10th to Jan 1<sup>st</sup>. Message is "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" or "Drive Hammered, Get Nailed" for variable message boards
- Tom gave stats on the last Click It or Ticket campaign

#### Next Item Fines/Fees Card

Reviewed the card to determine what needs to be added and what can be removed for new printing. The suggestions were for the addition of the cell phone law, texting law, smoking in vehicle in presence of children law and no idling offense. Display of plates can be removed for the space needed on the slip. Lt. Meyer agreed to make the corrections.

Review of CEA's: Susan Clark gave our new members an introductory message about the Vermont Highway Safety Alliance and how the Critical Emphasis Areas were determined. Updates and revisions of our CEA's were as follows:

#### Action items

1A.3.6 Brett has been working with Plainfield and Cabot. They are working on the signs but are looking for input from LE.

1B.2.3 Need to choose the five crash intersections in different areas of the state for enhanced enforcement to reduce crashes. See below.

2A.3.3 Working with schools on Parent's Nights; Mike is new to this; Garry has a funding for officers to attend Parent's Night through the education grant. Orange County does go to schools. Mike will take this on as Champion.

Worked through the remainder of the Enforcement Action Items

#### Seatbelt Convincer:

NY State Police has one purchased for them by State Farm Insurance and it is housed at Troop G Headquarters in Latham New York. Tom would like to go over to NY to see their convincer and will contact them for best time. Send Tom an email if interested in going.

Pat McManamon mentioned that NTSB (?), (maybe NHTSA) is looking for an update on BAC reporting. Lt. Scott mentioned that VTRANS Highway Research and VSP works on tracking the data if there is a criminal charge. The preliminary breath testing (PBT's) devices have been updated for Vermont L-E agencies. The new Intoximeters FST unit has the capability of capturing a passive breath sample.

The subject of intersection crashes came up as this is one of our CEA's that needs attention. The data received by Tom is too cumbersome to work with. Later Lt. Scott emailed Tom with a better source for the information and this will be used to determine five dangerous intersections in five different areas of the state for further study.

In other CEA updates CEA 2A.3.3 Working with schools on Parent's Nights; Mike is new to this; Garry has a funding for officers to attend Parent's Night through the education grant. Orange County has a grant also and does go to schools. Mike will take this on as Champion. Garry will be sharing information with Mike regarding how VSP started this program.

The meeting was concluded at 12:00 PM.