



Strategic Highway Safety Plan

SHSP Focus Group Meeting-Enforcement Group



Meeting Notes

Date of Meeting: June 26, 2012

Location: Montpelier Police Department

The meeting began at 3:00 P.M. with a roll call and round of introductions.

Present at the meeting were: Amy Gamble, VTRANS, Sgt. Ray LeBlanc, VSP Middlesex, Lt. Bret Meyer, Washington County Sheriff's Department and Tom Fields, GHSP. Robert White, Lt. Dave Eggum and Officer David Katajian were unable to attend.

Tom Fields began the discussion with an overview of the SHSP and the newly formed Vermont Safety Alliance. Handouts were presented that described the Alliance and the Critical Emphasis Areas identified by the SHSP. Also provided was a Safety Alliance flow chart and a description of the various participants listed on the chart. Each Focus group was described and Amy Gamble was helpful in providing a great deal of information on the Focus groups and the entire SHSP process.

There was a group discussion on the history of the CEA's and how the Focus groups evolved over the years. The Regional Safety Forums were used as an example of an initiative taken on by the Infrastructure Focus group. There was discussion by the group about the use of the seatbelt Convincer and Rollover vehicle as an initiative that the Enforcement group may consider.

Tom Fields mentioned that the four NHTSA enforcement periods during the year is an example of a project born out of the initial SHSP concepts, especially the Task Force campaigns. Fields also described the upcoming Sixty-two Days of Summer Heat project as an enforcement project to slow traffic as our data shows us that most crashes are a result of excessive speed. The project will place officers in teams working high visibility enforcement details with speed monitoring devices in high crash locations.

Lt. Meyer and others described the frustration generated in Work Zones where motorists are driving too fast and are simultaneously distracted with cell phones, etc.

Recent fatal crash data was shared with the group resulting in further discussion about enforcement campaigns and the part that the Enforcement Group can play in the Vermont Safety Alliance.

The meeting was concluded at 4:05 P.M.