

Meeting Notes



Board Meeting June 1, 2016

AOT – National Life, 5th Floor Board Room
8:30 AM to 10:30 AM

Lead: Glen Button

Note Taker: Susan Clark

Also in attendance: Bruce Nyquist, Chrissy Keating, Ture Nelson, David Sawyer, Sheriff Bill Bohnyak, Jake Elovirta, Mary Eversole, Dave Peters, Roger Thompson, Bill Mitchell, Lt. John Flannigan, Lori Demingware, Nancy Andrus, Tom Sawyer, James Lockridge, Mario Dupigny-Giroux, Mitchell Jay, Mandy White, Karen Sentoff, Dan Goodman, Ken Millman, Matthew Hake, Tanya Wells, Steph Busch, Emily Boedecker, Chris Bell, Kevin Marshia; Scott Davidson.

By Phone: Angie Byrne, Dan Deville, Barbara Brody

Glen:

- Lt Flannigan and Glen were guests on the “Judge Ben Show” which is hosted by Judge Ben Joseph on CCTV Channel 17: <https://www.cctv.org/watch-tv/programs/highway-safety-planning>. Great job, men. For those interested in the VHSA expressly, stayed tuned around the 6-minute mark.
- Attended the Maine Impaired Driving Summit which was very good. New information and diverse audience. Web link provided for checking medications and their effect on driving ability. <http://seniordriving.aaa.com/medical-conditions-medications/RoadWise-RX>
- To date in 2016, there have been 28 fatalities (number has already increased to 30) from DUI, speed, and no OP. Lt. Flannigan to appear on WCAX “The 30”.

Jake:

- Will distribute the Law Enforcement bulletin to be shared with the VHSA Board as a summary of the legislative session. Please look for this in a future email.
- H571: Drivers Licenses suspension; if prior to 1990 and no other, suspensions will be removed. 1990-2012 DMV is working with Judiciary on reducing suspensions; Post 2012 State will be working to educate the public on a payment plan to get license reinstated; suspensions moving forward are specific to safety violations involving points—speeding, stop sign violations, following too closely, e.g.
- In past, Driving with License Suspended (DLS) became criminal at 6 events and now is a floating period similar to point assignment; When someone receives 3 in a 2-year period, it becomes criminal.
- DMV Misc. Bill: Requirement for Ignition Interlock System on 2nd DUI. Signage on state properties for no idling; set standards for motorized bicycles, don't have to be registered or licensed.
- Smuggler's Notch Fine-yearly there are 2-10 trucks stuck in the notch. Trucks found to go past the warning sign will be fined \$1,000. Trucks in the corridor blocking traffic will be fined \$2,000; with second offense the fines are doubled; notification has gone out to national publications.
- S155: Privacy Bill that addressed license plate readers.

Emily:

Beneficial outcome of the session was the conversation with Vtrans and GHSP; would like to continue discussion with LE and Trucking around making the road safer for all road users.

Lt. Flannigan:

Vermont is #7 in country with DRE evaluations. Lost 4 members 2015-2016 but have added 11 new DREs. Up to 42 total. See *Annual Report 2015 Vermont Drug Evaluation and Classification Program*, attached.

Dan:

Maine Impaired Driving Summit; Speakers included JoAnne Thomka, National Assoc of Attorneys General, and Jake Nelson, AAA; approximately 190 attendees; diverse attendance; about 50 attorneys; Judges, State Police; Driver Instructors;

Second program will be held on July 13th in Bangor. **See attached notice.

Barbara:

Spring conference tomorrow, June 2nd, at VTC; Will have the survey results on at risk youth survey; Please refer to attached VDTSEA Agenda for details; There will be a summer summit and, fall conference on Oct 27 and 28th.

Dan:

Cannabis study: AAA Foundation released study which used data from the State of Washington; Cannabis related fatalities doubled, no science showed impairment, it's truly different for every person. Need to concentrate on more DREs and ARIDE program. For the full report:

<https://www.aaafoundation.org/sites/default/files/PrevalenceOfMarijuanaInvolvementFS.pdf>

Bruce: SHSP

Consultant, VHB, contracted for the plan; they have our data now and hope to present a report to us the last week of June; Optional dates: 27, 29 or 30. Susan to use Doodle Poll. Board needs to discuss/vote on the CEAS;

HSP in draft form due to NHTSA by July 1st.

Sue's Report:

- Annual Meeting: October 26th; Mt. Snow Resort
 - Theme: The Power of Partnerships
 - Business Mtg: 8:15 – 8:45am
 - Keynote: Dr. Gary Margolis
- Marketing Group
 - Developed a calendar for the campaigns throughout year.
 - Next meeting will be to determine how to work together on the campaigns
 - Putting mailing together for DMV Registration mailing
- Non-Profit Status: Waiting on IRS determination on non-profit status

Federal Update: Ture

Strike Force Event: following up with the drivers that were identified with drugs; 67 in Vermont, 150 in Quebec; followed up companies to be sure they had dealt with drivers, checking on whether the drivers were in treatment; Did see the drivers staying with the companies and not getting treatment;

Operation Patriot: Border inspections: 4 buses placed out of service for mechanical and one for possession of alcohol

Next week: Road Check: WRJ, Sharon, and Randolph

Roger:

Participated in the HSIP review; reiterated that they were impressed with the VHSA and listed the model as a noteworthy practice.

Angie:

Art Kingsman is the new Regional Administrator; comes from AAA; Rachel Barker will be coming onboard as an intern; they are looking forward to seeing the draft of the HSP; Dan Demille will be the new NHTSA point of contact and Angie will be working with Rhode Island.

David Sawyer:

David is a Life Scout working on his Eagle Scout project. As a novice driver learning on a stick shift, it was difficult and other drivers were very impatient. He purchased and used a yellow student driver magnet and after that drivers were very patient and considerate.

\$1750 received from independent insurance companies as a result of effort made by Mary Eversole and still hoping to bring in \$912

Challenges now are finding ways to communicate with Driver Educators and passing on the magnets to student drivers. David handed out magnets to VHSA attendees to pass onto student drivers.

Nancy Andrus:

Today's Driver Education classes-- What is happening in class these days?

- Nancy talked about and demonstrated the topics and learning activities that Driver Educators are using in the classroom.
- Summer Summit for Driver Educators to be held July 28th at St. Michael's College; will be based on the "Deadly D's": Distractions, Drowsy, Drugs

Next meeting is scheduled for August 3, 2016.

Please remember if you are not able to attend, send an alternate.