

VHSA Meeting Agenda - Draft

VHSA Board Meeting

October 2, 2019 Wednesday 9:00 – 11:00 am
Dill BLDG Unit A, 2178 Airport Road
Berlin, VT

Present: William Bohnyak, Ann Gammell, Bill Mitchell, Karen Yacos, Roger Thompson, Bruce Nyquist, Bill Jenkins, Abby Beerman, Tanya Wells, Lt. Tara Thomas, Sgt. Jay Rikken, Mandy White, Ture Nelson, Col. Jake Elovirta, Pat Murray, Evelyn McFarlane, Aimee Ziter, Ted Minall, Lt. Al Fortin, Jim Lockridge

Phoned in: Chris Conway, Secretary Barb Brody

Notes: Evelyn McFarlane

Welcome/Chair Updates William Bohnyak 9:00

Vote to approve the August Meeting notes

Motion to Accept: Bill Mitchell

Second: Jake Elovirta

Vote: Unanimous Yes. Minutes accepted

Partner Updates: VHSA Board Members 9:05

New Hampshire Traffic Safety Conference: Dan Goodman

Dan not able to call in. Evelyn will circulate information about the conference with distribution of the meeting minutes. Link to registration site below.

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2019-nh-office-of-highway-safety-conference-tickets-73024439063?aff=utm_source%3Demail%26utm_medium%3Demail%26utm_campaign%3Dnew_event_email&utm_term=eventurl_text

UVM Txt U L8R Event: Abby Beerman, Injury Prevention Coordinator, UVM

Abby discussed the upcoming Txt U L8r event at UVM.

The event for distracted driving awareness and prevention includes a simulator for students, as well as presentation from victims of distracted driving as advocates for the cause.

The Board is asked to help push out the Txt U L8r flyer and information to driver's educations, school contacts, students, parents, advocates and resources. Flyer attached. Link to site below.

TxT U L8R, Wednesday November 6th at UVM Sullivan Classroom (and see attached flyer)

<https://www.uvmhealth.org/medcenter/Pages/Wellness-Resources/Safety-Programs/Texting-and-Driving-Program.aspx>

VDTSEA Annual Fall Conference: Barb Brody, Driver Educator

Barb discussed the VDTSEA Fall conference and invited members and colleagues to attend and/or table. The VHSA has registered for a table. Lt. Geno and Fortin will be representing the VHSA. The agenda and registration forms are attached and for more information, links to the site below.

VDTSEA Fall Conference 2019, Friday October 25, 2019 in Rutland, Vermont (and see attached flyer)

<https://vermonthighwaysafety.org/vermont-driving-teacher-safety-educators/>

EMS Annual Conference: Tanya Wells, Injury Prevention Chief Vermont DOH

Tanya discussed the upcoming EMS conference at the end of the month. The Board is asked to help distribute information about the conference to colleagues and partner organizations. Link to the website for more information is below.

Vermont Healthcare and EMS Preparedness Conference, October 31 - November 3

<https://www.vtemsconference.com/>

SHSO Northeast Transportation Safety Conference: Evelyn McFarlane & Bruce Nyquist

Evelyn: Update on the registration numbers for the conference, and the inclusion of a “mixer” on the first evening (Monday) for vendors and attendees. The agenda has many workshops and presentations for each of the E’s. Links to Behavioral Safety Unit Website with conference details below. The SHSO is asking the “safety partners” to please continue to recruit for the conference. The deadline has been extended.

SHSO Northeast Transportation Safety Conference, Burlington Vermont, October 28 – 29, 2019

<https://ghsp.vermont.gov/content/events>

<https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/4101268>

Behavioral Unit Update: None

Task Force Update: Bruce Nyquist

The Data Integration project is resurrected and meeting this week. The overall goal of this project is to work with ADS to develop an IT platform that can take various databases and analyze them with respect to one another. The short term goal is to put together a list of all databases that are pertinent to the questions/challenges of impaired driving. Once data sources are compiled the goal is to integrate the data to better answer the challenges in the areas of : Enforcement , EMS, education and training.

Enforcement Update: Bill Jenkins

Vermont will be participating in a Thanksgiving Enforcement Campaign (not a required NHTSA campaign). It is typically a CIOT effort, but, yields many impaired arrests as well. The December holiday campaign will begin on Dec 13th and go through Jan 1st.

There is a speed management course that will be offered by TSI at the VTTC in Berlin, VT in March. It is a highly recommended course for anyone in the four E's with regards to solutions and information on speed and preventing/mitigating crashes.

Tara gave an update on the AAA Slow Down Move Over PSA. They did a re-shoot and the PSA should be released soon.

Jake discussed the crash(es) in Colchester. Drowsy driving may have been a factor in one of the crashes.

Jake: Wheels for Warmth 2019 dates are for October 24, 25 and 26. There will be information on this event on the Associated General Contractors Facebook Page.

Jake: Nancy Andrus retired and there is an active search for a replacement. The position is being re-posted. Please help recruit qualified candidates for this position.

Federal updates: Roger Thompson

Roger thanked the group (highway safety office & Vermont State Police) for help with the move to performance-based measures & thanked VSP for Incident Management Training. Vermont is a nationwide leader in this arena.

NHTSA Updates: Ted Minall

Ted reported that Massachusetts failed to pass a hands-free driving bill. Maine's hands-free ban has recently gone into effect, making Massachusetts the only New England state without such a law.

Fatalities are down nationwide by approximately One percent. See attached NHTSA Data report below. Vermont's historical low was in 2014 with 44 fatalities.

Ted stressed the speed workshop as a great opportunity that people should take advantage of. Dates considered are for July 2020, around the 4th of July and will include northeastern states. Bruce suggested that town boards and select boards be invited to participate. More information to be distributed at a later date.

[NHTSA - Early Estimate of Motor Vehicle Traffic Fatalities in 2018](https://crashstats.nhtsa.dot.gov/Api/Public/ViewPublication/812749)

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Local Motion Updates: Karen Yacos

Karen discussed a new successful project that Local Motion has rolled out for kids. A "Traffic Garden" for traffic safety is a portable project for bike and ped safety that can be used at events. Discussion of venues where it could be employed. Possible collaboration for summer fairs. See link below.

Local Motion Fall Newsletter 2019

https://www.localmotion.org/fall_newsletter_2019

VHSA Updates: Evelyn McFarlane

Evelyn reported out on the Champlain Valley Fair. It was well attended and the VHSA thanked all the partners who contributed.

The VHSA also attended the State Fair in Rutland, with Lt. Geno running the rollover. It is recommended to attend again next year, and to have more volunteers tabling in addition to the rollover.

The VHSA participated in a safety day at Heritage Toyota in South Burlington as a part of the airbag recall safety day they organized. The VHSA tabled with safety brochures for CPS seat info, distracted driving info, the monitor rolling safety trivia, and impaired driving information. Tanya suggested that DOH would be interested in more events such as this for child passenger safety and seat inspections if possible.

Work on the *Aftermath* (the crash trailer) has advanced. The Youth Safety Council has been working on the project with Ken Millman and Aaron Stein. The trailer needs a winter home. Space at DOH storage is limited. The DMV may be a lead for finding a space. Any help with finding an indoor space for the trailer welcomed. Karen Yacos volunteered to find a bicycle for the display.

Project Road Safe: Aimee Ziter "Safe Rides Save Lives: FCCLA PSA Contest"

Aimee presented a program sponsored by the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America. There are 5300 Chapters in the US. Vermont is not a member. The program of interest is the "Safe Rides Save Lives: FCCLA PSA Contest" It is focused on teen drivers and passengers. The mission of the contest is to "Create a video PSA that is 25 seconds" with a goal of "developing and sending teen-friendly messages to reduce teens speeding and to save lives." Aimee will gather more information on this program to share with the group for consideration. The project may be a nice addition to the PSA video contest for distracted driving.

Treasurer Report: Jake Elovirta

Current Bank Balance: \$43,612.24

Adjusted available balance: \$105.06

The VHSA projected budget for insurance and accounting costs for 2019/2020 is \$2,600. Donations are needed to cover these costs. The insurance (\$1,800) will be due at the end of December.

The Vermont DTSEA plans to donate \$200

Meeting Adjourned: 10:00AM