

SAFE PASSAGE TASK FORCE

Meeting Minutes

April 29, 2010

New Jersey State Police, Division Headquarters

I. CALL TO ORDER

- The meeting was called to order by Lieutenant Neil Brosnan, Assistant Bureau Chief, Operations Safety Bureau.

II. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

- Lt. Brosnan welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending.

III. ITEMS

- The meeting minutes from January 29, 2010 were accepted by Tony Parenti and Sgt. Gregory Williams.
- Sarah Weissman from the Rutgers Center for Advanced Infrastructure and Transportation announced the 6th Annual Safety Forum on October 20, 2010. The focus of this years event will be transportation psychology. For additional information visit: www.cait.rutgers.edu/tsrc/forum.
- William Margaretta, from the New Jersey State Safety Council, announced his concerns surrounding the New Jersey Motor Vehicle's proposal to eliminate the requirement for motor vehicle equipment inspections. This proposal was recently mentioned at an Assembly Budget Committee hearing in Trenton. Margaretta identified his concerns, that, without inspection regulation, there will be unsafe and super modified vehicles on our roads. Chief Parenti (Ret) made a motion that the Task Force draft a letter officially opposing the enactment of this proposed legislation. Motion was seconded by Mr Margaretta. Task force voted and voted against taking a stance without further information. William Beans made a motion for the group to research further and send a letter from the task force, conveying concerns on behalf of the Task Force. Sarah Weissman seconded the motion. Task Force voted and it was passed. Lt. Neil Brosnan stated he would draft the letter.
- LTC Juan Mattos announced his retirement after 35 years of service to the New Jersey State Police. He will continue to advocate on traffic safety issues.
- Lt. William Moore, NJSP Fatal Accident Investigation Unit, announce the fatal accident data as of 4/25/10. There were 160 fatalities to date. This number is down 15 fatalities from 4/25/09. Pedestrian fatalities were 47 verses 57 in 2009, and motor cycle fatality numbers were even with 2009 at 12.

VI. OPEN FORUM

- Lt. Brosnan referred to a newspaper article 4/27/10, about Philadelphia Police Department

to stop investigating motor vehicle accidents in which the vehicles damage is minimal and no one is injured. William Beans stated he is aware of the situation and addressing it in NJ. He discussed the importance of crash data for funding and safety identification.

- Lt. Brosnan recognized Subaru for their partnership with the task force and their commitment to safety.
- Lt. Brosnan announced the National Click it or Ticket campaign scheduled for May 24- June 6, 2010. He compiled a statistical analysis of past year data and developed an Operational Plan for this season's event.
- Lt. Brosnan discussed the "Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day" action plan. The annual event is scheduled for October 10th.
- Lt. Brosnan showed the Division of Highway Traffic Safety web site video on the Graduated Drivers License. The twelve minute video showed teen drivers violating GDL laws and being stopped by police officers.

VII. CLOSING REMARKS

- Lt. Brosnan thanked everyone for their attendance and participation and expressed his confidence in the task force.
- Task force members were notified of the date and location of the next meeting, which will be June 24, 2010 at 10am in the Log Cabin, Division Headquarters.