

**SAFE PASSAGE TASK FORCE**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**September 7, 2007**  
**Log Cabin, NJSP HQ.**

**I. INTRODUCTION:**

- A. Captain Warren Shakespeare**, Operations Safety Bureau Chief, opened the meeting and thanked everyone for coming. Captain Shakespeare stated that both the Governor and the Attorney General support the Automated System (Electronic Data Transfer), further informing that the Operations Safety Bureau met with the Attorney General's Office, Department of Transportation, Division of Highway Traffic Safety and the State Police Informational Technology Bureau to set up a plan.

**II. TOPICS DISCUSSED:**

- A. SFC Scott Wishart**, NJSP, OSB - Scott asked that everyone take a look at the website and email any suggestions, or additional information to him. SFC Wishart has recently been assigned as the Safe Corridor Program Coordinator. Scott explained that he will be working with all law enforcement agencies throughout the state to coordinate their participation in the designated Safe Corridor roadways. **Pat Ott**, NJDOT, interjected; the Safe Corridor Program has been operating for two years and has provided support and guidance for local municipalities to address identified, high incident areas.
- B. John Sparano** MVC, stated that several MV abstracts have been made available to Municipal Prosecutor's and that the project is moving along at an acceptable pace.
- C. Bill Beans**, NJDOT - Introduced **Mark Gulbinsky**, GIS Specialist, NJDOT, for his Ortho Mapping Tool Presentation. Mark detailed how Global Positioning Systems can assist in effective traffic enforcement. Bill Beans explained that Global mapping is good for 5 years and in the next couple of months this tool will be up and running. It should be on DVD by the end of the year.
- D. Lieutenant Robert Parlow** - Explained that he recently met with NJDOT Director of Operations Jim Hogan to discuss the utilization of Variable Message Signs. The discussion centered on implementing a #77 enforcement program. This program will be called "Report Aggressive Driving." The #77 - Report Aggressive Driving campaign scheduled is listed below:

**I-295 (MP 28-43) - Troops A & C - September 28, 2007 (Friday)**

**I-80 (MP 42-61) - Troop B - September 21, 2007 (Friday)**

**NJ Turnpike - Troop D - September 18, 2007 (Tuesday)**

## **Garden State Parkway - Troop E - September 25, 2007 (Tuesday)**

**Variable Message Boards in these areas will be displayed with the #77 - Report Aggressive Driving message.**

- E.** **Laura Tharney** of the New Jersey Law Revision Commission (NJLRC), discussed how the commission is currently working on several changes to Title 39, which will enhance motorist compliance to GDL laws. Laura asked for suggestions from the Task Force to help increase motorist compliance. This question generated active discussion centering on suspending a GDL violators license, as the consensus. **Sergeant Mike Brunson**, Branchburg PD (N.J.P.T.O.A.), stated that he would present a recommendation to issue summonses to the parents for children who violate the GDL law. Laura concluded by thanking the Task Force and leaving an email address for continued correspondence; LCT@NJLRC.ORG
- F.** **Rosemarie Anderson** - Manager, Office of Transportation Safety and Security Planning - Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission, outlined the collaborative structure and working of the DVRPC Safety Task Force. Rosemarie left contact information along with informing everyone that her presentation will be available on both, the DVRPC Website and on the Safe Passage website.
- G.** Captain Shakespeare informed everyone that the next Safe Passage Symposium will be conducted during the calendar year of 2008. He also asked for assistance in identifying programs and presenters, for the symposium, that have helped reduce motor vehicle incidents throughout New Jersey.

### **III. OPEN FORUM:**

Bill Beans commented on the legal realm (partnership) mentioned by Rosemarie Anderson during her presentation, and inquired about the Task Force's plan to include the Municipal Prosecutors. **Dr. Carl Valenziano**, HTSPAC, stated that having the judges involved would be very beneficial to the Task Force.

**Gerald Plante**, Subaru, asked about the "Last Drink Law" status. Lt. Parlow informed everyone that the law was just signed and operational. The new initiative provides ABC with the establishments utilized by individuals who have been arrested for DWI. Additional information about the program can be found in Attorney General Law Enforcement Directive No. 2007-2.

### **IV. Closing Remarks**

Gerald Plante of Subaru will be presenting at our next meeting.

The next Safe Passage Task Force meeting is scheduled for Friday, October 5, 2007 @ 10:00 AM and will be held at the Log Cabin, NJSP Division Headquarters.

