

SAFE PASSAGE TASK FORCE

Meeting Minutes

June 6, 2008 10:00am

Log Cabin, New Jersey State Police Division Headquarters

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Lt. Robert Parlow.

II. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

An attendance sheet was circulated.

III. ITEMS

- a) Year to date crash and fatality update was provided by Lt. Parlow. Year to date fatalities reflect a 19 % decrease (-52). See attached statistical sheet. The Lt. did note that fatalities among motorcyclist continued to be a concern. 2008 YTD motorcyclist fatalities were 22 crashes with 22 motorcycle drivers killed.
- b) Electronic data transfer for crash reports is continuing. Geo-locating and diagraming are current issues.
- c) Click it Or Ticket statistics were presented. The SP issued approximately 2300 seatbelt and child restraint summons during the period May 19 - June 1, 2008. Chief Coyle stressed the importance of utilizing night patrol to enforce seatbelt laws.
- d) The DVRPC will host a legislative symposium on June 25th, 2008 at Mercer County Community College.
- e) Pat Ott, NJDOT reminded everyone that applications for Red Light Running Enforcement are being accepted.
- f) There will be a Law Enforcement Challenge workshop at the Police Expo, Atlantic City in room 319 at 1:00pm.
- g) The Brain Injury Association will be hosting a media event at Central Regional High School on June 13th, 9:30am.
- h) Sarah Weissman with the Transportation Safety Resource Center, Rutgers will be hosting the annual Safety Forum on December 3rd.
- i) The Safe Passage Task Force Symposium will be held during the month of December.

- j) LTC Mattos stressed that the Task Force continue to be proactive, not reactive. His support is unwavering and supports the hard work of the Task Force as it strives to sustain reductions in fatalities.
- k) Bill Margaretta hoped for an expansion of efforts to educate the public about work zone safety. The possibility of working with the SP Construction Unit was responded to favorably by Lt. Brian Crain.
- l) Mr. Plante, Subaru discussed the effort Subaru has made in helping to combat DWI. The engineering department is studying technology to prevent drivers who have consumed an amount of alcohol that would cause impaired driving. Efforts are being combated by the beverage and restaurant industry.
- m) Miday Lazar, NJ MADD announced that a blue ribbon panel would be studying and proposing interlock technology solutions for convicted DWIs.
- n) In a continuing effort to initiate information exchange, attendees are offered the opportunity to highlight new and existing safety activities of their organization.

IV. **CLOSING REMARKS**

- a) The next Safe Passage Task Force meeting is scheduled for 10:00am on 9/5/08 at the Log Cabin, NJSP Division Headquarters.