**AMENDED MINUTES**

**PRESENT:**
- Chief Salvatore Trentanelli, Corning Police Department
- Chief David Rouse, Bath Police Department
- Gregory P. Heffner, Planning Director
- Kenneth E. Isaman, Risk Manager
- Pat Baroody, OFA/NY Connects
- Beverly Butts, Public Health Nursing
- Sgt. Mark Cleveland, New York State Police
- Noel Terwilliger, Chief Deputy, Sheriff’s Department
- Christopher Tunney
- Martin Butler, NYSDOT
- Justice Cathy Rouse-Nicholson, Magistrate’s Association

**OTHERS:**
- Craig Whitten, GTSC
- Rich Devlin, GTSC
- Robin Gaige, Steuben County Mobility Manager (Institute for Human Services)
- Linda Herrington, Risk Manager’s Office

I. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chief Trentanelli called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. As there were many new faces, he asked everyone to introduce themselves.

II. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION:** APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 11, 2009 MEETING MADE BY JUSTICE ROUSE-NICHOLSON. SECONDED BY SGT. CLEVELAND AND DULY CARRIED.

III. **NEXT MEETING**

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Traffic Safety Board will be Friday, June 25, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. in the South Conference Room.

A special meeting to approve grant applications will be held on Friday, April 30, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. in the South Conference Room.

IV. **DEPARTMENT/AGENCY/MEMBERSHIP REPORTS**

A. **Risk Manager**

- Ken Isaman introduced himself as the County’s Risk Manager. He explained they handle Workers’ Compensation for the County as well as for the towns, villages and volunteer fire departments. We are looking at accidents of all types and various safety issues.
- They are looking into setting up a Safety Committee that will look at all of the Workers’ Compensation claims and how to prevent them. We are seeing a lot of eye and back injury claims.
- Mr. Isaman stated that he is looking forward to serving on this committee.
B. NYS Department of Transportation
   • Martin Butler introduced himself and stated that he has only been in his position in Traffic, Safety and Mobility for one week.
   • Route 352 and Buffalo Street – the speed limit signs on the ramp from Route 15 – I86 have been reduced to 50 mph. We would like to study the effect of that and see how it is working.

C. Bath Police Department
   • Chief Rouse informed the group that he along with four of his officers will be attending the upcoming motorcycle training at Corning Community College.

D. District Attorney
   • Mr. Tunney informed the group that there will now be enhanced penalties for driving with children in the car while under the influence. Also they will be requiring a mandatory ignition interlock device on any misdemeanors and that will become effective this summer.

E. Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee
   • Mr. Devlin stated that the new regulations regarding mandatory ignition interlock devices goes into effective August 15, 2010. The New York State Department of Probation will be responsible for setting up the rules and regulations. This will be passed onto the County level. The County will be required to appoint a committee; members to be made up of a judge, STOP-DWI Coordinator, probation, law enforcement, etc.; and they will have to come up with a plan for how to monitor this. The individuals that are on the interlock device will be on conditional discharge. The program doesn’t need a probation officer to do the monitoring. In addition, you will need to determine what you will consider a failure and set the instrument at that level. In probation, the instruments are set at .025 because the violator is not allowed to drink at all.

In this case, the individuals will not be on probation and they will not be prohibited from consuming alcohol. There will need to be minimum requirements. Some states already have this program. This will be done on a county by county basis and you will need to submit your plan to the New York State Department of Probation for approval

Mr. Devlin stated they hope to be able to go across the state and hold informational meetings to explain what counties need to do to get this program up and running. There are concerns about who will pay for this. There will be a state contract for the four zones throughout the state. The individual being required to have the interlock device should not be required to travel more than 65 miles to get the instrument installed in their vehicle. There is a possibility that the State will look at having the vendors putting a certain percentage of their project into the State fund for the counties. The law states that an individual who is required to have the instrument installed, must have it installed in every vehicle they own or have access to.

Chief Deputy Terwilliger asked is the State going to start an indigent fund? Mr. Devlin replied that is currently up in the air. Sgt. Cleveland asked what are they doing in other states with regard to providing a sample or having someone else provide the sample? Mr. Devlin replied there are several statutes that state that anything an individual does to circumvent the system could result in them being arrested. The instruments also have a rolling blow which means the individual is required to blow periodically while they are driving in addition to when they initially start the vehicle.

Mrs. Ferratella asked what other states are using this system? Mr. Devlin replied New Mexico and Washington State are using it. There are 16 other states that are in various stages of using this system.

Mr. Devlin explained there are different types of units ranging from the very basic to those units that include GPS. When an individual is sentenced to having the device, their license will have a restriction on it. When you run a license, you will know if they have the interlock device instrument.
Chief Deputy Terwilliger asked will their registration contain that information as well? Mr. Devlin replied no.

A first offender will have five days to have the instrument installed on their vehicle and it will remain in place for a period of six months. The big fear is that the courts will just send those individuals to probation and let them do it.

- Craig Whitten stated that it is grant season and the 2011 grants are due May 15, 2010. Everything is being done through E-grants.
- Empire State Law Enforcement Training will be taking place in Syracuse May 4th – 5th 2010 and is free. Also, the Chief’s Expo is being held in Hamburg, NY on April 20, 2010 and is also free.

F. New York State Police
- Sgt. Cleveland commented that there is a need in the County for child safety seats. He compared our numbers with Livingston County and we had more crashes or tickets in Steuben County. He will be setting up an event over the summer and also would like to run one in conjunction with Public Health Nursing.

Chief Trentanelli commented if we run low on seats, Craig Whitten could help us out with that as well. When you are comparing tickets and crashes, is it for the entire county? Sgt. Cleveland replied yes. Chief Trentanelli stated that is very interesting because we have a lot of child safety seat programs up and running. Mr. Whitten commented perhaps you are having more people coming up from Pennsylvania.

Chief Deputy Terwilliger stated that they are looking at doing three checks with Public Health Nursing. Ms. Butts stated they will be holding checks in April and October and would be willing to do an additional one. Sgt. Cleveland stated that he could provide a technician for their events. Chief Deputy Terwilliger stated that we can try to make arrangements. He would like to do one joint one in Corning over the summer.

Chief Trentanelli stated that we run our program differently than the County. We do not require people to fill out an application and there is no fee. If we run them together, someone goes to one of my technicians and they just give us personal information. If they go to the County technician, then they have to fill out an application and pay a fee. That may be part of the problem; making people jump through hoops. Sgt. Cleveland commented that we don’t even need a name; we just keep track of the number installed. Chief Trentanelli stated we always get a name that way we can prove that we did the installation and showed them how to do it. We will do an event with the Sheriff. We have five technicians and also have a permanent fitting station. Sgt. Cleveland asked is that only for Corning residents? Chief Trentanelli replied no, we do installations for anyone.

G. Magistrate’s Association
- Justice Rouse-Nicholson informed the group that tickets are down.
- Justice Rouse-Nicholson stated that she took the online insurance reduction course sponsored by the National Safety Council and found it to be out-of-date.

H. NY Connects
- Ms. Baroody stated that as part of their mature driver program, they offer options counseling for concerned citizens and older drivers. This year we are partnering with AAA and the Allegany Western Steuben Rural Health Network to host a CarFit training for volunteers and professionals The training will be held on June 16, 2010 from 10:30 – 3 PM at the Hornell Police Dept. The actual CarFit event will be held on June 17, 2010 in City Lot 3 in Hornell from 9 – 12 with 20 minute appointments for people to be evaluated for CarFit. In the afternoon, there will be a CarFit event in Allegany County. Further information and reservations can be obtained by calling NY CONNECTS at 1-866-221-7324. If you know anyone who wants to be trained, please let us know ASAP. There is
no charge for this. We would like to have trained technicians throughout the county to sustain the program.

- The Senior Safety Showcase will be held in the morning on May 25, 2010 at the Bath Presbyterian Church. One of the featured speakers will be Kerry Donnelly of AAA, who will be doing the CarFit training. She will talk about “Keeping the Keys” and hopefully generate interest in CarFit.

- The Office for the Aging is administering an aging-in place grant for livable community planning. We will be doing a walkability study following the survey tool from AARP during the week of April 26, 2010. We will target five locations within the County. The premise is keeping people mobile longer and safely. A community that is suitable for wheelchairs is also suitable for bikes and strollers.

I. Public Health Nursing

- Ms. Butts introduced herself as the new Public Health Nurse Educator.
- She stated that she was recently trained as a technician to install child passenger safety seats, along with two individuals from Special Children’s Services.
- They have distributed over 20 car seats since January. The next car seat event will be held on April 3, 2010 at the Avoca Bus Garage.
- Ms. Butts commented that there is a need in Corning and Addison for child seats; perhaps that is an area that we could target with an event. Chief Trentanelli asked Ms. Butts to refer those clients to the permanent fitting station in Corning.
- Ms. Butts stated with regard to the issue about charging money for the seats, she inherited the program, but with the money we have collected, we were able to purchase $1,500 in car seats in December. We also had to purchase updated infant seats. Chief Trentanelli commented you may want to consider looking at your requirement for a fee. It is great that you can use that money for car seats, but it doesn’t look like the car seat program is going to be scaled back. We should be asking for an increase in our grant. The GTSC probably would fund the increase. We need to encourage people to use this program more. On the flip side, you would need to install more seats and I think you could if you use other resources such as the Corning Police Department, the Sheriff’s Department and the New York State Police. It might be time to review the grant.

Mr. Whitten commented that you have to be very careful about the collection of money as it is a separate fund specifically for car seats. This program has plenty of money and there is no logical need to collect money. In a county of this size and population, you will get anything you need. Discussion followed.

J. Sheriff’s Department

- Chief Deputy Terwilliger stated that two of their deputies will be participating in the car seat event on April 3, 2010 at the Avoca Bus Garage.

K. Legislature

- Mrs. Ferratella commented that as a Legislator, she is very interested in this unfunded mandate the State is passing down regarding the ignition interlock devices.
- With regard to the intersection of Route 352 and Buffalo Street in the Town of Corning and Village of Riverside, she would encourage doing anything that would help make this safer. She is still concerned about the speed limit. The Town of Corning had asked for it to be reduced and it did go down 5 mph. Again, anything you could do with regard to this is helpful.

L. Steuben County Mobility Manager

- Robin Gaige introduced herself as the new Steuben County Mobility Manager. She stated that she works under the Institute for Human Services. They will be receiving a grant funded initiative over the next two years that will give us approximately $360,000 to expand public, private and volunteer
transportation to target the low-income, unemployed, disabled and senior populations. Our goal is to expand transportation routes to the more rural areas of the County. Currently the County has Faith-In-Action and Project Care that provide volunteers to pick up people and take them where they need to go and we would like to expand that network. Ms. Gaige stated that she appreciated the committee letting her come to this meeting.

M. Planning Department

- Mr. Heffner commented that there have been issues regarding the intersection at the County Office Building. We did send a memo to all employees encouraging them to cross in the crosswalk and not in the middle of the block. One of the problems he sees is that people assume that the cars will stop and they just start taking off across the street.
- One problem at the intersection was the bus stop and it was very hard to see. We put up another bus stop at the Dana Lyon School and that is where the buses can now sit, etc. All they are doing at the stop at the County Office Building is dropping and going. Mr. Heffner stated that he doesn’t feel that the buses are a problem anymore. Now the problem is that people are just crossing when and where they shouldn’t. There are a lot of drivers who do stop out here to let people cross. We are doing what we can.

Ms. Butts stated in the past there was sign that was put out in the crosswalk, but then there was the problem of who would put the sign out, etc. The sign is a good reminder. Chief Rouse commented when you put something out in the pavement and it is struck by a vehicle, it becomes an instant liability. Putting the sign out there simply did not work. The pavement markings are very important and that does need to be addressed. He stated that he had wanted to see what type of effect moving the buses would have. Now, it becomes an enforcement question. A four-way stop could be put up. Also, we could start writing more tickets and work with the Sheriff’s Department and the New York State Police. We have in good faith, tried to move forward and correct this problem.

Ms. Baroody asked if there would be any benefit in doing a PSA as there seems to be some misinformation about what the laws are. Mr. Isaman asked what is the hold-up with putting up a four-way stop? Chief Trentanelli stated you are not supposed to stop traffic if there is no need to. You would have to do a study to determine if there was a need. You would have to have justification for doing it.

Mr. Isaman asked who would do that study? Mr. Butler replied the New York State Department of Transportation could do that study, but we would need to have a formal request. Chief Rouse stated that he will send a letter formally requesting that a study be conducted. Mr. Butler stated that he will follow up on this. Chief Trentanelli commented it is not a bad idea to do a PSA. Chief Rouse stated that he will work with Ms. Baroody on doing a PSA.

N. Corning Police Department

- Chief Trentanelli stated that the motorcycle enforcement training is being held next week at Corning Community College. There are 32 people registered to attend and the New York State Police will be conducting the training.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Grants – Chief Trentanelli stated that grant applications must be signed and approved prior to May 15, 2010. He scheduled a special meeting for that purpose for Friday, April 30, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. in the South Conference Room.
B. Traffic Study

MOTION: AUTHORIZING CHIEF TRENTANELLI, AS CHAIRMAN OF THE TRAFFIC SAFETY BOARD, TO SEND A LETTER TO THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SUPPORTING THE REQUEST BY THE VILLAGE OF BATH FOR A TRAFFIC SAFETY STUDY TO DETERMINE IF A FOUR-WAY STOP IS WARRANTED AT THE INTERSECTION OF EAST MORRIS STREET AND WILSON AVENUE FOR THE ENHANCEMENT OF PEDESTRIAN SAFETY MADE BY CHIEF ROUSE. SECONDED BY MR. HEFFNER AND DULY CARRIED.

MOTION: TO ADJOURN MADE BY MR. ISAMAN. SECONDED BY SGT. CLEVELAND AND DULY CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Amanda L. Chapman
Senior Stenographer
Steuben County Legislature
TRAFFIC SAFETY BOARD
Special Meeting
Friday, April 30, 2010
10:00 a.m.
South Conference Room
Steuben County Office Building
Bath, NY 14810

**MINUTES**

PRESENT:  Chief Salvatore Trentanelli, Corning Police Department
         Chief David Rouse, Bath Police Department
         Chief Ted Murray, Hornell Police Department
         Noel Terwilliger, Chief Deputy, Sheriff’s Department
         Sgt. Greg Reep, New York State Police
         Justice Rouse-Nicholson, Magistrate’s Association
         Sam Hadley, Public Works Department
         Ken Isaman, Risk Manager
         Gregory P. Heffner, Planning Director
         Dan C. Farrand, Legislator, District 10

I.    CALL TO ORDER

      Chief Trentanelli called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

II.   GENERAL BUSINESS

A.    Grants – Chief Trentanelli stated the purpose of today’s meeting is to discuss and approv grant
      submissions.  The following departments have submitted applications for grant funding:

      **Sheriff's Department**
      CPS - $10,250.00
      Bicycle Rodeo - $3,790.00 – Helmet Distribution

      Chief Deputy Terwilliger commented that we partner with Public Health Nursing to do this grant.  In
      the past, Public Health Nursing has charged $15.00 for the seats and that money is put into an
      account and used to purchase additional seats.  At the last meeting we had discussed possibly elimi-
      nating that fee and in lieu of that, we would ask for additional grant funding and in fact, that is
      what we did.  They will still need to fill out a verification form, but will no longer pay the fee.  Dis-
      cussion followed.

      **Hornell Police Department**
      Wheeled Sports Safety - $1,580.00 – Helmet Distribution
      CPS - $9,000.00
      BUNY Click It or Ticket - $3,384.00
      STEP - $7,200.00

      **Addison Police Department**
      BUNY Click It or Ticket - $3,116.00
      STEP - $3,876.00

      **Corning Police Department**
      BUNY Click It or Ticket - $15,170.00
      STEP - $8,815.00
      Motorcycle Safety - $7,000.00
      CPS - $8,900.00
MOTION: AUTHORIZING CHIEF TRENTANELLI, AS CHAIRMAN OF THE STEUBEN COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY BOARD, TO SIGN THE GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR THE FOLLOWING DEPARTMENTS: SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT FOR CPS ($10,250.00) AND BICYCLE RODEO ($3,790.00); HORNELL POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR WHEELED SPORTS SAFETY ($1,580.00), CPS ($9,000.00) BUNY CLICK IT OR TICKET ($3,384.00) AND STEP ($7,200.00); ADDISON POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR BUNY CLICK IT OR TICKET ($3,116.00) AND STEP ($3,876.00) AND CORNING POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR BUNY CLICK IT OR TICKET ($15,170.00), STEP ($8,815.00), MOTORCYCLE SAFETY ($7,000.00) AND CPS ($8,900.00) MADE BY MR. FARRAND. SECONDED BY CHIEF DEPUTY TERWILLIGER AND DULY CARRIED.

III. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Work Zone Safety – Justice Rouse-Nicholson commented that the New York State Police and the New York State Department of Transportation work with the Justices with regard to various issues and one issue that they would like to look at is work zone safety and she would like to also include the County and the towns. Chief Trentanelli stated we will discuss this at the June meeting, but perhaps we could look at something that we could include with the New Driver Packets and also PSA’s.

B. Traffic Study at East Morris Street and Wilson Avenue – Chief Rouse informed the committee that he received a response back from the New York State Department of Transportation and he presented that to the Village Board. He did ask them to not take any action at this point until he has an opportunity to discuss this with the Village Highway Superintendent. The State is not recommending a four-way stop. They do, however, recommend pavement markings and pedestrian signs being erected on the side of the road as well as parking restriction on both sides of the approach. They did say in their response that the Village could put up a four-way stop if they wanted to. This will be discussed further at the June meeting.

C. Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee – Chief Trentanelli commented that our representative, Craig Whitten has been to quite a few of our meetings and has commented that we have a very active board that really seems to care. Chief Trentanelli stated that he also sits on the State Traffic Safety Board and represents Zone 2 and they would like him to start attending some of the Traffic Safety Board meetings in Zone 2 and try to get them to be more involved. We are accomplishing quite a bit and it is nice to have the involvement of the County, the two cities, as well as all of the other participants.

IV. NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Traffic Safety Board will be Friday, June 25, 2010 at 10:00 am in the south Conference Room.

MOTION: TO ADJOURN MADE BY MR. HEFFNER. SECONDED BY MR. ISAMAN AND DULY CARRIED.
I. CALL TO ORDER

Chief Trentanelli called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 26, 2010 AND APRIL 30, 2010 MEETINGS MADE BY JUSTICE ROUSE-NICHOLSON. SECONDED BY CHIEF DEPUTY TERWILLIGER AND DULY CARRIED.

III. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Traffic Safety Board will be held on Friday, September 24, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. in the South Conference Room.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

1. NYS DOT – Safety Study Intersection of CR 70A and CR 27, Town of Howard – Chief Trentanelli stated that DOT has indicated that a four-way stop is not warranted. They go on to say that while the inclusion of a four-way stop would be at the discretion of the Village and would improve pedestrian safety, they instead offered three less restrictive measures: the first, putting up fluorescent yellow-green pedestrian warning signs with diagonal downward pointing arrow for both directs at the crosswalk and pedestrian warning signs in advance of the crosswalk, secondly repainting the existing pavement markings; and lastly restricting parking for 120 feet west and 80 feet east of Wilson Avenue.

2. NYS DOT – Safety Study E. Morris Street and Wilson Avenue, Village of Bath – Chief Trentanelli stated that DOT has indicated that a four-way stop is not warranted. They go on to say that while the inclusion of a four-way stop would be at the discretion of the Village and would improve pedestrian safety, they instead offered three less restrictive measures: the first, putting up fluorescent yellow-green pedestrian warning signs with diagonal downward pointing arrow for both directs at the crosswalk and pedestrian warning signs in advance of the crosswalk, secondly repainting the existing pavement markings; and lastly restricting parking for 120 feet west and 80 feet east of Wilson Avenue.

3. City of Corning – Request from ABATE of New York Regarding Motorcycle Safety – Chief Trentanelli stated that he had received a request from ABATE to put a safety message on the variable message boards across the state displaying the slogan “Be Alert, Be Aware, Motorcycles are Everywhere”. He in turn wrote a letter to DOT who indicated they were working with the Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee and looking at some kind of message campaign for motorcycle safety. This will be determined on a statewide basis.
V. DEPARTMENT/AGENCY/MEMBERSHIP REPORTS

A. Risk Manager
   • Mr. Isaman reported that he is currently in the process of reviewing the condition of all county roads.

B. Public Works
   • Mr. Catherman announced that Sam Hadley is retiring along with several other individuals and they will do what they can to make sure someone can attend these meetings.

C. New York State Police
   • Sgt. Reep stated they continue to do work on the speed corridors. Chief Trentanelli asked do you have a traffic detail for work zones? Sgt. Reep replied that is supposed to be handled by the TIMS (Traffic Incident Management System) detail. We are doing a corridor in East Corning, but there are no troopers sitting in the work zones.

D. Sheriff’s Department
   • Chief Deputy Terwilliger commented that he has been attending the monthly Highway Superintendents’ meetings and they have been talking about the natural gas fracking and the trucking issues that will be coming. This is something that we may need to prepare for and perhaps we should meet with the Highway Superintendents and prepare our agencies for enforcement. The Highway Superintendents are looking into implementing road use agreements. Chief Trentanelli commented they need to handle that with their group. It is hard to regulate where trucks can and cannot go and even if you could, enforcement would be an issue. Mrs. Ferratella stated that some towns are using engineers to look at their roads and Commissioner Spagnoletti has a road use agreement that would be a good model for the towns.
   • Undersheriff Dell stated that he would like this Board to recommend a complete study of Route 352 including State Route 415. There are a lot of signage issues as well as lane marking issues. They did a traffic study and we made some recommendations, but they have not been implemented. He requested the Board resubmit a request to the Department of Transportation for a new, complete study. This would include SR 415 East through South Hamilton and the access road. He would like them to look at signage and the possibility of reducing the speed on the access road. He would like to see the speed reduced to 35 mph.

   Chief Trentanelli stated we are not traffic engineers and we are bound by what they want to do. The best we can do is ask them to take another look at this. We did talk about the pull-off and depending upon the right-of-way and how much road they own, it is a long process. We will send them another letter stating that there are still concerns.

MOTION: AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TRAFFIC SAFETY BOARD TO SEND A FOLLOW-UP LETTER TO THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION REITERATING CONCERNS ABOUT ROUTE 352 AND STATE ROUTE 415 EAST TO SOUTH HAMILTON STREET IN PAINTED POST MADE UNDERSHERIFF DELL. SECONDED BY JUSTICE ROUSE-NICHOLSON AND DULY CARRIED.

Mrs. Ferratella commented that another issue is on South Buffalo Street to Route 352 East and West if the light is already turning when you are in the intersection, people are trying to beat the light because it changes so quickly.

E. Public Health Nursing Services
   • Ms. Butts informed the committee that they are finishing up their car seat grant year. To-date we have distributed 140 car seats. There is a car seat event scheduled for September 25, 2010 at the Hornell Fire Department which coincides with Child Passenger Safety Week.
   • Ms. Butts stated that the Underage Drinking Coalition has been renamed the Steuben County Task Force on Underage Drinking. The co-chairmen are Jim Bassage and Dan Bush. We are going to have education materials for athletic directors to distribute prior to the start of school. We also have a
letter from the District Attorney talking about “Parents Who Host Lose the Most”. There are a lot of print ads discouraging underage drinking and advertising the anonymous tip line.

F. Planning Department
- Mrs. Dlugos announced that Mr. Heffner is now officially retired.
- We were able to put up a new bus stop at the Dana Lyon School and have asked the buses not to hold for their schedule here and that has cut down on the number of buses on East Morris Street.
- Mrs. Dlugos commented with regard to Chief Deputy Terwilliger’s report, the Chairman of the Legislature is starting the Steuben County Natural Gas Task Force and there will be three sub-committees; two of which will address traffic issues, the Roads and Infrastructure Sub-Committee and the Public Safety Sub-Committee.

G. District Attorney’s Office
- Mr. Tunney asked with regard to fines for overweight vehicles, where does that money go? Chief Deputy Terwilliger replied to the State Department of Transportation.
- Mr. Tunney stated that with regard to Leandra’s Law we have three pending cases of felony driving while intoxicated with children in the car. On August 2, 2010 the first half of the new law will go into effect whereby any misdemeanor or DWI will require an interlock system in any car that individual drives or would have access to drive. The cost for that system will be born by the defendant. Even if a defendant has a Public Defender, they will not be afforded a free interlock system. We do have a County plan in effect in conjunction with Probation and the Sheriff’s Department. The Sheriff’s Department will be monitoring those people with conditional discharges. This will create a lot of confusion in the beginning. On paper, this is a great idea. With the interlock system the County is looking at, there will not be a photo taken at the time the person is using the device so anyone could blow into it. This system also does not prevent small children from doing it. There will also be rolling tests.

Chief Deputy Terwilliger asked how long does the system have to be on the cars? Mr. Tunney replied the length of their suspension. Justice Rouse-Nicholson stated that it is a 6 month minimum. Chief Deputy Terwilliger commented that there are a lot of people opting for the jail sentence instead of probation. Discussion followed.

H. Office for the Aging
- Ms. Grace informed the committee that they recently held their Car Fit Program which was done in conjunction with AAA and Allegany County. The training was held on June 16, 2010 with 22 people trained; 11 from each county. She thanked Chief Ted Murray for providing the space to conduct the training. On June 17, 2010 they actually did the Car Fit event and three people had signed up. People are a little fearful because they are afraid they will be told they cannot drive anymore. We need to promote that this program is to help them to be better drivers. Chief Trentanelli suggested that they send information out to the doctor offices so they can refer individuals. As you do more of these events, this program will grow. Mrs. Ferratella suggested that perhaps someone could go to the Senior Citizens Defensive Driving courses.

I. Magistrate’s Association
- Justice Rouse-Nicholson stated that she was a member of the group that was formed to come up with the Steuben County Plan for Leandra’s Law. Probation is the lead agency. The plan was submitted to the State for their approval. So far the County has secured two providers of the interlock system. The State mandates that the providers be available within a 50-mile radius. Those individuals who are private pay may choose which provider they would like to use. We are going with the basic system. The State will have the providers sign a contract for a year or two and they will agree to absorb a certain percent of indigent cases; approximately 10 percent. Defendants will have to fill out a financial affidavit and the Public Defender would most likely handle that.
Justice Rouse-Nichols stated that on July 13, 2010 the Magistrate’s and Probation Departments will be involved in a webinar across the State to show us what will transpire with the new requirements of Leandra’s Law. Every county is doing this a little different.

Justice Rouse-Nicholson offered to take on something new with regard to promoting traffic safety awareness for particular seasons. For example now we would promote Work Zone Safety, September we could promote snowplow/snowmobile safety and in the Spring promote ATV/Motorcycle Safety. We could include this information in the New Driver Packets. We do have the Fair coming up. Would it be possible to have something in the Sheriff’s tent? She stated that she can get a DVD on Work Zone Safety from Brenda Fay in DOT. Ms. Butts stated that she would also ask the Director of Public Health Nursing if there would be room in their booth as well. Chief Trentanelli commented that we would have to be able to staff the booth and we will need to have commitments from the Board. He stated that he would have a small television that we could use for the DVD.

Secretary’s Note: Ms. Butts and Undersheriff Dell will coordinate Fair booth space with Justice Rouse-Nicholson. Justice Rouse-Nicholson will pursue getting a DVD from DOT regarding Work Zone Safety. An email will be sent to all Traffic Safety Board members advising them of the Fair dates and asking for any volunteers.

Justice Rouse-Nicholson asked if it would be all right if she wrote letters to the three papers informing them that the Traffic Safety Board supports Work Zone Safety? The committee was in agreement with this. Chief Trentanelli stated that Justice Rouse-Nicholson has done a good job with this.

MOTION: TO ADJOURN MADE BY UNDERSHERIFF DELL. SECONDED BY CHIEF DEPUTY TERWILLIGER AND DULY CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Amanda L. Chapman
Senior Stenographer
Steuben County Legislature
I. CALL TO ORDER

Chief Trentanelli called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: APPROVING THE MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 25, 2010, MEETING MADE BY MR. ISAMAN. SECONDED BY JUSTICE ROUSE-NICHOLSON AND DULY CARRIED.

Chief Trentanelli stated that as a point of order, all motions and seconds must only be made by those individuals appointed to this Board. Everyone in attendance at meetings is free to speak.

III. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Friday, December 17, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. in the South Conference Room.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

1. **Town of Caton** – Mr. Catherman stated they received a request from the Town of Caton to reduce the speed limit on Davis Road between County Route 40A and the Town of Corning town line from 55 mph to 40 mph.

Undersheriff Dell suggested that be expanded for the entire road. Mrs. Ferratella stated that she will speak with the Town of Corning Board to see if they want the same action. Mr. Butler commented that if the Town of Corning decides they would like to expand the request, they can send their resolution directly to the Department of Transportation and we will expand the study to include the entire road.
MOTION: FORWARDING THE TOWN OF CATON REQUEST TO REDUCE THE SPEED LIMIT ON DAVIS ROAD BETWEEN COUNTY ROUTE 40A AND THE TOWN OF CORNING TOWN LINE FROM 55 MPH TO 40 MPH TO THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THEIR REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY MRS. Dlugos. SECONDED BY JUSTICE ROUSE-NICHOLSON AND DULY CARRIED.

2. **NYS DOT** – Letter dated 7/13/10 indicating receipt of request for a traffic safety review of State Routes 352 and 415 in the area of the City of Corning and Villages of Riverside and Painted Post.

3. **Office for the Aging** – Chief Trentanelli informed the committee that he had received a request from the Office for the Aging asking if the Traffic Safety Board would be willing to set up a table with information at their “Aging in Place and You” event which will be held from 10:00 a.m. – noon at the Corning Senior Center. He stated that he went ahead and reserved a space. In the event that the Traffic Safety Board is unable to staff the table for this event, he will have an officer from his department there. He also talked with Patty Baroody about including some information about the Car Fit Program.

MOTION: APPROVING HAVING THE TRAFFIC SAFETY BOARD STAFF A TABLE AT THE SEPTEMBER 30, 2010 “AGING IN PLACE AND YOU” EVENT AT THE CORNING SENIOR CENTER MADE BY JUSTICE ROUSE-NICHOLSON. SECONDED BY MRS. Dlugos AND DULY CARRIED.

4. **NYS DOT** – Letter dated 9/16/10 detailing the results of the safety study conducted at the intersection of State Route 352 and Buffalo Street and surrounding areas; City of Corning, Village of Riverside and Painted Post. Mr. Butler stated we did recommend mitigation for accidents. We will have a crew installing additional signal heads. All of the signal heads will have back plates and the option to put a yellow border to call further attention to the signals. There are things happening that are beyond our control. People are marking illegal left turns. There have been accidents since we did our review and people were failing to stop on the westbound road. We believe having additional signal heads will help that. People may be getting anxious to merge on the other side of the intersection.

Chief Trentanelli stated the letter also indicated that with regard to the pull off area for law enforcement, it is not the policy of the DOT to construct and maintain such areas on their right of way. Mr. Butler stated we looked at information from a three-year period and we did not see a pattern for merging accidents.

Chief Trentanelli stated there was a transportation meeting this week and they discussed the Patterson Bridge replacement. The engineers are aware of the issues we have, and the DOT is looking at making some changes to that bridge to mitigate some of these problems. This is all still in the planning stage. Mr. Butler stated they will be doing a signal coordination review for the signals up the line on Route 415 and Buffalo Street and will see how that may affect traffic on Buffalo Street and Route 352.

Chief Trentanelli commented we all agree that speed is what is bothering everyone. Some people are going through at 60 mph and some are going at 30 mph. Have you considered using rumble strips as they approach the intersection? Mr. McAnany replied we are not fans of the rumble strips. The snowplows tear them up and they are perceived as being noisy. This is not a tool that we like to use. Discussion followed.

V. DEPARTMENT/AGENCY/MEMBERSHIP REPORTS

A. **OFA**
- We had two requests for car fit evaluations and they were cancelled.
- Ms. Baroody stated that she will be a presenter at the Alzheimer’s Conference being held in Olean, NY. She will talk about being proactive to remain a fit driver. She also will be talking about how to decide if someone with dementia should still be driving. The conference will be held on November 4, 2010 from 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

B. **Sheriff’s Department**
- Undersheriff Dell commented that they are working with the NYSDOT on preparations for the Wineglass Marathon. There is a 100 percent increase in participation from last year.
Undersheriff Dell attended a Homeland Security briefing yesterday and as part of the critical infrastructure report from the State, they are urging municipalities to look at truck routes in light of the Marcellus Shale drilling. The sooner the towns/villages/cities have truck routes in place, the better. Chief Trentanelli commented the Steuben County Natural Gas Task Force has set up three sub-committees and these issues will be under consideration.

C. New York State Police

- Sgt. Cleveland stated there is a hiring freeze and due to reduced manpower, they are reorganizing and going from four zones to three. In this troop, Livingston County will now be included with Steuben, Chemung, Yates and Schuyler counties. This change will happen in October.

D. Risk Manager

- Mr. Isaman reported that he has been running motor vehicle reports and there are 90 county vehicles that are being driven. He did find one individual who has two DWI’s in a relatively short time period and is driving with a conditional license and the department continues to allow them to drive. This certainly disturbs him and he may want some input from this Board at some point.
- They are now using LENS (License Event Notification System) and we are inputting all county employees that drive county vehicles. If they get a ticket or other conviction, we will know immediately.

E. Public Works

- Mr. Catherman commented that Chemung County purchases bicycle helmets and provides them to the schools. We are trying to get word out to people that maybe it would be a good idea to have a booth at the Farmer’s Market to hand out bicycle helmets. Maybe this could be something to think about for spring. Chief Trentanelli stated we already have some of that in place and the Sheriff’s Department, Corning Police Department and Public Health Nursing give out bicycle helmets. Chief Deputy Terwilliger stated we did two bicycle rodeos and handed out helmets at the County Fair. If staffing is available, we could go to the Farmer’s Market. Chief Trentanelli commented the key is the targeted audience and we actually fit the helmets to them. Mrs. Ferratella commented we have lost the public awareness.

Secretary’s Note: Agenda item for March meeting – bicycle helmets one Wednesday a month at the Farmer’s Market.

F. New York State Department of Transportation

- Mr. McAnany stated that they have lost 45 employees due to early retirements. There are a lot of people in acting positions, so expect some delays, but we are working to keep everything running smoothly.

G. Magistrate’s Association

- Justice Rouse-Nicholson stated that she sent in Letters to the Editor regarding work zone safety and she received positive reviews from the Department of Transportation.
- The table at the County Fair worked out very well. She suggested if we do it again next year that the target audience should be young boys and we could focus on snowmobile, ATV and motorcycle safety.
- Justice Rouse-Nicholson stated that she attended a DWI What Did You Know symposium on September 21, 2010. They have a booklet entitled “Shattered Lives” that she would like to see included in the New Driver Packets. Chief Trentanelli commented the booklets are too big to include in the packets. The group decided that certain stories could be printed and included.
- Public Service Announcements for the fall will be snow/winter driving as well as autumn driving, including watching for deer.
H. Public Health & Nursing Services
- Mrs. Butts stated for Child Passenger Safety Week, we will be holding a car seat event in Hornell on September 25, 2010 at the Hornell Fire Department. She showed a sample t-shirt that they will be handing out to kids. We have eight vehicles coming who pre-booked. Sgt. Cleveland thanked Ms. Butts for letting them participate and asked that she please continue to let them know when she will be holding car seat events.

I. Corning Police Department
- Chief Trentanelli recognized Justice Rouse-Nicholson for all her hard work coordinating the Traffic Safety booth at the County Fair. It was a great idea and she did all the work. He also thanked the Sheriff’s Department and the Bath Police Department for their ability to staff the booth as well. Chief Trentanelli stated that he did send a thank you note to Bill Deninger for sharing their space with us.
- Chief Trentanelli stated that Justice Rouse-Nicholson also wrote the PSA’s about work zone safety. He likes the idea about snowplow safety as that is a topic that pertains to everybody. The Letters to the Editor are appearing in the papers and we are getting the message out to the public and we are getting exposure in the county that we didn’t have a lot of before.
- The GTSC representatives like attending our meetings and he believes we may be able to get their assistance with regard to getting brochures for our New Driver Packets.
- Chief Trentanelli stated that he would like to start working on next year’s grant from this Board and pay for a couple of billboards.

VI. OLD BUSINESS
A. New Driver Packets – Mrs. Hunter stated that Chief Trentanelli had called our Corning Motor Vehicles Office looking for a New Driver Packet and was told they didn’t have any, which then prompted an email to me asking about the packets. A lot of the brochures included in the packets have been outdated or eliminated. Our letter also needs to be updated. As such, we have put a hold on everything.

Mrs. Hunter stated as of right now, the only things that are still current in the packet are the applications, information regarding what is needed for identification, teen driver safety, seatbelt laws and driver responsibility. She stated that she is now including information on her letter that they are moving toward finding information online. Mrs. Hunter stated she has a meeting with the New York State DMV and she could try to get more information.

Chief Trentanelli commented that the packets are a great idea. Whether or not the new drivers are reading the information, but their parents are. The letters are important and if we pick a few brochures that are available, we will put those in. The State Sheriff’s Association also has publications that we may want to look at. Mrs. Hunter stated we also could include the notification to parents with regard to where they can sign up to be notified if their child gets a ticket.

Chief Trentanelli stated that if more and more counties started to pick this up, then maybe the State would be willing to print some brochures. He asked Justice Rouse-Nicholson to work with Mrs. Hunter to put something together.

MOTION: TO ADJOURN MADE BY JUSTICE ROUSE-NICHOLSON. SECONDED BY CHIEF DEPUTY TERWILLIGER AND DULY CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted by

Amanda L. Chapman
Deputy Clerk
Steuben County Legislature
I. CALL TO ORDER

Chief Trentanelli called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 24, 2010, MEETING MADE BY JUSTICE ROUSE-NICHOLSON, SECONDED BY UNDERSHERIFF DELL AND DULY CARRIED.

III. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Friday, March 25, 2011, at 10:00 a.m. in the South Conference Room.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

1. John Senka – Chief Trentanelli stated the committee received a copy of a letter from John Senka, a resident in the Town of Wayland. He is requesting that the speed limit on a portion of CR 50 be posted at 45 mph. In his letter he indicated that he has spoken with the town supervisors in both Wayland and Dansville about this.

Chief Trentanelli commented typically we do not act on letters received from individuals. He recommended that a letter be sent to Mr. Senka advising him that this committee would need to have a recommendation from the town or village Supervisor about this. In addition, a copy of Mr. Senka’s letter should be forwarded to Vince Spagnoletti, Commissioner of Public Works and a copy of the letter to Mr. Senka from the Traffic Safety Committee should be sent to the Town Supervisors for Wayland and Dansville.

Secretary’s Note: The Committee requested an update on the outcome of this at the March 25, 2011, meeting.

V. DEPARTMENT/AGENCY/MEMBERSHIP REPORTS

A. Steuben County Magistrate’s Association
   • Justice Rouse-Nicholson reported that on September 30, 2010, she attended and helped at an event at the Corning Senior Center.
• Justice Rouse-Nicholson stated that she received a letter from Brian Kelly, NYSDOT Acting Regional Director, thanking her for her activities regarding work zone safety and the Letters to the Editor.
• She informed the committee that she has written more Letters to the Editor regarding winter driving.
• Justice Rouse-Nicholson announced that she will be the President of the Steuben County Magistrate’s Association for 2011. They are continuing with the ignition interlock devices as a work in progress.

B. Public Health & Nursing Services
• September 25, 2010 car seat event at the Hornell Fire Hall – 35 families attended.
• October 23, 2010 car seat event at the Bath K-Mart – 16 seats checked.
• November 17, 2010 car seat event for Early Head Start at Coopers Plains – 15 families attended.
• December 1, 2010 demonstration of infant and young child seats to 5 OB nurses at St. James.
• December 9, 2010 demonstration of all car seat types for Steuben County DSS Foster Care Caseworkers and Transporters as well as Public Health Primary Prevent nurses.
• Ms. Butts stated that she is hoping to do an in-service for maternity nurses at Corning Hospital in early 2011.

C. New York State Department of Transportation
• Mr. McAnany stated that they are in the middle of reorganization. As a result, our response is a little slower than in the past, but we are looking forward to the future.
• He stated that he read the Letter to the Editor on snowplows. He reiterated that it is important for people to slow down as our level of service is not to completely clean the roads. Our plows don’t operate in excess of 40 mph with the plow down.

D. Legislature
• Mr. Farrand stated he represents District 10, which includes six towns. The towns of Woodhull and Trroupsburg had asked for a study of CR 81 and CR 82. That was completed and it was determined that Amish signs needed to be erected. Those have been installed and he thanked the DOT for their help with that.

E. New York State Police
• Sgt. Cleveland stated we have been going through a departmental realignment and are getting used to that. Our zone includes Steuben, Chemung, Schuyler and Yates counties. The rezoning will present some challenges for us. The next change is that the desk operation at the Bath troop will be closed altogether. It will become just another patrol station. The desk operations will be discontinued on January 1, 2011. Zone 3 Headquarters will continue to be Bath. Eventually, this realignment will happen throughout the State.

F. OFA/NY Connects
• Ms. Baroody reminded the committee about the walkability study that we participated in. This was a partnership with AARP as part of the aging in place initiative. The results of our study were reviewed in October; unfortunately, they categorized the State as New York City and Upstate NY. We had thought that it would have been broken down into counties. Our volunteers are going through the survey and compiling county-specific data. First we are going to look at our no-cost and low-cost improvements and then we will look at the long-range goals.

VI. OLD BUSINESS
A. New Driver Packets – Justice Rouse-Nicholson stated that she met with Jennifer Bailey, Deputy County Clerk, and we did update the letter. With regard to pamphlets, there is no printing occurring due to the change in leadership as well as budgetary constraints. Originally, only about two hundred packets total were distributed among the three DMV locations. They did not request any more packets and we need to be giving those to all new drivers. There also are no current driver’s manuals. It appears as though the State will end up with an electronic system.
Chief Trentanelli commented that the Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee will probably do some printing. Justice Rouse-Nicholson stated that the County Clerk’s Office will let Mrs. Chapman know what pamphlets need to be purged. She stated that they included in the letter for people to visit their local libraries or to access the internet for more information.

B. **2011 Save Your Friend’s Life Over the Air Waves Contest** – Chief Trentanelli stated this is an annual event and it would be nice if some of the schools in our County participated. The contest ends March 8, 2011. Mr. Farrand commented this would be a good project for the Youth-In-Government Program.

*Secretary’s Note:* The Committee asked that a copy of the contest rules, entry form and release be sent to Richard McCandless, Youth-In-Government Program Coordinator.

C. **Ambrose-Searles Move Over Act** – Chief Trentanelli asked Justice Rouse-Nicholson if she would do another Letter to the Editor regarding this proposed bill. In essence, the general purpose of this bill is to protect law enforcement and emergency workers by requiring motorists to “move over” or “slow down” when approaching a parked authorized emergency vehicle with emergency lights flashing.


*Secretary’s Note:* The committee asked that this link be included on the Traffic Safety Board web site.

D. **Kyle Petty Charity Ride Across America** – Undersheriff Dell informed the committee that May 8, 2011, the Kyle Petty Charity Ride Across America will be coming through our area. We anticipate 165 – 175 motorcycles plus support vehicles. We have been told that two support vehicles will stay with the motorcycles and five other units will be ahead of the group. They will be coming from Lake Placid and expect to be in the Corning area on the afternoon of May 7, 2011. They will be going to the Watkins Glen Racetrack. Should they use Meads Creek Road or stay on SR 414? Mr. McAnany replied it would be a good idea to have them go SR 414, but the interchange will be open.

E. **Wineglass Marathon** – Mr. McAnany stated for 2011, they will need a permit. The NYSDOT will require a $5 million liability policy. We typically only use the permit process for inter-county events. We will provide them with a link to get all of the necessary information. Discussion followed.

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