

Attorney General's DUI Enforcement Task Force

October 14, 2004

Department of Attorney General

150 South Main Street

Providence, RI

Attorney General Conference Room

12:00 p.m.

In attendance were James Capaldi, RI Department of Transportation; Chief Anthony Silva, Cumberland Police Department; William Bernstein, RI District Court Prosecutors Association; Sergeant Matt Fague, Glocester Police Department; Sergeant Dan Dvorak, Newport Police Department; Gabrielle Abbate, MADD RI; Richard Niejadlik, Rogers High School; Claire Silva, Coventry Substance Abuse; Lucy Whitford, Injury Prevention Center Rhode Island Hospital; Richard Morsilli; Mario Damiata, NHTSA Regional Office; Bob Murray, AAA; Jeffery Johnson, Beacon Insurance; Attorney General Patrick Lynch; George Mason, Director of Policy, Department of Attorney General; Aaron Weisman, Department of Attorney General; Jay Sullivan, Department of Attorney General; Bethany Macktaz, Department of Attorney General; Ted Minall, NHTSA; David Uliss, Forensic Lab-DOH; Stephen Regine, Department of Attorney General; Officer Peter Zolabowski, Coventry Police Department; Janis Loiselle, RIDOT OHS; Robert Suglia, AMICA Mutual Insurance; Lieutenant Mark Bilodeau, RI

State Police; Bruce Katz, RI Family Court; Rick Lombardi, DRE State Coordinator; Peter Ligouri, Cumberland Police Department;

The initial organizational meeting was held at the Department of Attorney General, 150 South Main Street, Providence, Rhode Island on October 14, 2004 at 12 p.m.

The goals of the Task Force were reviewed:

- The Attorney General made Welcoming Remarks.**
- Mario Damiata of NHTSA discussed DUI data.**
- Janice Loiselle discussed upcoming RIDOT/ Highway Safety programs.**
- Chief Silva of Cumberland gave a RIPTIDE update.**
- Roadblocks, Enhanced Enforcement and Youth Targeted Enforcement were all openly discussed.**
- Gabrielle Abbate discussed of MADD discussed education issues, youth DUI issues and initiatives.**
- Jay Sullivan discussed education issues that the Attorney General's Office is working on.**
- George Mason from the Attorney General's Office had discussed legislative issues.**
- Law Enforcement now has a subcommittee that should meet before the November 18, 2004 meeting.**
- Education and Prevention now has a subcommittee that should also meet prior to November 18, 2004.**

- November 18, 2004 is the next DUI Task Force meeting.

1. Highway Safety is focusing on six areas for the year 2005. They include:

-Analysis

-Alcohol

-Speed

-Occupant survival

-Driver characteristics

i.e. 16-20 years old

-Other road users

i.e. motorcycles

- They want to pay more attention to speed since most of the accidents that occur are based on speeding which leads to losing control.

2. Design a program for kids in school. I.e. have a video that can be brought to classes with or without a representative. Can have exercises for students including the “drunk goggles.” Can also have a person that has been in an accident due to a drunk driver. We need to start looking at middle schools because drinking problems are starting much earlier these days. Education is needed for both students and police officers.

3. DIATEP and DRE can teach police officers on how to reach out to

kids and be able to direct them in the right direction. The program that they will teach, targets drug and alcohol abuse within schools.

Voted to accept February 13, 2004 minutes.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Minutes submitted by:

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