

**Members Present**

Richard Klepner, Chair	OHS
Brian Clarke	DelDOT
Tracy Condon	DSP
Chip Kneavel	DelDOT
Linda Osiecki	DelDOT
Michael Wagner	DOE

**DelDOT Support Staff**

Maria Andaya	DelDOT
Paul Moser	DelDOT

**Members Absent**

Darlene Cole	DVI
Lauren Devore	DNREC
Peter Haag	DelDOT
Kim O'Malley	DSFS/SafeKids

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by Chair Richard Klepner.

**MEETING MINUTES – Approval of the December 13, 2017 Meeting Minutes**

On motion by Lt. Condon seconded by Mr. Kneavel, the subcommittee approved the December 13, 2017 Meeting Minutes.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Enforcement Update**

Lt. Condon provided the following updates: (1) She sent some questions for the survey as requested; (2) DSP could use 12 more banners from OHS; (3) police officers still prefer the light sticks for giveaways; and (4) She obtained the answer to Mr. Klepner's question on pedcyclist vs pedestrian and she will provide it writing to Mr. Klepner.

**Education Update**

Mr. Klepner said that DOE is not supportive of the planned school survey. The subcommittee will still pursue a general survey.

OHS will be conducting another overtime enforcement for DSP from April 2<sup>nd</sup> to April 22<sup>nd</sup>. This will include: Dover PD (Route 8 W, Route 13 by the mall and Dover Downs, New Castle County Police, Newark, Rehoboth Beach, Seaford, UD Police, Wilmington University Police and DSU Police. OHS provides funding for overtime shifts.

They also have preliminary talks to host a media event on June 4th down the beach. Their summer enforcement starts on June 5<sup>th</sup>.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Marked and unmarked crosswalks training:** According to Mr. Clarke, there are so many variables when it comes to crosswalks that it is going to be difficult to provide training to law enforcement to distinguish between marked and unmarked crosswalks. Unmarked crosswalk is a gray area.

There was a discussion regarding placements of crosswalks and why t-intersections don't get marked. This issue will be forwarded to the Built Environment for further discussion.

**Crossing guard trainings in Kent and Sussex:** Ms. Andaya asked the subcommittee if they still want to pursue this recommendation. The group agreed that the best way to do it might be to approach each district. Mr. Kneavel, Ms. Andaya, Ms. Osiecki will reach out to schools to find out who is the best person to talk to regarding this.

Mr. Klepner said he believes there is a policy regarding who can be a crossing guard and to check this with Peter Haag.

Mr. Kneavel thinks the state law regarding crossing guards is ambiguous and might need to be changed – “cross children at or near a crosswalk.” The word “near” is confusing.

Mr. Moser asked if there have been crashes involving crossing guards or if this is more preemptive. Mr. Kneavel said that there was one incident when his opinion was asked. It involved a fender-bender and the driver said that the crossing guard wasn't on the crosswalks.

Ms. Osiecki said that crossing guards should be teaching children the proper way of crossing.

**Share the Road Safety Class:** Other than Portland, Oregon Mr. Klepner said he found more programs like this throughout the country. It's a program where pedestrians who committed a violation or other people who committed a violation involving a pedestrian, have the option to attend a class instead of paying a fine. This is a good program especially since most violators are from low-income areas.

Some legislation changes need to happen in order to pursue this. The Committee agreed to forward this to the Legislative Committee.

### **Project Ideas:**

OHS is working on an Engagement Plan to reach out to elementary schools to promote pedestrian safety. Mr. Klepner will present this to the Pedestrian Council in the hope that they will approve the purchase of posters and comic books.

## **NEXT MEETING**

A Doodle Poll will be sent out for the next meeting.