

Members Present

Richard Klepner, Chair	OHS
Brian Clarke	DelDOT
Tracy Condon	DSP
Lauren Devore	DNREC
Chip Kneavel	DelDOT
Kim O'Malley	DSFS/SafeKids

DelDOT Support Staff

Maria Andaya	DelDOT
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Members Absent

Darlene Cole	DVI
Peter Haag	DelDOT
Linda Osiecki	DelDOT
Michael Wagner	DOE

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. ACTION ITEM – APPROVAL OF THE August 22, 2017 MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Klepner requested that Kim O'Malley's name and information be added to the list of members.

Lt. Condon requested that the following changes be made to the very last sentence of the last paragraph under Enforcement Update: "People who are drunk need to be stopped, *arrested* and talked to the following day."

III. OLD BUSINESS

Education Update

Mr. Klepner asked Ms. Andaya if she got any response from schools if they used the flyers and script that were mailed to them. Ms. Andaya said that she only heard from the Newark Charter School who asked for an electronic version of the flyer so they can email it to the teachers for posting in every classroom. Ms. Andaya is still trying to think of ways to get feedback from the schools or confirmation if the information was used. Ms. Devore suggested some kind of survey like Doodle Poll. Mr. Klepner agreed and also suggested coming up with some questions and utilize Survey Monkey. Ms. Andaya will look into that. Mr. Kneavel also suggested the use of social media and encourage schools to post pictures of their marquee and get some kind of reward like visit by Willy Walker the mascot. This is something we can do next October.

Mr. Klepner suggested using the survey to ask schools if they think pedestrian safety is an issue. No more than 6 questions. Mr. Klepner will send an email to committee members for survey questions.

Lt. Condon suggested asking Mr. Mike Wagner what's the easiest way to find out if schools used what was sent to them. Ms. Andaya will check with Mr. Wagner. She will also assess if sending communications through the Districts is better.

Question for Mr. Wagner – is there some kind of association of principals or teachers across the state? If there is, maybe we can invite a representative to talk to us as we try to figure out a better way to communicate with schools. This is an area we've been struggling with starting with the crossing guard training.

Lt. Condon is going to try to reach out to the SROs. Whatever it is we are giving to schools she can try to give to the SROs but there's no guarantee that they will be used since we do not have SROs in every school and also they do not really have a say on what goes on the marquees and announcements.

Mr. Klepner said one area where they were successful at was with the banners that they printed out in October and gave to DSP. Mr. Klepner asked Lt. Condon to check with SROs if they can use more pedestrian safety banners for schools. He believes the ones that they made ended being given to Troops 2 and 3.

Enforcement Update

Mr. Klepner said they are currently on their Safe Family Holiday Campaign where they combine the 4 major campaign areas: distracted driving, pedestrian, DUI and speed occupant protection. They run from December 4 – 23. As of this date, they're doing pedestrian. They supply overtime to DSP and other agencies. They're doing 5 pm – 2 am. It's pretty dark by 5 pm and they're looking for those especially under the influence.

Mr. Klepner told the group that they are pushing for more e-ticket warnings and he asked Lt. Condon if she heard anything about that. Lt. Condon said she noticed that there are many officers issuing e-warnings but there are also a lot still jotting down names. She can reiterate at the traffic lieutenants meeting to push for more e-warnings so there's a history. So we would know if the same person keeps getting stopped. If the same people keeps doing the same thing then they need e-tickets. Mr. Klepner agreed that it would be good to know if we keep seeing the same individual over and over again.

Lt. Condon said she noticed an increase in the number of contacts and she's interested to know it that would make a difference. Mr. Clarke said it would be good if we can cross reference e-tickets and e-warnings with crash data to see if any of the victims had e-warnings in the past.

Mr. Klepner said they just got access to Cognos in their office and he will see if that is something they do. The problem they have is that there are no locations on the e-warnings and some of the e-tickets so they won't be able to pinpoint where people got e-warnings versus where they got hit. But they can probably pull some data from that and see what they can find.

Ms. O'Malley reported that they conducted 7 Safe Kids Events in October and they invited bicycle and pedestrian safety stations.

Mr. Klepner reported that they got some clarifications that they are now allowed to purchase reflective items. Mr. Klepner asked Lt. Condon if she can reach out to the traffic lieutenants to see what kind of reflective items they prefer to give out. Mr. Klepner said they have to be cautious with their purchases and they should only function as reflective items.

Mr. Kneavel asked we can coordinate with DART and get some items at bus stops. Mr. Klepner said they do advertise at bus stops and on busses mostly in New Castle County. He's not sure if they have any in Kent but he can look into that. Ms. Andaya will check with DART if bus drivers can hand out reflective items to transit riders.

Lt. Condon provided and compared statistics between 2016 and the first quarter of 2017. They showed that for pedestrian fatalities, alcohol is still a factor. This only include those who were tested because not all of them were tested. 7 killed; 3 were under the influence of alcohol or drugs; 3 of them only alcohol; 2 of those 3 had a .2 or above the AC legal limit. Do we try to research through their family members what they were doing, where were they coming from. Learn that information so we can direct our efforts accordingly. Is this something they can task their CRUs to collect information to be used for this purpose? Either that or victim services. How can we better tackle this problem? Hypothetically if there's an alcoholic in the family walking up and down U.S. 13 the likelihood of that person getting struck is high. Predictable is preventable. If the group believes this is an important thing to pursue then we can come up with a list of information that CRU or Victim Services can collect.

The group will discuss the behavior of pedestrians some more. Mr. Klepner said maybe the group can come up with a list of questions that they can potentially give to CRU for collection. Questions to families. They can also use DMV data for suspended licenses or DUIs. For future explorations. Can the group come up with questions? Just make sure the questions are easy to understand.

Mr. Klepner asked Mr. Clarke if Traffic can conduct some kind of training or briefing to all troopers regarding marked and unmarked crosswalks.

IV. NEXT MEETING

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