

**Members Present**

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

**DelDOT Support Staff**

Maria Andaya	DelDOT
Denny Hehman	McCormick Taylor

**Members Absent**

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

**Guest**

Lt. Jim Diana	DATE
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**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 am by Chair Richard Klepner.

**MEETING MINUTES – Approval of the March 8, 2018 Meeting Minutes**

On motion by Lt. Condon seconded by Mr. Kneavel, the subcommittee approved the March 8, 2018 Meeting Minutes.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Enforcement Update**

Lt. Condon said she has a traffic lieutenants meeting on Thursday and she will continue to reiterate the importance of enforcing 4149 (walking under the influence on highways).

**Education Update**

Mr. Klepner said that their pedestrian media event is on June 4<sup>th</sup> in Rehoboth Beach. They are also putting together a pedestrian safety workshop to cater to law enforcers that OHS gives overtime to. They also just finished their latest enforcement on April 21<sup>st</sup>. He is not able to provide the data yet but it looks like a lot of tickets were issued. So far, we have 5 pedestrian fatalities this year as opposed to 11 this time last year.

**Crossing Guard Training**

Ms. Andaya reported that Ken Grant of AAA reached out to her and let her know of a crossing guard training for the Caesar Rodney School District on April 13, 2017 at 9 am. The person who conducted the training was Matt Eskridge of AAA. According to Mr. Eskridge, his contact person with the district is Wendy Killens (Facilities Management Office). This is a good development since the subcommittee has been trying to schedule this kind of trainings in Kent and Sussex.

Ms. Osiecki reiterated the importance of these trainings because based on her experience a lot of

them don't know what they're doing. And they're the ones educating the kids.

### **Share the Road Safety Class**

Ms. Andaya said that McCormick Taylor did some research regarding the Share the Road Class in Oregon and found out that their program was created through a court order and did not require legislation changes. Ms. Andaya will ask the opinion of DelDOT's Deputy Attorney General regarding this.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Discussion with Lt. Diana regarding impaired pedestrians.** Lt. Diana has been with DATE for 8 years. Prior to that he was with the Wilmington Police for 23 years. He oversees the administrative side of DATE. They fall under the Department of Safety and Homeland Security. They have 17 sworn agents. DATE is divided into two sections – admin and criminal side. The admin side oversees the drinking problem, handling of evidence, etc. Basically, they go to liquor stores, restaurants and bars to enforce the rules. They also oversee tobacco licenses. They have retailer packets that contain useful information. When the Commissioner approves a license, they are given a packet. Lately they had been going to retailers, introducing themselves and telling them of the common violations that they commonly see. The reception is pretty good.

As far as the criminal side, they act on violations. Say they get reports about single cigarette sales. That is illegal. Also tobacco coming from North Carolina and Virginia where taxes are cheaper. When they get to New York, people can make a lot of money. They've been partnering with other agencies to catch these people.

On the community side, career expos and community events. They also go to schools to educate them. They do a lot of work say with UD Police and Newark PD. Now that summer time is nearing, they will work with Dewey PD. He understands that Coastal Highway is a big issue right now with impaired pedestrians. How they can assist is – if a pedestrian under the influence is struck – where are they coming from? Are they coming from an establishment? If they are highly intoxicated maybe they can track down where they came from. Overservice is a big issue right now. For a small agency like theirs, that is a lot of manpower. To prove a case like that, they have to be at the bar doing surveillance for a few hours.

Overservice is illegal. DATE offers training to servers. They also partnered with the Delaware Restaurant Association who has online training. They have a dedicated agent who goes to each county once a month to teach the class. Servers are taught to see the signs of overservice and when they do they cut that person off. If their agency gets a complaint, they go undercover.

There has to be some way this subcommittee and DATE can work together. If a location can be identified from where the intoxicated person came from then bartenders, establishment owners, family members, friends, etc can be educated.

Lt. Diana said they are educating licensees now to hopefully prevent those things from happening. There was a question on whether establishment owners would be willing to hand out reflective items to patrons. Lt. Diana couldn't say for certain. There was a follow up question whether it's okay to put a small note in the packets informing owners of the availability of reflective items should they be interested? Lt. Diana said yes.

There was a question whether there are issues of overservice among liquor stores? Lt. Diana said yes. These are intoxicated people buying alcohol. Liquor stores have to follow the regulations like bars or restaurants.

Lt. Diana said that they get DUI-related crashes regularly. Lt. Condon asked where they get the data. Lt. Diana said he believes they get them from the state chemist. Lt. Condon will check with the crime lab if they can get these information and also information on where the pedestrians are coming from.

**Educational materials.** Mr. Klepner passed around copies of coloring books that he is going to show the Council.

**ADJOURN**

Meeting was adjourned at 9:36 am. A doodle poll will be sent out for the next meeting.