Task Force on Distracted Driving

MEETING MINUTES

Monday, November 4, 2013

1:30 PM IN ROOM 2A OF THE LOB

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 1:35 BY CHAIRMAN MR. BOB BREX

The following task force members were present:

Present were: Bob Brex, Senator Andrew Maynard, Senator Toni Boucher, Commissioner Melody Currey, Representative Henry Genga, Aaron Swanson

Absent were: Representative Tony Guerrera, Representative David Scribner

The members of the Task Force introduced themselves, and spoke a bit about their connection to the process.

Mr. Brex asked the members of the Task Force about specific topics to be researched and then discussed.

After discussion, the following topics were decided upon:

- New York State's Safe Texting Area Programs
- Updates on the current educational campaign
- Law enforcement's compliance with enforcing the new/existing laws
- New technologies being developed which would both help and hinder distracted driving
- What car manufacturers are doing with new technologies in their cars.
- Number of parents ticketed while children are in the car
- DOT's current programs to discourage distracted driving.

Mr. Brex then asked about who the task force would like to hear from in an informational hearing.

After discussion, it was decided that the Task Force would hear from, along with possibly other individuals to be decided later:

- DOT and DMV about current projects/programs about distracted driving enforcement and discouragement

- CT Chiefs of Police and State Police on current enforcement, as well as current exemptions for certain individuals.

- Technology manufacturers

Mr. Brex invited discussion on the date and time of the informational hearing, and it was decided to be at 1:30 on December 9th in the LOB.

A motion was duly made and seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Quinn Kess Task Force Administrator