

DID YOU KNOW???

COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY BOARD PART OF STATE ASSOCIATION

While the Franklin County Traffic Safety Board (TSB) concentrates mainly on traffic issues in Franklin County, you might be interested to know it also belongs to the New York State Association of Traffic Safety Boards (NYSATSB), with headquarters in Niskayuna, a suburb of Albany. The NYSATSB is a statewide association of county traffic safety boards, state and federal agencies, highway engineers, safety professionals, corporations and individuals who share common interest in traffic safety and injury prevention.

The state organization and our local county TSB participates in, promotes and organizes many successful programs and events such as Child Passenger Safety Seat Events, bicycle and pedestrian safety, motorcycle safety, and public service announcement contests for high school students. The PSA contests result in producing CDs for statewide distribution to radio stations on impaired, distracted and drowsy driving, speeding and seat belt use.

Both organizations are member driven and developed. Many ideas come from the members of each organization and are shared with all. The NYSATSB works with local traffic safety boards and traffic safety advocates to bring resources to all areas of the state.

The state organization partners with many organizations, including the NYS Sheriff's Association, NYS Chiefs of Police, NYS Police, NYS STOP-DWI Association, Cornell Local Roads Program, Federal Highway Administration, National Traffic Safety Institute, National Road Safety Foundation, NYS Department of Transportation, and the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee just to name a few. NYSATSB brings highway safety professionals together at the annual New York State Highway Safety Conference to share, promote, educate and network on highway safety initiatives. Our county TSB has presented at the annual conference on several occasions.

So you can see that the Franklin County TSB is connected with a number of highway and traffic safety professionals. We work hard in the interest of traffic safety on the local level, mainly through coordination of various enforcement issues and to educate the public on traffic issues and traffic safety, including these weekly articles. The weekly "Did You Know" articles, which appear in the Malone Telegram and the Adirondack Daily Enterprise each week, is now in the tenth year, producing over 450 articles on traffic law and traffic safety. The articles are also sent to a number of traffic safety boards in the state, the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee, the FHWA, NYS DOT, and many others. We hope you learn from them and are able to be a better driver because of it.

For more information on traffic law and traffic safety, visit the Traffic Safety Board web site at: www.franklincony.org and go to Traffic Safety Board under "Departments". Visit us on Facebook as well. You may also contact me by email at: dwerner151@verizon.net or call me at 483-1882.