

New Jersey Safety Institute Committee Meeting on All Levels of Government in the State of NJ

Minutes of February 12, 2013

The meeting was called to order by President Dave Grubb at 10:05am. The following individuals were present:

Dave Grubb, Exc. Dir. MEL/President NJSI

John Tiene, CEO Consolidated Insurance Agents, Inc./Vice President NJSI

Marty Kalbach, Exec. Dir. NJ School Board Association Insurance Group/Sec. NJSI

Paul Miola, Area Exec. Dir. VP/Niche Dir. Arthur J. Gallagher Risk Mgt. Services/Treasurer NJSI

Mitchell Sklar, Exec. Dir. NJ Association of Chiefs of Police

Joene Ciannella/PERMA/Recording Sec and Day to Day Treasurer NJSI

Excused:

Bill Dressel, Exec. Dir., NJ State League of Municipalities, Mike Wiederhold, VP Risk Mgt Consultant SM-Operations/Munich Reinsurance America, Inc., John Haridman/Dir. Personal Lines Markets/ NJM and John Fink, Assist. VP NJM

Dave welcomed 2 new members: John Donnadio, Exec. Dir., Association of Counties, Bill Mayo, Risk Control State of New Jersey.

Dave gave a brief background on the NJSI.

This meeting is to continue the discussion on where to take the NJSI: to develop an organization that represents all levels of government and distributes information in a coordinated way on safety and risk management issues.

At present there is no coordinated effort throughout the state; no resource center. The resources available to the NJSI through its members can provide this service. This presents a unique opportunity to the NJSI. **Issues addressed would be of common concern to all represented parties. We would need to present an united front.**

Suggested issues of common concern:

- **Distracted driving/ use of portable driving simulator/Chiefs Assoc has he blueprint to do this. John Tiene is to check with NJM on their driving program. Mitch stated that the police officers could do this in their safety classes. There are problems with this topic with regard to auto makers...ie Mercedes, Cadillac, Ford/development and marketing issues**
- **Community safety/pedestrian safety**
- **Proposed legislation....ie ..A1196/First responders/Workmans's Compensation**

Role of New Jersey Safety Institute:

Thoughts of those present:

Paul Miola: NJSI to have clout with the legislature, to target certain issues; not political and not lobbyist, to disseminate information and present a united front. Rutgers/Stockton has students who work on projects

John Donnadio: Meet with people in the "weeds" to discuss issues; determine issues for the year

Mitch Sklar: NJSI to be a consortium of interested parties... ie Crossing Guards; collective voice that would have a position on an issue but not a real lobbyist group, have position papers. We would become the resource for information. We first need to establish an information base and we do this by setting up a website. We need to have a person to be the administrator for all of this. This is really needed!

Bill Mayo: friend of the legislature; small series of particular targets that would be mutually beneficial. He will check if he has any restrictions within the framework we are discussing. This group would have positions, have a mission statement and be a public entity.

Dave Grubb: Risk management issues on a joint basis where our interests come together, resource center of information to be sent out to the constituents on specific concerns, joint issues, program developed to send out to all levels of government...ie may be distracted driving, senior citizens. Our basic source of funding will be insurers. Coordinate programs and interests of the towns; the legislature would come to us for input. We would become the "GO TO" organization

Marty Kalbach: We need to have an overall picture. We need to become a known entity. Right now we all have a niche that is hidden

Dave Grubb: Summary as to where we are going:

New Jersey Safety Institute's Mission:

- To be a place for all levels of government to develop mutual interests
- A resource center for information
- Develop programs of mutual interests

TO DO: Draft a mission statement for all to read and circulate

Meeting adjourned at 12:10pm

Respectfully submitted,

Joeen Ciannella
Recording Secretary