

**West Central Florida Community Traffic Safety Team
Meeting Minutes of June 8, 2005**

Tracy DiMuro (in the absence of our Chairman and Vice Chairperson) called the meeting to order at 1:15 pm at the Hernando County Sheriffs office. Introductions were made and the minutes of the May meeting were approved.

Problem Location Discussion:

Ken Cheek of Citrus County Engineering checked the citizen's request regarding striping on Mason Creek Road, and found it to be in place and clearly visible. There is double yellow centerline striping from "beginning to end." Some of the RPM's (raised pavement markers) are missing and will be replaced. Traffic Control will also evaluate the condition of the striping.

Sue asked that the intersection of CR 491 and Sovereign Path be inspected to see if a right turn lane can be added for southbound traffic on CR 491 (Lecanto Hwy) turning west onto Sovereign Path. The speed limit is 55 mph. Cars traveling in the outside lane nearly rear end anyone who slows up to make that turn.

Sgt. Walker of Hernando SO reported that there is speeding on Altoona off Coronado, and it needs a stop sign on Altoona or a 4 -way stop.

George asked about the 40 MPH sign eastbound on Spring Hill Drive near the Suncoast Parkway. There is a sign to "reduce speed ahead," but no actual speed limit sign. This has been brought up several times at our meetings.

The intersection of Spring Hill and Mariner will be under construction to flatter or lower the intersection for better visibility. It will be a mess during the construction, but traffic will flow more smoothly when completed.

Sgt. Walker reported on the DUI enforcement effort from May 27 through Monday May 30 for Memorial Day. Sgt. Walker and the HCSO traffic and canine units received assistance from FHP, the HCSO Aviation Unit, District 3 COPPS Unit (2), and Reserve Unit (3).

Citations-----	306	Traffic Arrests -----	8
Verbal Warning-----	100	Misc. Arrests -----	17
Written Warning-----	53	Total Arrests -----	40
DUI arrests-----	15		

Tracy reported that Channels 13 and 9 have provided information on the Collision Avoidance Training Program (CAT) for 16 to 18 year old drivers. This is a free 2 day program offered by the Hernando Sheriff's Office. Promotion for this program is now focused on the parents. Letters and informational packets were sent to car dealerships, insurance companies, the DMV, and the tax collector. The response has been great, with many agencies requesting additional materials. This program is offered every other weekend on Friday night and Saturday. In order for a student to attend, they must provide their drivers license, an insurance card and vehicle registration.

Terry suggested that the court system be contacted for additional students. Those who have received a citation could be required to attend.

Sue had the Car Seat Safety Report for the month of May. Eleven (11) parents attended the Car Seat Safety class at the Health Department, where 8 safety seats were provided. Twelve (12) couples attended the car seat training at Citrus Memorial Hospital prenatal class. The Health Department received 200 safety seats and boosters from FDOT and will receive another 200 in July for low cost distribution. Six (6) safety seats were also inspected for misuse at the Health Department fitting station.

Jeanette did not have any date as yet for the Buckle Up Awards and Banquet, but will email the information as soon as it becomes available. The statewide CTST Coalition meeting is July 11 in Titusville. Call Jeanette if you need more information.

Tracy informed the members of the cell phone service for senior citizens. If anyone has a cell phone that they no longer use, please donate it to the sheriff's office along with the battery and charger. These phones are distributed for seniors at no cost as 911 emergency phones. All cell phones are useable to make 911 emergency calls even if the phone is not activated.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Littnan

Secretary

Reminder:

The next meeting is July 13 at the Citrus Government Center.

There will be the election of officers for the upcoming year. Please try to be there.

Members Present:

Christi Brown	Hernando Co Risk Mgmt	352-754-4429
David Carr	FDOT, Brooksville	352-797-5700
Ralph Cotier	WCFL Driver Improvement	352-726-8862
Purce Dahlin	AARP Senior Driving	352-799-3658
Tracy DiMuro	Hernando Co Sheriff's Ofc	352-754-6830
George Drobina	VFW 10209	352-688-8244
Bill Geiger	City of Brooksville	352-544-5430
Terry Hensley	FDOT TIM	813-975-6259
Sue Littnan	Citrus Co Health Dept	352-726-1731x242
Paulette Murrin	Hernando Co Health Dept	352-754-4067x107
Jeanette Rouse	FDOT Safety	813-975-6256
James Walker	Hernando Co Sheriff's Ofc	352-754-6830
Mary Ann Blow	School System	352-666-0019
Vernon Weldon	We Remember	352-596-6200