

**West Central Florida Community Traffic Safety Team  
Meeting Minutes of July 13, 2005**

Kris Reinhard called the meeting to order at 1:10 PM at the Citrus County Government Center. Introductions were made and the minutes were approved.

**TEAM BUILDING**

Ideas regarding adding new members and bringing back former members were discussed. It was decided to send a letter to agencies that have not participated for some time, and see if a new representative can attend the monthly meetings. Jeanette and Sue will work on this. A short article can also be placed in local newspapers prior to each meeting.

**PROBLEM LOCATIONS**

Peter reported on a study done on the 10 most dangerous intersections in Citrus County. Four of the intersections are county roads not covered in this review. Of the six areas reviewed the following results were provided.

**1. US 19 @ US 98, Traffic Signal—**

Traffic signal was added to this intersection of US 19 and US 98 in December of 2004 from flashing signal to full operation due to high numbers of southbound left turn crashes. No further investigation due to insufficient crash data after signal was installed.

2001	2 crashes	1 fatal	2003	10 crashes	1 fatal
2002	7 crashes	2 fatal	2004	11 crashes	1 fatal

**2. US 19 @ West Ozello Trail, Traffic Signal**

This signalized intersection of US 19 experienced low numbers of angle and left turn crashes. No further investigation is required at this time.

2001	5 crashes	2003	3 crashes
2002	4	2004	5

**3. US 19 @ CR 488, No signal**

The FDOT District 7 Safety Office has scheduled a safety project by adding flashing signal with mast arm poles due to high numbers of angle crashes. This project is scheduled for FY 06.

2001	5 crashes	2003	2 crashes
2002	5 crashes 2 fatal	2004	9 crashes 1 fatal

**4. US 19 @ West Cypress Blvd. Traffic Signal**

Traffic Signal was constructed on this intersection of US 19 and West Cypress Blvd last year (completed 5/24/04). No further investigation due to insufficient crash data after the signal was installed.

2001	3 crashes	2003	9 crashes
2002	0	2004	7

**5. US 19 @ Suffolk Terrace**

This intersection was constructed from two median openings to one median opening a few years ago, using safety funds during the resurfacing project. This intersection experienced low numbers of angle crashes after this median opening was constructed. No further investigation is required at this time.

2001	5 crashes	2003	4 crashes	1 fatal
2002	3	2004	6	

**6. US 19 @ West Cardinal Street—Traffic signal**

This signaled intersection is experiencing significant rear-end crashes due to signal. No further investigation.

2001	4 crashes	2003	6 crashes
2001	4	2004	3

Since Amy Shannon of the *Chronicle* worked on the original article, it was mentioned that she and Shelly Blackburn should be invited to attend the CTST meetings.

Ralph Cotier had a suggestion for the intersection of Line Ave. and Main Street to provide enough turn space for school buses. He asked if the stop bar in one lane could be recessed to allow a wider turn lane for the school buses. As it is now, the buses make the turn part way up on the curb as the turning radius is too small. Peter will check.

## REPORT ON EVENTS

Hernando SO has a county proclamation for "Put the Brakes on Fatalities" for the 10<sup>th</sup> of every month. Sgt. Walker of the Hernando Sheriff's Office reported on the following enforcement efforts.

### Click it or Ticket Campaign May 23 – June 5, 2005

Speeding	311
Safety Belt	126
Uninsured Motorist	82
Suspended License	60
DUI	26
Child Restraint	2
TOTAL	609

### Aggressive Driving / Speeding June 9, 2005 ---/---- July 7, 2005

Traffic Stops	16	14
Citations	10	10
Written Warning	5	1
Verbal Warning	1	0

### Excessive Speeding -- Phase 1 – June 22 -24, 2005. Phase 2 – June 29 to July 1, 2005

Call Type	1 <sup>st</sup> Wave	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wave	Totals
Traffic Stops	146	143	289
Citations	145	151	296
Written Warning	14	8	22
Verbal Warning	10	12	22
Arrests (Warrant)	1	1	2

## BICYCLE PROGRAM

Kris Reinhard reported on the following Citrus County Sheriff's Office bike safety activities for June.

All during the month of June, Kris visited the Koala Tee Academy on M- W- F for 13 to 26 children ages 4 to 12.

They had a traveling bicycle camp, going to different trails in the county each day of the camp.

She worked on Tuesdays in June at Camp Harmony for 75 -- 6 to 12 year olds at each camp. This was at Homosassa Elementary, Forest Ridge Elementary and Pleasant Grove.

Thursdays in June were at a free camp sponsored by the Citrus County Parks and Recreation Department. Fifteen children attended each bicycle safety camp at Floral Park, Hernando Park and Beverly Hills Park.

## CAR SEAT SAFETY PROGRAM

Sue reported that the Car Seat Program had 24 parents attend classes at the Health Department, and 14 parents-to-be participated in a car seat safety class at Citrus Memorial Hospital. Nineteen (19) safety seats and boosters were provided and 11 car seats were inspected for safe and secure installation. Sue participated in the Safety Saturday at Lowe's , distributing car seat safety information and answering questions.

Peter told the members of federal construction funding available for education and enforcement if it ties into an upcoming safety project. This includes production costs for a media campaign, message boards, and printed materials. The money must be used to enhance safety construction projects. Items such as pedestrian book marks and blinking lights are examples. The I-4 guardrail installation project will have a media campaign and use message boards to aid enforcement and add an educational component prior to construction.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Shir Lee Cox of AAA South has a certified Child Passenger Safety Technician on staff. Contact Sharon Brandon at 352-683-3446 ext 2231 for questions on child safety seats or car seat inspections. AAA has partnered with "Drive Well" a program for Senior drivers. Part of the program is to fit seniors in their vehicle to help them drive safely. The average age of AAA members in Citrus and Hernando Counties is 60 yrs. The "TOW TO GO" program is now offered during 8 holidays. If a person has too much to drink during one of these holidays, he can call 1- 800- AAA-HELP and they will be towed home at no cost.

Jeanette mentioned the date of the Buckle Up Florida Awards Banquet will be Friday, September 9, in Orlando. Place and time will be determined soon. Mark your calendars and plan to attend if possible.

A new Seat Belt law went into effect July 1. ALL persons under age 18 must be buckled up in all seating positions of a vehicle. Representative Irv Schlossberg is the chief promoter of this law. He hopes to increase it to age 21 and then a total primary seat belt law to include everyone. This is a good start.

Voting for CTST officers for 2005-2006 took place. Our current officers were unanimously reelected to another term.

Chairman--- Steve Diez  
 Vice-Chair---- Kris Reinhard  
 Secretary--- Sue Littnan

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Sue Littnan  
 Secretary

**The Next Meeting is Wednesday, August 10, at the Hernando County Sheriff's Office**

**Please see if you can bring a coworker or a guest from another agency.**

#### Members Present:

David Carr	FDOT Brooksville	352-797-5700
Ralph Cotier	WCFL Driver Improvement	352-726-8862
Shirlee Cox	AAA Auto Club South	352-683-3446
Tracy DiMuro	Hernando County Sheriff's Office	352-754-6830
Peter Hsu	FDOT Safety	813-975-6251
Sue Littnan	Citrus County Health Department	352-726-1731x242
Kristen Reinhard	Citrus County Sheriff's Department	352-726-4488
Jeanette Rouse	FDOT Safety	813-975-6256
Herman Sinemus	AARP 55 Alive	352-344-1901
James Walker	Hernando County Sheriff's Office	352-754-6830