

West Central Florida Community Traffic Safety Team Meeting Minutes of August 9, 2006

Chairperson Steve Diez called the meeting to order at the Hernando County Sheriff's Office. The minutes of the July 12th meeting were approved as submitted.

Problem Locations:

Jeanette Rouse reported there is a project in the FDOT Work Program for US 19 that goes from Homosassa to Crystal River for 2006/07. During our July 12th meeting, the section of US 19 near Eagle Buick and Village Cadillac in Citrus County was reported to need repaving.

Sgt. Matt Lillibridge stated at Cortez (SR 50) and Deltona, at the eastbound turn lane off US 19 you can also make a u-turn at this location. There have been a couple of crashes at this location and he feels it needs a green arrow for turning. At a second location, SR 50 at Mariner, Matt said northbound on Mariner to turn east on SR 50, the green arrow conflicts with the other turns. He feels we should do away with the green arrow on SR 50 and prohibit u-turns for traffic on SR 50.

The third problem location Matt discussed was the cycle length of the signal at Breakwater and US 19. He said the cycle length was very short and the cars are backing up during the day for the turning movement from Breakwater.

We briefly discussed the reduced speed zones in Crystal River. The City had requested a review of the posted speed limits in the city along US 19. Some reduced speed warning signs will be placed at each end of town leading into the reduced speed zones.

Another request was for maintenance forces to be trimmed on the north side of Spring Hill Drive west of Waterfall the speed limit is posted at 40 mph but the tree branches cover the sign.

Report of Activities/Events:

Kris reported on her Activities in July. She has been working at Camp Harmony for three different Wednesday with three different schools. She also had an Auditorium Camp—where the kids were able to ride their bikes in the air conditioned space. Kris reported the Pilot Club in Crystal River donated 200 helmets. She has teacher training upcoming on September 9th. Kris said 27 teachers are trained already in Citrus County. She will begin her school program on August 31st at Lecanto Middle School. Kris asked the team to write a letter to her son Scott to thank him for his service with the bike education program. Steve said he would be glad to write the letter to Scott on behalf of the team.

Steve reported on an event in August called Operation Backpack. They gave out 800 backpacks at the Jerome Brown Recreation Center.

Matt reported their DUI campaign activities for the 4th of July they conducted a saturation patrol for four days which netted 16 DUI arrests.

New Business:

The Hernando Health Department has a new seat belt and child passenger safety announcement that was filmed in July and is running on the government channel.

Kris reported the Health Education department in Citrus County donated \$2500 from obesity funds and she bought 10 Trek mountain bikes.

The fees from the Dori Slosberg Act are increasing from \$3.00 to \$5.00 for driver education effective October 1st.

We had a discussion on ATV use. The state law (316.2123(1)) has been changed. ATVs may be operated during daylight hours on a dirt road with a licensed driver at less than 35 mph. It is okay to be operated by a minor if they are supervised by an adult. Matt said the county may opt out of that by a majority vote.

AAA is having a bike rodeo at their Spring Hill Offices on Saturday, September 16th.

Our next meeting is Wednesday, September 13th in Citrus County.

Members Present:

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Kristen Reinhard	Citrus Co Sheriff's Office	352-726-4488
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