

**West Central Community Traffic Safety Team
Meeting Minutes of May 10, 2006**

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Steve Diez. Introductions were made and the April minutes were approved.

Team building continues. We are glad to see Citrus Engineering staff at this meeting. Welcome.

PROBLEM LOCATIONS

1. West on Spring Hill Dr. between Waterfall and Deltona, the speed limit sign is covered by tree branches. Steve said he would handle this maintenance issue.
2. Sun Ridge Dr. There are no speed limit signs. State law says the speed limit is 30 mph in a subdivision, but there are no signs posted.
3. Deltona and Hwy 50—East bound on Deltona has no turn arrow on the signal.
4. Mariner between Augustine and Elgin still has a 40 mph sign, and it should be 45 mph.
5. Deputy Gloria Fribley reported that there are many crashes on Summit and Main where cars exit the Crossroads Bar.
6. Cobb Road North of Ft. Date has a speed limit of 45 mph, and people are doing 60-65 mph. It is hard for vehicles to exit onto Cobb Road. Request for "Trucks Entering Highway" sign. Deputy Lillibridge will conduct a traffic initiative.
7. Dave Carr said there will be new striping on Hwy 44 and US19 in C. River to allow legal turns. Chief Burch of CRPD would like to see right turn only at the exit of CVS pharmacy.
8. NE 3rd Street and US 19 needs a traffic signal. Chief Burch asked about having all 4 signals at an intersection turn red for 1 second to clear the intersection.
9. Chief Burch would like to see the 45mph limit on US19 extended further north of the City of Crystal River. It would slow down traffic before it gets into the city. He also asked for bright yellow tabs on speed limit signs to indicate speed reduction.

EVENTS OF APRIL

1. Chief Burch conducts a traffic initiative the 3rd week of each month. There were 531 citations for April. There are many rear end collisions and right-of-way infractions. There were 372 crashes in Crystal River last year. Of those, only 67 were from city residents.
2. Sue and Lt. Dodd discussed the Sheriff's Safety for the Summer Event. It was a huge success, with approx. 300 people attending. Kris Reinhard provided a bike rodeo and handed out 150 bike helmets. The Red Cross, Girl Scouts, Animal Control, PTA, Masonic Lodge Kid ID program, Sheriff's ID program, Fire Safety House, SECO Electric, and the Health Dept. Car Seat Safety Program were all represented.
3. Sue had 37 people attend Car Seat Safety Classes and provided 28 safety seats and boosters. 11 seats were inspected for safety, and all needed some correction.
4. Lt. Dodd mentioned that 15 acres of property at Rock Crusher School are leased for Safety Town. It will include the bike safety program and a Child Advocacy Center. It will have a 7,500 sq. ft. classroom for student activities.
5. Steve Diez participated in the Pro Walk/Pro Bike Event in St. Augustine.
6. Deputy Lillibridge of Hernando SO conducted a speeding and aggressive driving initiative at Mariner, US 19, and Hwy 50. There was a 15% reduction in crashes that week in early April.

NEW BUSINESS and UPCOMING EVENTS

Click It or Ticket starts May 12. It is a seat belt promotion initiative. There is also Buckle Up In Your Truck going on now, to encourage drivers of pick up trucks to use seat belts. Public Service Announcements include print, radio, TV and billboards.

Jeanette has a pedestrian safety PSA to get people to use the crosswalks that will be airing on Tampa Bay's 10 – WTSP TV.

Sue just completed a Baby Shower Event on May 9 at Walmart, providing car seat safety education for approx. 60 people. The World's Greatest Baby Shower, sponsored by the Health Department and Citrus Memorial Hospital will be May 11 from 6-8 pm at the auditorium in Inverness. There will be an expo style set up of community agencies and businesses that provide information and assistance for babies and families. There are games, prizes and loads of valuable information for new and expectant parents.

There will be a 4 – Day Child Passenger Safety Technician class on June 1, 2, 8, and 9 in Citrus County. There are only 10 seats available in the class. Sue and Kim Herrmann from DOT will conduct the training. Citrus County needs additional certified technicians to educate parents on the correct use and installation of child safety seats. Contact Sue at 726-1731 ext. 242 if you are interested in participating.

There is a one day technical review for current Certified Car Seat Safety Technicians on Wednesday, June 7. It is from noon to 4:30 at WTI. Contact Sue for more information.

Lt. Dodd asked about the status of the MADD organization in Citrus County. Apparently, it is not active at this time. Any community member interested should contact Lt. Dodd at the Citrus SO.

Charles Shultz of Tindale Oliver provided a power point presentation on GIS crash data mapping, a system to make reports and comparisons of traffic crashes user friendly and faster to compile. Using this system provides more accurate data on crash locations, therefore better decisions can be made for traffic improvements.

No further business.
Respectfully submitted,

Sue Littnan
Secretary

The next meeting is on Wednesday, June 14 at the Hernando Sheriff's Office.