

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

Chairperson Steve Diez welcomed everyone and introductions were made. The minutes of the March 2005 meeting were approved as submitted.

### **Problem Locations:**

1. The fire station at the airport is to get a traffic signal with the six lane construction project is completed.
2. Highway 98 and Yonce Road – Red light running on US 98. This is a possible location for another white enforcement light.
3. Highway 491 and US 98 – David Carr reported that striping at the approach to the turn may change making visual sighting better. The sign is not in the way of motorists' view.
4. Speed signs on California Street – Steve will take this issue to a meeting of the Comprehensive Review and Planning Department. There are no flashers or signs, so people tend to park all over at the school sites.
5. Hernando High School – Powell Ave. – Signs are confusing going south. There are two school zone areas with a 35 mph speed in between. There is no visible signage. Dave Carr reported that the pavement painting has deteriorated. It is scheduled to be repaved and repainted in a year. Dave wants a temporary paint job until the repaving is done to avoid a tragedy due to no markings.

### **New Business:**

Tracy DiMuro reported the Hernando County Sheriff's Office will sponsor Traffic Safety Awareness day on the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month. A Public Service Announcement will be aired to promote a safety message. Put the Brakes on Fatalities is a national day of awareness. Hernando County will try to promote this once a month.

The CTST statewide Coalition meeting will be held on April 11<sup>th</sup> in Gainesville at the Harn Museum.

Citrus and Hernando Counties are both down in fatalities for 2005 as compared to the same time last year. Citrus has 4 and Hernando has 7 fatalities reported to date. The Tampa Tribune and Channel 8 cosponsored a PSA to prevent roadway fatalities. It was viewed by CTST members who did not feel it was too graphic for students.

Shirlee Cox with AAA reported on their "Lost Lives" campaign about people who have lost their lives by not wearing a seat belt. It is on the AAA website. AAA's Spring Hill office is also sponsoring a bike rodeo on May 7<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Steve and the AAA representatives will assist with the bike trailer and rodeo

equipment. Volunteers are needed, please contact the AAA Auto Club South office in Spring Hill.

### **Upcoming Events:**

The Sheriff's Safety for the Summer event will be held on Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, at the auditorium of the Inverness Fairgrounds. A bike rodeo and helmet fit, car seat information and many other safety booths will be included. The event is free to the public and runs from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM. Free bike helmets will be provided for the children. The PTAs and the Masonic Lodges are working with the Citrus County Sheriff's Office to hold this event for the second year.

The World's Greatest Baby Shower will be held on Thursday, May 5, at the auditorium at the Inverness Fairgrounds from 4:00 PM to 7:30 PM. This is an expo event for moms to be and new parents. The Citrus County Health Department is the main sponsor along with the Chronicle and local hospitals. Many local agencies provide valuable information and lots of prizes for the babies. This is the 10<sup>th</sup> year for this event.

Work Zone Safety Week was April 4-8. Hernando County Sheriff's Office reported 85 stops and 45 citations given for excessive speed during that week. Tracy reported on the CAT program. There was a media event with Kelly Ring of Channel 13- Fox for this teen driver program. This should air soon. The program teaches defensive driving and is free to students. Each class is two days and is limited to ten students. They use their own vehicles. It is offered twice a month.

Tracy and Deputy Jim Walker showed a DUI video. Jim explained that the person involved in the DUI crash was willing to make group presentations. While he was serving in the military in Germany, he was involved in a DUI crash and thrown through the windshield. He would like to get his message out about drunk driving and the effects it can have on your life.

### **Open Forum/Announcements:**

Jeanette reported on a new Go Ped/Moped brochure being developed for distribution. A white light training video is also being developed for law enforcement education. A teen driving brochure and DUI brochure will also be available soon.

The WCFL CTST will compile information, pictures, news releases and statistics to enter our team in the Community Traffic Safety Team of the Year competition for our 2004 events. The date for applications to be submitted has been extended to May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Sue is compiling the book. **FOR THIS YEAR of 2005 --- PLEAZZZE save all news articles, pictures, and charts to be included in our next book.** Bring your articles to each meeting and Sue will collect them. We then will be able to showcase all of the agencies on our team for our entry next spring.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Littnan  
Secretary

**Reminder!!!**  
**The next meeting is on May 11<sup>th</sup> at the**  
**Citrus County Health Department location.**

**Members Present:**

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Tracy DiMuro	Hernando County Sheriff's Office	352-754-6830
Bill Geiger	City of Brooksville	352-544-5430
Sue Littnan	Citrus County Health Dept	352-726-1731x242
Paulette Murrin	Hernando Co Health Dept	352-754-4067x107
Jeanette Rouse	FDOT	813-975-6256
James Walker	Hernando Co Sheriff's Office	352-754-6830
Donna Young	Citrus Co School Board	352-726-1931
Dennis Hackett	Hernando Co Fire Rescue	352-754-4470