

West Central Florida Community Traffic Safety Team
Meeting Minutes of June 9, 2004

Chair Steve Diez called the meeting to order at 1:10 PM. Introductions were made and guests, Jane Parker and Ralph Silvas from the Department of Health, Office of Injury Prevention, were introduced. Mike Meehan from Mobility Technologies also attended and was welcomed. Minutes of the May meeting were approved as submitted.

Jane Parker and Ralph Silvas provided a presentation on the National SAFE KIDS organization. It has a state coalition, with many chapters throughout Florida and coalitions nationwide. The mission of the SAFE KIDS organization is to reduce the number of unintentional childhood injuries and deaths that occur to children 14 years of age and under, since this is the leading cause of death for children in this age group. Florida has had a SAFE KIDS coalition since 1996, with many chapters and coalitions throughout the state. Information was given on the injury prevention initiatives provided through SAFE KIDS, such as Buckle Up car seat check up events, bike helmet promotions, smoke alarm programs, drowning and poison prevention activities. The benefits of belonging to SAFE KIDS was explained to encourage Citrus and Hernando Counties to consider forming SAFE KIDS chapters.

Dave Carr and Suzi Martin provided a presentation on the FDOT traffic services regarding the maintenance of :

1. Raised Pavement Markers
2. Pavement striping - 6" wide reflective
3. Pavement Symbols - markings wider than 6" (such as RR and merge)
4. Guardrails
5. Attenuators - that cushion the impact
6. Signs
7. Object markers, delineators, such as flex posts
8. Lighting

Mike Meehan from Mobility Technologies reported on 2 programs in Tampa. The Advanced Traveler Information System (ATIS) system offers real time traffic information via a 511 phone system and website (www.511TampaBay.com). It also offers E-mail alerts. The Tampa ITIP project (Intelligent Transportation Infrastructure Program) is a data service from highway sensors and also a data warehouse.

OLD BUSINESS-PROBLEM LOCATIONS

1. Speed limit signs inconsistent and missing on Spring Hill Drive, between Barclay and Suncoast. Hernando County Public Works is evaluating this section of Spring Hill Drive due to these concerns.

2. Spring Hill Dr. and Candy Dr. (Deerfield entrance): an agreement between the developer and the County is being negotiated for the addition of a turn lane as additional parcels are developed.
3. Culbreath and Powell: data collection being conducted to determine cost and feasibility.

REPORT ON EVENTS

Peter reported that the information on the SALE (Sea ,Air, Land Enforcement) will be available soon for our counties.

Kris implemented a new pilot program for middle school bike education. She contacted 105 6th and 7th grade students from May 3 to May 13. Thirty-six children attended a family fun fest and participated in bike safety on May 22.

NEW BUSINESS - PROBLEM LOCATIONS

1. Tracy DiMuro asked that the intersection of CR 491 and US 98 be inspected for the possible addition of a flashing beacon.
2. US 41 (SR 45) from CR 48 to Watson Street--- the resurfacing has started.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jeanette reported that the Buckle Up Florida awards banquet is Friday, June 18, in Jacksonville. Also, the statewide CTST Coalition meeting will be Monday, July 12, at the Tampa FDOT office. Members are encouraged to attend.

Kris is providing a summer fitness, bicycle safety camp at Koala Tee Day Care for 11-15 children from June 7 to June 30. Four interns from USF are working on the program. From June 7 through June 25, there will be a bicycle safety camp for handicapped children at Citrus Springs Park using the special needs bicycles. There will be a bicycle rodeo for 30 Cub Scouts at the auditorium on June 12, and a bicycle safety presentation for a Girl Scout safety camp on June 17.

Sue invited participants to register for the 4 day Child Passenger Safety technician training on July 22, 23 and 29, 30. It will be held from 8:00 - 5:00 daily at CFCC in Lecanto. Registration can be completed online at www.safekids.org or call Sue at 726-1731 ext.242 for a registration packet. The course fee is \$60 which covers the 4 day class, all materials and 2 years of Child Passenger Safety certification.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Littnan
Secretary

The next meeting is Wednesday, July 14, at 1:00 Citrus County Government Center

Members Present:

Christi Brown	Hernando Co Risk Management	352-754-4429
Frank Byrne	Tri State Carriers	352-799-4103
David Carr	FDOT Brooksville	352-797-5700
Ralph Cotier	WCFL Driver Improvement	352-726-8862
Purce Dahlin	AARP	352-799-3658
Steven Diez	Hernando County Planning	352-754-6830
Tracy DiMuro	Hernando County Sheriff's Office	352-754-6830
George Drobina	VFW 10209	352-688-8244
Gloria Fribley	Hernando County Sheriff's Office	352-754-6830
Bill Geiger	City of Brooksville	352-544-5430
Karen Gidden	Hernando County Health Department	352-754-4067x149
Terry Hensley	District 7 - Law Enforcement Liaison	727-367-9633
Peter Hsu	FDOT, Safety	813-975-6251
Michael Junker	Citrus County Sheriff's Office	352-726-4488
Sue Littnan	Citrus County Health Department	352-726-1731x242
Paulette Murrin	Hernando County Health Department	352-754-4067x107
Rucell Nesmith	Hernando County Bus Transportation	352-797-7003
Bala Padmanabhan	Greenhorne & O'Mara	727-576-0402
Kristen Reinhard	Citrus Co Environmental Health	352-527-5293
Jeanette Rouse	FDOT Safety	813-975-6256
Suzy Martin	FDOT Brooksville	352-797-5700
Patrick Taylor	Hernando County Fire Dept	352-540-4353
Jane Parker	Department of Health	850-245-4440x2774
Mike Meehan	Mobility Technologies	813-637-0170