

West Central Florida Community Traffic Safety Team Meeting Minutes of July 9, 2003

Chairman Steve Diez called the meeting to order at 1:10 PM. Introductions were made. We welcomed the new director of the Citrus County MADD chapter, Bob Deck.

There was a clarification of a statement in the June 11, 2003 minutes regarding additional funding for the 402 grants. The amount of funding is still not known, and agencies that applied for the FY'04 grant funds will be notified of acceptance of their proposal and amount of funding for their project. The minutes were then approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Terry Hensley reported that over 560 individuals attended the DOT Buckle Up Florida awards banquet. He thanked the West Central CTST for a great showing. We had 8 members attend. Sue Littnan received the 1st place award for community member in occupant protection, child passenger safety. The Havana, FL police department won the fully equipped Ford Explorer for their efforts in the Buckle Up Florida campaign.

There was a discussion regarding nominating deserving individuals for these awards next year. It was mentioned that our CTST members need to document their activities in order to provide a yearly accounting of their efforts in traffic safety. Agencies that document how their projects impact traffic safety with statistics compete well in the challenge competition.

Terry made a motion that we add an agenda item to ask for documented reports of events from individual agencies, whether it be a check-point, a bike rodeo, or a safety class in a school. This way we will have a monthly record of events and programs provided by our CTST. The motion was passed. When the time comes for nominations next year, we can be ready to nominate fellow members. **GO TEAM !**

Steve read a letter thanking our CTST for attending the Buckle UP Florida awards presentation. All local award entries were forwarded to the national competition.

Terry also said that the State Safety Office is now compiling data from the waves and they do not have the data ready from the Memorial Day Seat Belt Wave.

Keith Crawford brought a sample of the white enforcement light used to reduce Red Light Running. No lights are going into Citrus and Hernando Counties as yet. A suggestion was made that each Sheriff's office contact their county engineering department to explain the

need for these lights. Jeanette reported that use of the enforcement lights in Hillsborough County near the Brandon Mall has greatly reduced the number of citations issued for red light running at that location. Keith also indicated that the lights do not interfere with any video tracking system, which was a concern in Citrus County.

Keith also stated that FDOT is looking for potential project locations with a crash problem that we can use safety funds to improve. Some suggestions were adding a signal, adding a turn lane, lighting, adding a third lane. We want the local agencies to participate and we can do the design.

David Carr said that a striping contractor would redo the pavement markings and add new striping for the crosswalk areas at Citrus High School. This will be completed before school starts.

NEW BUSINESS

Kris Reinhard will have videos on bike and pedestrian laws available in October. These videos are for law enforcement agencies.

Sue provided the 3rd quarter report of the Citrus County Child Passenger Safety Program and the year-to-date accomplishments. There is funding available for car seat purchases for FY '04 with a grant from the Gulf to Lake Pilot Club. There is still no word if the Citrus County Board has approved funding Sue's position for FY'04.

Tracy DiMuro reported that the Hernando SO has redistricted into 3 areas. This makes it difficult to get representation from all 3 districts. She will check to see if there is a joint district meeting to distribute CTST information.

Steve will be involved in Bike Safety Week with trail rides and rodeos in July.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Kris Reinhard was nominated as vice chair.

Terry moved to close nominations, retain the slate of officers for next year, and include Kris Reinhard as vice chair on the slate of officers. The motion was carried. Congratulations to Steve Diez - Chairman, Kris Reinhard - Vice-Chairman, and Sue Littnan - Secretary.

Jeanette has 3 new posters and accompanying bookmarks. They will be available soon. They are on 3 topics: 1) DUI, 2) the Move over Law, and 3) Pedestrian Safety .

Bob Deck, the new director of the Citrus County MADD chapter, provided information on the reorganization of the chapter. Bob is retired from a career in firefighting, EMT, and Rescue

service. The next meeting is July 24. Contact Bob at 352-461-1113 for the time and place. The main goal of the MADD chapter will be to educate the public on the consequences of driving while impaired . There is an emphasis on educating children to buckle up and not drive with an impaired driver. He has contacted the three law enforcement agencies in Citrus County and has been assured cooperation and support for his efforts.

Paulette Murrin of Hernando Health Dept. expressed concern for the safety of clients in the Spring Hill office parking lot. There is a sheriff's substation that shares the same parking lot, and marked and unmarked cars often leave the parking lot at a high rate of speed. Tracy will look into this matter.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00.

The next meeting is August 13 at the Hernando County Sheriff's Office

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Littnan
Secretary

Members Present:

David Carr	FDOT Brooksville	352-797-5700
Keith Crawford	FDOT Safety	813-975-6255
Steve Diez	Hernando Co Planning	352-754-4057x126
Tracy DiMuro	Hernando Co Sheriff's Office	352-754-6830
Terry Hensley	Law Enforcement Liaison	727-367-9633
Peter Hsu	FDOT Safety	813-975-6251
Michael Junker	Citrus Co Sheriff's Office	352-726-4488
Sue Littnan	Citrus Co Health Department	352-726-1731x242
Paulette Murrin	Hernando Co Health Dept	352-754-4067x107
Kristen Reinhard	Citrus Co Environmental Health	352-527-5293
Jeanette Rouse	FDOT Safety	813-975-6256
Robert Deck	Citrus County MADD	352-461-1113
Gloria Fribley	Hernando Co Sheriff's Office	352-754-6830