

**West Central Florida Community Traffic Safety Team  
Meeting Minutes of July 14, 2004**

Chair Steve Diez called the meeting to order at 1:15 PM. Introductions were made and minutes of the June meeting were approved.

**OLD BUSINESS - TEAM BUILDING**

The CTST welcomed *Steven Rinaldi*, Deputy Chief of Administration for the Citrus County Department of Public Safety—Fire Services Department.

**PROBLEM LOCATIONS**

Peter reported that there will be a flashing signal on CR 491 and US 98 in operation by next year. He is working with Hernando County engineering for construction funding. Tracy mentioned that the red light enforcement light on SR 50 and Brookridge does not work properly. Peter said this was the year for enforcement lights. Hillsborough County received a FACERS (FL Association of County Engineers and Road Superintendents) Award for their efforts with white enforcement lights and the FDOT received a Davis Productivity Award (public agency) for the cost-effective white lights. We are working on producing a roll-call video on the white enforcement lights.

**ACTIVITIES - EVENTS from JUNE**

Kris reported on her fitness/bike safety camp at Koala Tee Day Care for 10 to 12 children ages 6-12. The prototype program started June 7 and ends Aug. 2. It involves good nutrition, fitness, and bike safety. Kris said when the camp ends on August 2<sup>nd</sup> they will bring in the parents for a diner to explain the basic food groups. Interns from USF's College of Public Health are working with Kris. There was a bike rodeo for 15 cub scouts from on June 12. A student with special needs attended twice a week and used the adaptive bike. There was a bike safety program on June 15 for 25 campers at Inverness Middle School through the Parks and Rec. Dept., and on June 16, the same program reached 23 6-12 year olds at Lecanto Middle School. June 17 was an evening bike safety program for 45 girl scouts in Homosassa. Kris attended the Sheriff's Camp Harmony on June 23 at Citrus Springs Elem, and June 30 at Rock Crusher Elem. Her bike safety program reached approx. 70 campers at both camps for 6 -12 year olds.

**NEW BUSINESS - UPCOMING EVENTS**

Kris continues the fitness camp at Koala Tee until Aug 2. Through Parks and Rec Dept., there will be a bike program at Crystal River Primary for 17-25 campers. Sue updated the members on the Citrus County Child Passenger Safety Program. Parents need to make an appointment to receive a new safety seat or booster or if they want a car seat inspected. Call Sue at 726-1731 ext. 242. The cost for each new seat is \$15, and

only one seat is provided for each child in a family. There are no supplemental seats provided for grandparents or babysitters. Since the program has very limited funds to purchase safety seats, there can only be seats provided for children who have NO safe, appropriate car seat or booster. There are no rental or loaner seats due to liability.

The Child Passenger Safety Class for new technicians starts July 22, and continues July 23, 29 and 30 from 8 to 5 each day at CFCC in Lecanto. So far, there are only 6 people registered for this program.

There will be a car seat check up event on Friday, July 30, in the parking lot at CFCC. It will be held from 2:00-4:00 PM with no appointment necessary. Parents should bring the child and the car seat for the check up and allow 20 minutes per car seat.

Dave Carr will contact Trooper Reggie Edwards of the FHP to obtain child safety seats for the Citrus Program. Herman will also take the \$2 difference flyers to his AARP-55 Alive driver improvement classes. When renewing a car license or registering a vehicle, you can donate \$2 to provide car seats for children in the county.

#### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The slate of officers for the upcoming year is as follows:

Chairman—Steve Diez, Vice-Chair- Kris Reinhard, Secretary—Sue Littnan

Voting was unanimous to retain the existing officers.

#### OPEN FORUM - ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jeanette reported on the statewide CTST Coalition meeting in Tampa at FDOT offices on July 12. Our Law enforcement Liaison, Terry Hensley, had the book of those agencies recognized and prizes awarded at the Buckle Up Florida awards banquet. Hillsborough and Pinellas counties CTST 's both received recognition for their efforts. There will be a DUI enforcement with dates available at the next month's meeting. We need to keep better records of our CTST activities from all agencies in order to qualify for recognition next year. Steve challenged the team to become CTST of the Year for 2004.

Karen reported that Hernando County decided to start their own SAFE KIDS chapter rather than a joint chapter with Citrus County in order to receive the materials available to a chapter.

Steve Diez wants to get into the Hernando County Schools with the bike safety program. The county needs a full time person to coordinate such a program . Steve Rinaldi suggested

contacting the health and safety department of the school district and asking to see their OPAGA report, which is a safety audit.

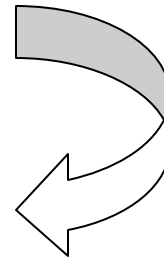
Steve Rinaldi gave a good suggestion for rewarding kids who are correctly wearing a helmet or riding their bike safely. He has seen a system work successfully, where trading cards are used as hand outs by deputies for kids who are riding safely. These can be sports trading cards or cards depicting local deputies with K-9 units, motormen, or other specialty units like School Resource Officers. Jeanette and Steve R. will look into this project and get pricing for the August meeting.

Herman reported that large, Class D trucks should not be using a regular vehicle driver's license. This information needs to be explained to individuals at car and truck dealerships.

No further business. Meeting adjourned at 2:35

Respectfully submitted,  
Sue Littnan  
Secretary

Next Meeting  
Wednesday, Aug 11  
1:00 PM  
Hernando County Sheriff's Office  
In Brooksville



Members Present:

David Carr	FDOT, Brooksville	352-797-5700
Ralph Cotier	WCFL Driver Improvement	352-726-8862
Corey Davidson	Citrus Co Sheriff's Office	352-736-4488
Steve Diez	Hernando Co Planning	352-754-4057x126
Tracy DiMuro	Hernando Co Sheriff's Office	352-754-6830
Karen Gidden	Hernando Co Health Department	352-754-4067x149
Peter Hsu	FDOT, Safety	813-975-6251
John Melanson	Hernando Co Sheriff's Office	352-754-6850
Kristen Reinhard	Citrus Co Environmental Health	352-527-5293
Stephen Rinaldi	Citrus Co Fire Services	352-527-5406
Jeanette Rouse	FDOT, Safety	813-975-6256
Herman Sinemus	AARP 55 Alive	352-344-1901

