

West Central Florida Community Traffic Safety Team  
Meeting Minutes of September 10, 2003

Chairman Steve Diez called the meeting to order at 1:05 PM in the Lecanto Government building. Introductions were made and minutes approved from the August meeting.

OLD BUSINESS -PROBLEM LOCATIONS

1. Steve will follow up with Hernando County Engineering regarding the flashing light at JD Floyd School.
2. The flashing light at Inverness Middle School is now operational.
3. Crystal River is not installing the white lights for monitoring red light running at this time. Peter Hsu and Dave DeCarlis, C.R PD, will follow up. Deputy Junker of Citrus SO will pursue the installation with the engineering department for other areas of Citrus County.
4. Fred Beckner from Citrus Fire Department inquired about the timeline for installation of a four way traffic signal at the intersection of Hwy. 486 and Annapolis Ave in Citrus County. Peter and/or Fred will follow up with County Engineering.

EVENTS

1. Tracy DiMuro reported that each third grade at 17 Hernando County Schools would participate in a bike/ped safety classroom program. The program is supposed to have the hands-on training provided by the PE teachers. The program is set up directly with the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade team leader. So far it consists of handouts, workbook materials, and lecture. AmScot check cashing company did a bike helmet give away on 8-28 in Hernando County for approximately 50 people, but did not include a helmet fitting. Steve will follow up with a letter suggesting that the helmets be donated to a bike education program for the next distribution and AmScot would still receive the publicity.
2. Sue Littnan reported that she and 2 CPS techs from Childhood Development Services conducted a car seat check up event for the Crystal River Preschool. They inspected 17 children for safety seat use. There were actually 3 installed and used correctly. 8 new seats were provided, some as replacements and others for kids who were not in any restraint.
3. Kris Reinhard provided an in-school bike safety program for students at Inverness Middle School. Deputy Bogart helped with the 3rd day on-bike program where 100 students per period rotated through the track course. Kris has 60 bikes now that she uses.
4. Peter showed the video on the press coverage on Red Light Running from Hillsborough County that was shown on the Channel 8 news. The video shows the white enforcement light for monitoring intersections. There are now 34 intersections fitted with the white lights in Hillsborough County.

## NEW BUSINESS

Deputy Junker and Jeanette Rouse discussed funding for the DUI situation in Citrus County. Deputy Junker reported that some of the impaired drivers come into Citrus County from Ocala. Peter and Jeanette suggested that Citrus SO, Crystal River PD, and Inverness PD all apply for the 402 safety grants by submitting a concept paper in January 2004. These funds can be used for enforcement and DUI education. Peter stated that additional funds are available for construction projects in unsafe locations. Contact Peter for more information.

Kris stated that the International Walk Your Child to School Day is coming up in October. She will provide pedestrian education for Citrus Springs Elementary School that day. There is also a Bike Rodeo on Sept 20 in Beverly Hills.

Sue provided a flyer on the "Buckle Up Hotline." If you see a vehicle with an unrestrained child, YOU can contact the hotline at 1-800-699-SAFE. You provide the Florida tag number and a description of the vehicle. The phone number is funded through AAA. The owner of the vehicle will be sent a packet of Car Seat Safety information and a letter telling them the consequences of driving with an unrestrained child. The program is for education and not enforcement.

Sue also handed out the information on the fundraiser for the Car Seat Program. It is called Adopt a Seat. Individuals, businesses, and community organizations and clubs have been sent this request for contributions in order to purchase car seats for low-income families.

As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:10 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Sue Littnan  
Secretary

**The next meeting is October 8, 2003  
at the Hernando County Sheriff's Office.**

### Members Present:

David Carr	FDOT Brooksville Office	352-797-5700
Ralph Cotier	WCFL Driver Improvement	352-726-8862
Carlo Daleo	Hernando Co Sheriff's Office	352-754-6850
David DeCarlis	Crystal River Police Dept	352-795-4241
Steven Diez	Hernando Co Planning	352-754-4057x126
Tracy DiMuro	Hernando Co Sheriff's Office	352-754-6830
Chad Doyle	Inverness Police Dept	352-726-2121

Peter Hsu	FDOT Safety	813-975-6251
Michael Junker	Citrus Co Sheriff's Office	352-726-4488
Sue Littnan	Citrus Co Health Dept	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
Fred Beckner	Citrus Co Fire Rescue	352-527-7621
Katrena West	Citrus Co Health Dept	352-527-5406