

West Central Florida Community Traffic Safety Team
Meeting Minutes of September 8, 2004

The meeting was called to order by Jeanette Rouse at 1:10 pm at the Government Center in Lecanto. Since the recent hurricane Frances had many members occupied with job duties, we were pleased to have 7 members able to attend. Team building will pick up next month. The minutes of the August meeting were approved as submitted.

OLD BUSINESS /PROBLEM LOCATIONS

Mondon Hill Road in Hernando County needs the crash report from the county engineer. Sheriff Nugent sent a letter to him requesting the crash information be sent to Peter at FDOT. This information will prove the need for the proposed safety improvements. Once this crash information is received, Peter can assist with DOT funds to provide guard rails along the dangerous section of this roadway. Excess speed and bad road conditions have been the cause of 3 deaths on that road. Peter also suggested reflective raised pavement strips.

OLD BUSINESS

David Carr will see if FDOT can help provide the cones needed for the implementation of the teen driving program in Hernando County.

No action has been taken yet regarding the problem with the fire stations on Hwy 50 being unable to get trucks out into the lane of traffic.

EVENTS in AUGUST

Kris will provide a summary of her events.

The Car Seat program provided 31 safety seats and boosters for Citrus County families in August. 45 individuals participated in the car seat safety education classes. 6 car seats were inspected for safety at the Health Department. 30 car seats were ordered and received from the Evenflo Company at a cost of \$1,300.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Terry suggested a re-education program for motorists regarding the correct way to approach a 4-way intersection when the signals are not working. People need to treat the intersection as a 4-way stop; however, motorists do not know how to stop and proceed at those intersections. Some individuals still feel that they do not have to stop and are causing crashes during this hurricane disaster. Jeanette has some print materials that can be distributed. Radio stations have also been giving accurate advice.

Herman will emphasize the 4-way stop at the November AARP instructor workshop. It will be the zone B regional training for 90 instructors from Pasco, Citrus, Hernando, Levy, Sumter and Dixie counties.

Jeanette reported that October 6 is National Walk to School Day. No detailed plans are in place as yet for Citrus or Hernando Counties.

Saturday, September 18, is the Safety Expo at the Mall in Crystal River. It is sponsored by the Sheriffs office and SALT (Seniors and Law Enforcement Together). Programs and displays will include Telemarketing scams and rip-offs, K-9 presentation, home security and self defense. It is a free event from 10 am to 3 pm. For more information, contact the sheriff's office at 726-4435 ext 342.

Peter explained that the SO in Hernando County is ready with pictures for the law enforcement & EMS trading cards. He will get these printed. Peter also suggested that Ralph and Herman provide driver education information that could be produced on a bookmark. Driving tips and reminders can be listed on one side and a safety slogan and graphic on the front side. Car seat safety bookmarks can also be created for the Health Department program as part of the CTST project. Sue will provide Jeanette with the images and safety information.

Peter also reported on the 511 traffic advisory phone system now available in the Tampa Bay area. He distributed maps of the coverage area. There is also a website with live camera footage of areas of heavy traffic and/or other traffic conditions. You may go to www.511tampabay.com and check it out. This system is not yet available in Citrus or Hernando counties.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Littnan
Secretary

Next Meeting is
Wednesday,
October 13th,
Hernando County
Sheriff's Office,
Brooksville

1:00 PM