

**West Central Florida Community Traffic Safety Team
Meeting Minutes of December 19, 2003**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Steve Diez at 1:00 PM. Introductions were made and the minutes of the November meeting were approved as submitted.

The team adjourned to the corner of Spring Hill Drive and Mariner in Hernando County to view the newly installed white lights used to deter red light running. A press conference was held with Jeanette providing information for the reporters on the improved enforcement of red light running using the white lights. David Carr brought the variable message sign to make motorists aware of the new system. Jeanette provided a banner announcing "STOP RED LIGHT RUNNING." The local newspaper took photos of the CTST team, Sheriff Nugent and the Hernando Sheriff's Deputies.

EVENT REPORTS

In order to keep an accurate accounting of CTST activities, here is a listing of the events that occurred in November.

1. A car seat safety Check Up event was held at the Crystal River Mall on Nov. 15. Technicians from several agencies participated. Donna Young and Bill Villanova from the Citrus Schools Transportation Department, Dave DeCarlis and Ian Hay from the Crystal River Police Department, Kurt Lynn with Citrus SO, and Sue Littnan from Health Department. The turnout was very light with only 8 safety seats inspected. The Chronicle provided a news release and picture.
2. AAA and Budweiser are providing a free ride home and tow for adults who may have overindulged over the holiday season. The program is called "Tow to Go." The purpose is to keep potential impaired drivers off the road. Kris contacted the AAA office in Spring Hill and ordered cards explaining the service. These will be sent to the SO for distribution to bars.
3. A car seat safety class for 9 moms was held at Promise Village in Crystal River. Six (6) safety seats were also inspected for secure installation and correct fit. Only one seat was correctly installed. Four (4) new car seats were provided.

The meeting was adjourned after the press conference. Happy Holidays to all.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Littnan
Secretary

*** Next meeting is Wednesday, January 14 in Citrus County

Members Present:

William Boettger	Hernando Co Sheriff's Office	352/754-6830
Chandler Cole	Hernando Co Sheriff's Office	352/754-6830
Ralph Cotier	WCFL Driver Improvement	352/726-8862
Steven Diez	Hernando Co Planning	352/754-4057x126
George Drobina	VFW 10209	352/688-8244
Terry Hensley	District 7 Law Enforcement Liaison	727/367-9633
Peter Hsu	FDOT Safety	813/975-6251
Craig Baxley	Hernando Co Sheriff's Office	352/754-6830
Scott Bierwiler	Hernando Co Sheriff's Office	352/754-6830
Sue Littnan	Citrus Co Health Department	352/726-1731x242
Paulette Murrin	Hernando Co Health Department	352/754-4067x107
Cinda Moore	Hernando Co Sheriff's Department	352/754-6830x312
Rucell Nesmith	Hernando Co Bus Transportation	352/797-7003
Kristen Reinhard	Citrus Co Environmental Health	352/527-5293
Jeanette Rouse	FDOT Safety	813/975-6256
Herman Sinemus	AARP	352/344-1901
George Smith	Hernando Co Sheriff's Office	352/688-5000
Donna Young	Citrus Co School Board	352/726-1931x2424
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Phillip Wood	Hernando Co Sheriff's Office	352/754-6830

