

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

The meeting was called to order at 1:04 by chairman, Steve Diez. Introductions were made and minutes of the December meeting were approved.

OLD BUSINESS TEAM BUILDING

Please see if you can bring someone to the next meeting. Jeanette Rouse suggested that engineering personnel participate. Dave Carr mentioned that the Jorgenson Company should also be invited to attend. They now have the contract in Citrus County for repairs to state roads. A representative from AAA will also be invited to be a member of the team, along with Brooksville PD.

PROBLEM LOCATIONS

Emerson Street and Hwy 50.—Hernando County For buses making a left onto Hwy 50, there is no dedicated left turn arrow. Peter will check. The flashing light for the school zone is not coming on at the correct time. Tracy DiMuro will check on it.

Barkley Road and Hwy 50.- Hernando County This is a dangerous intersection for school buses making a left turn onto Hwy 50. Cars in the center through lane are making left turns from that lane to avoid being behind a bus. Both lanes are making left turns at same time, causing a problem for bus drivers. This occurs at 1:30 PM. Tracy will check with enforcement.

Highway 19 and Citrus Ave. -Citrus County Dave DeCarlis said the pedestrian "walk light" on Hwy 19 only last one or two seconds and then reverts back to "Don't Walk." This doesn't give pedestrians enough time to cross the 4 lanes. There is no median. Peter will check the timing.

Stonebrook Dr. and Highway 19- Citrus County Peter will get crash reports from the County.

EVENTS

Tracy reported on the program to target speeders where law enforcement officers are dressed like construction workers.

Dave De Carlis reported that Bay News 9 taped a PSA speeding message. There are now triple the amount of speed limit signs on Highway 19. Speeding continues as there is not enough deterrent. Fines are \$180 - \$280. A driver will lose his license for 30 days after accruing 12 points. He will lose it for 18 months if he has 18 points.

David Carr participated in the Christmas parades in Brooksville and Crystal River, handing out materials to promote seat belt safety.

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NEW BUSINESS-----UPCOMING EVENTS

Steve mentioned that the Florida Bike Assn. is encouraging individuals and organizations to join. Check online at Floridabikeassociation.org

Jeanette gave information on **the 2003 Law Enforcement Challenge**. In addition to our law enforcement agencies, community members and CTST teams are also recognized for achievements and efforts. Deadline is **MARCH 15** at ITPM in Jacksonville. Check on the website at BuckleupFlorida.com for information. Bring pictures, news releases, etc. to help ensure our CTST gets the credit it deserves on our nomination.

Steve and Kris will be attending a **Road One Class** in Gainesville on Jan 30-31. for bike handling and safety.

Sue reported that **Child Passenger Safety Week 2004 is Feb 7-15**. There will be a safety seat check up event in Citrus County on **Saturday, Feb. 7** to kick off the week. It will be held from Noon to 2:00 PM at the parking lot of Withlacoochee Technical Institute on Highway 44, Inverness. Certified Technicians are needed for this event. Call Sue to be a part of the event. Members of the Gulf to Lake Pilot Club will help with baby wrangling and handing out brochures.

Kris is working at her schools. She is picking up 32 new bikes for a total of 92 ! WOW ! She also has 2 adaptive bikes for disabled students. There will soon be a third trailer for storage of the bikes. Jeanette has water bottles to provide for the kids.

Paulette Murrin reported that the Hernando DOH completed their quality improvement inspection. The DOH was commended for providing clean, safe transportation for clients from one facility to the other.

Jeanette reported that Deer Park School in Pasco County is having "Walking Wednesdays," to encourage students to walk to school and get some exercise.

Peter ordered enforcement lights for Hernando County for 20 locations. Fatalities for 2003 were 29 in Citrus and 33 in Hernando.

Concept papers for the 2004- 2005 DOT Safety Grants are due March, 2004, but are accepted during January and February too.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 pm.

**NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY, FEB. 11, 2004
HERNANDO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

Respectfully Submitted,
Sue Littnan
Secretary

