

West Central Florida Community Traffic Safety Team Meeting Minutes of February 11, 2004

Vice Chair Kris Reinhard called the meeting to order at 1:10 PM at the Hernando County Sheriff's Office. Introductions were made and the minutes of the previous meeting were approved. A warm welcome was given to Chief Joyce Wells and the Bushnell Police Department.

OLD BUSINESS—PROBLEM LOCATIONS

Crystal River -The previous question about the walk light timing was explained to Sgt. DeCarlis.

Hernando---The left turn on Emerson off SR 50 will be checked. Information will be provided for school district next month.

Barkley and Highway 50—Sgt Smith is doing a study with Hernando Sheriff's Office.

Stonebrook Dr and Highway 19---DOT working on crash reports

Deltona and Highway 50 -problem intersection for red light running eastbound on 50. The Sheriff's Office is conducting a red light enforcement detail there.

EVENTS

Kris reported on the Road One Class she and Steve Diez taught on Jan. 30 -31 in Gainesville. There were 23 students for the adult cycling program. Kris is completing the bike program at Floral City Elementary for 400 students. She is working with 700 students at Hernando Elementary in a 5-week bike ed. program. About 150 4th graders will take a biking field trip. About 25 students per hour will bike two miles assisted by the bike deputies from Citrus SO. Public service aides help watch the bikes.

Sue reported that National Child Passenger Safety Week is Feb. 8-15. Citrus County CPS Staff provided a car seat check up event on Saturday, Feb. 7 at WTI. Only 8 seats were inspected, with one replaced. Only one seat was correct. Both Inverness and Crystal River mayors did a proclamation for CPS Week.

NEW BUSINESS—PROBLEM LOCATIONS

Corporal Junker from Citrus SO reported that SR 44 in Lecanto west of 491 is hazardous near highway 490 flea market. About 500 cars park all along the roadway on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday during the flea market. Enforcement personnel need signs to prohibit parking from Maylan Road to the beginning of flea market to aid in their enforcement efforts.

Kris asked about the area on 491 in Beverly Hills near the Haywires restaurant. Employees park across the street and cross 491 to the restaurant. This county road is currently

under construction and this will be changed as 491 is widened to 6 lanes and a median installed.

Kris also asked if the bike lane will be re-stripped on Citrus Springs Boulevard now that the road is repaved.

Peter reported that the signal will be activated on 98 and Highway 19 in the future.

Highway 48 and Main (highway 475) in Sumter County near the Wal-Mart is congested. It needs a left turn lane into the store.

Highway 41 (6 lanes) in Brooksville has paved shoulder for bike lane but no signage or triangle symbol on path . This symbol is only put on areas with high pedestrian traffic.

NEW BUSINESS—OPEN FORUM

Peter is waiting for a shipment of 400 white lights to install at intersections for decreasing red light running. DOT will ship ASAP to the signal shop in Hernando and notify the Sheriff's Office. He is still working to provide lights to Citrus County .

Hernando SO will host the CTST information on their web site. Corporal Junker from Citrus SO will see if Citrus SO can host the information on their site also.

Peter reported that the DOT 402 Safety Grant concept papers are due March 31. Forms are available on line at CTST.ORG.

The Best Practice Manual for CTST's is being updated. If your agency would like to be included in this year's edition, please submit your program before February 29. They are looking for unique partnerships and program ideas.

Sue reported that there will be a half day Technical Skills Update for certified child passenger safety technicians on Friday, March 12 . It will be from 8:30 - 11:30 at Whispering Pines Park in Inverness.

There is also a half-day class for those interested in becoming a certified child Passenger Safety Technician. It will also be on Friday, March 12 at the Whispering Pines Park. It is from 1:00 - 3:30. Contact Sue at 352-726-1731 ext. 242 to register. There is no charge for either class.

The Citrus SO will have the Sheriff's Summer Safety Day on Saturday, May 8, at the Auditorium in Inverness. There will be all types of safety exhibits and demonstrations, including water safety, child passenger safety and a bike rodeo. There will be free tee shirts and bike helmets for kids. More on this next month. How about a CTST booth???

April 19-20 is a bike education training for elementary and middle school teachers at the auditorium in Inverness.

Citrus Springs middle school bike program is next for Kris. The new bikes and 2 adaptive bikes will be delivered soon for a total of 92 regular bikes.

Peter gave the following traffic fatality reports for 2003.

Citrus—30 - 5 so far in 2004

Hernando-34 - 2 so far in 2004

Sumter—13

AARP reported the "Move Over Law" is in the driver manual to better educate the community.

Bill Geiger asked about US 41 in Brooksville that has paved shoulders for bikes but it is not marked and there are no signs. Peter reported they do not put the symbol everywhere only in high pedestrian areas.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:15 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Sue Littnan
Secretary

The next meeting is on Wednesday March 10

Government Center in Lecanto

Don't forget the adjusted time for this month

2:00-3:30 PM in Room 166

Members present:

David Carr	FDOT Brooksville	352-797-5700
Tracy DiMuro	Hernando Co Sheriff's Office	352-754-6830
Bill Geiger	City of Brooksville	352-544-5430
Peter Hsu	FDOT Safety	813-975-6251
Scott Bierwiel	Hernando Co Sheriff's Office	352-754-6830
Michael Junker	Citrus Co Sheriff's Office	352-726-4488
Sue Littnan	Citrus Co Health Department	352-726-1731x242
Paulette Murrin	Hernando Co Health Dept	352-754-4067x107
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
George Smith	Hernando Co Sheriff's Office	352-688-5000
Purce Dahlin	AARP	352-799-3658
John Melanson	Hernando Co Sheriff's Office	352-754-6850
Joyce Wells	Bushnell Police Department	352-793-6810
Connie Wilson	Bushnell Police Department	352-793-6810