

BREVARD COUNTY
COMMUNITY TRAFFIC SAFETY TEAM
December 15, 2010 – Meeting Minutes

Darlene Burton, Dept. of Health
Greg Pugeseck, Melbourne PD
John Znorowski, City of Titusville Public Works
Mike Etheredge, Brevard Co. Sheriff's Office
Steve Novak, West Melbourne
Tami Gillen, Melbourne Engineering
Valerie Becker, Florida Safety Council
Lavanda Lane, Brevard Co. Traffic Engineering
Georganna Gillette, Space Coast TPO

Derek Wainscott, Brevard County
Joe Steward, FDOT
Lori Chabot, Brevard Co. Sheriff's Office
Sheryl Bradley, FDOT/HNTB
Steve Terry, Brevard Co. Public Schools
Tracy Cafiero, Brevard Co. Traffic Engineering
Kim Smith, Bike/Ped Education Coordinator
Kwabena Oforu, Palm Bay Engineering
Steve W. Ralston, DBI

The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman, Tami Gillen at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, December 15, 2010. Tami Gillen indicated that two corrections to the November 17, 2010 meeting had been submitted. Joe Steward made a motion to approve the revised meeting minutes and John Znorowski seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business: Kim Smith is discussing the possibility of using "Slosberg Funds" with Valerie Harvel to offset busing costs associated with the proposed "Mock DUI" presentations. As many as thirteen (13) high schools in Brevard County could benefit from this presentation. Additionally, Christine McClure may be able to provide an informational teen safety video that can be used by Brevard County schools. Both of these issues are on-going.

New Business: Ms. Laura Carter provided an update regarding the Space Coast Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Countywide Crash Database. This is a 10-year collection of crash data countywide. The collection of this data is one of many important tools in establishing project priorities by the Space Coast TPO Board and transportation goals for the Long Range Transportation Plan 2035. Coordination efforts are ongoing and access to the system may be available as early as 2012. Mr. Joe Steward also provided a demonstration of the state's crash database as developed by the University of Florida's Geoplan Center. Similar to the TPO's, this database will provide an interactive method of accessing crash data which will support reporting, analysis, and mapping of traffic crashes. The state has converted the traditional short and long forms into one (1) from which will also be available through this database. Local agencies may have access to this database once it is available in Brevard County.

Ms. Lori Chabot with Brevard County's Sheriff's Office also provided an informative presentation on the latest trend being observed on the roadways today, texting while driving. Ms. Chabot conducts the Teen Driver Challenge (TDC) developed to reduce crashes and fatality among teenage drivers. She mentioned that recent surveys indicate that as many as 61% of teenagers text while driving and 78% talk on the phone while driving. The FSA Teen Driver program is a 12-hour course which includes 4 hours of classroom coursework and 8 hours of hands-on driving instruction over a two-day period.

Fatality Report – Joe Steward reported zero (0) fatalities for the month of December in Brevard County. Year-to-date total for 2010 was 61. Study request forms are provided at every meeting. The first concern was added to the "Problems and Solutions" worksheet.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.