



Community Traffic Safety Team
of Pasco County

Meeting Minutes October 28, 2015

Chairman Mike Bunk welcomed everyone and introductions were made. Discussion was had about various topics in the minutes. Minutes were approved.

Deanna discussed an article she read about Teen Driving.

There was some discussion about the agendas – specifics are being researched.

Discussion was had on the Battle of the Belts-Pasco – sponsorships are being sought.

Pasco county IWTSD had a great turn out with supporting 11 schools. We even made the news at River Ridge Middle. Pasco National Night Out was once again a huge success. We fitted 206 helmets in 1.5 hours!

We have programmed at 30 schools since our new grant cycle began and have 6 on the calendar for January and February alone. We are excited to be partaking in the ACH New Port Richey Outreach centers Holiday party on Dec. 14 for their patients, and we will be speaking at a county wide volunteer liaison meeting early December in hopes to continue to grow our program. We are always open to any schools who could benefit from our program and any connections anyone may have.

Law Enforcement Liaison Thomas banks reported that almost 300 agencies participated in the Labor Day DUI Enforcement. Halloween is a very busy DUI holiday, according to NITSA. There will be a large focus on Click it or Ticket during the Thanksgiving holiday, this LE Motor Unit challenge goes on during the months of November, December and into January. FHP has a 92% participation rate. Cities are around 8? % (check with Tom to get specific numbers) and the County Sheriffs are somewhere in the 60% range. He reported that they are seeing a rise in fatalities, although no one issue seems to be the culprit, distracted driving (texting) appears to be the strongest suspect. The LEL Program is now under NITSA so there are changes taking place. They are hopeful for better stability in 2016. With gas prices going down, we will see more people on the roads. Suggestions were made that a Sherriff's Campaign could be run on traffic enforcement based on the number of calls about people that see speeders and other traffic violators. All law enforcement agencies seem to be understaffed. Correlation is trying to be determined on where traffic infractions are occurring more frequently. Possibility seems to be that with more traffic enforcement, it could lead to crime prevention. Hopefully we can see improvements as the economic outlook improves.

Allen talked about a report prepared to establish a recommended alignment for the Anclote Coastal Trail, which was approved by the Pasco County MPO. The trail could reduce the conflict on Baillies Bluff Road between vehicles and pedestrians/ bicyclists.

All Children's can't get car seats anymore with the Occupant Protection program. The State (Or Feds?) decided that hospitals are not allowed to receive the free car seats anymore. They were getting a \$20 donation and now they are not allowed to have them on their property, nor can they accept monies.



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The certification person needs a location to hold classes and someone to hold onto the funds for this program.

Discussion was had about contacting with the FHP (?) Steve Gaskins in order to better facilitate communications about LE activities and programs and ongoing campaigns.

Suggestions were made for Cyclovia along US 19.

A discussion with FDOT was held about Little @ Grove intersection was upcoming.

Rowan Road at Bailey was requested to be discussed with Planning.

Assistance was requested for an RSA at Seven Springs Road near SR 54 and Perrine Ranch.

Possible lane shifts occurring causing "single auto crash"

FDOT suggested audible markings, which would also allow for better visual.

Discussion was had about some possible solutions for some rural roads and local traffic issues.

Attendees:

Thomas Banks, LEL
Sam Beneck, Pasco County Planning
Mike Bunk, Pasco County Traffic
David Carr, FDOT
Lt. Heather Glenny, FHP
Rhonda Grice, FDOT
Allen Howell, Pasco MPO
Deanna Krautner, DOH
Karen Maldonado, All Children's Hospital
Carrie Wilson, Pasco County Traffic Operations
David Skrelunas, Pasco County Traffic Operations
Gregory Williams, New Port Richey Police Department
Michael Zinn, FDOT
Ashley Volker, SRTS