

**BREVARD COUNTY**  
**COMMUNITY TRAFFIC SAFETY TEAM**  
**October 20, 2010 – Meeting Minutes**

Christen McClure, Cocoa Beach PD  
Georganna Gillette, Space Coast TPO  
Tony Nosse, FDOT  
Joe Steward, FDOT  
Kwabena Oforu, Palm Bay Engineering  
Kim Smith, Bike/Ped Education Coordinator  
Rick Colon, Cocoa Beach PD

Steve Terry, Brevard Co. Public Schools  
Heath Sanders, Melbourne PD  
Tami Gillen, Melbourne Engineering  
Cyril Hopping, Melbourne PD  
Tracy Cafier, Brevard Co. Traffic Engineering  
Valerie Becker, Florida Safety Council

The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman, Tami Gillen at 9:35 a.m. on Wednesday, October 20, 2010. There were no previous meeting minutes to approve.

**Old Business:** Seatbelt Usage Survey Forms – Initial surveys have shown improvement in the seating position and use of proper restraint for children. It was mentioned that periodic surveys should be done as time permits to facilitate education of the proper seatbelt restraint.

**New Business:** Walking School Bus Program -Ms. Darlene Burton with the Florida Department of Health provided a presentation on the “Walking School Bus Program”. This is a pilot program funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) to encourage school age children to walk to school along with a designated parent volunteer. The scope of the project includes providing evaluations of infrastructure conditions such as sidewalk connections, crosswalks and lighting for minority targeted schools around the Brevard County area including John F. Turner Elementary School in Palm Bay, Cambridge Elementary Magnate School and Endeavor Elementary School in Cocoa. Ms. Burton indicated that she would present her findings to the CTST committee upon completion of the study.

Teen Driving Issues –Mr. Steve Terry with Brevard County Public Schools expressed concern over the lack of driver education programs for teenagers due to recent budgetary cutbacks in Brevard County. Officer Christen McClure offered an educational video presentation that could be shown during the school hours. Also, it was mentioned that the Florida Sheriffs Association (FSA) offers a free program called the Teen Driver Challenge (TDC) developed to reduce crashes and fatality among teenage drivers. 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.

Countywide Crash database and CTST Goals – It was mentioned that there are ongoing efforts by the Space Coast TPO in providing a crash database for Brevard County. Similar efforts are being conducted by a partnership between the University of Florida and Florida Highway Patrol (FHP). In the future, these databases will become available to the CTST to further identify areas with high crash data.

Fatality Report – Joe Steward stated that there was one (1) fatality reported for the month of October in Brevard County. Year-to-date total for 2010 is 51. Mr. Nosse encouraged the use of the traffic safety form.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.