

BREVARD COUNTY
COMMUNITY TRAFFIC SAFETY TEAM
November 17, 2010 – Meeting Minutes

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Valerie Becker, Florida Safety Council

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Donnie Williams, Partick Air Force
Frank Hickson, Infrastructure Engineers
Joe Steward, FDOT
Lori Chabot, Brevard Co. Sheriff's Office
Sheryl Bradley, FDOT
Steve Terry, Brevard Co. Public Schools
Tracy Cafiero, Brevard Co. Traffic Engineering
Kim Smith, Bike/Ped Education Coordinator

The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman, Tami Gillen at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, November 17, 2010. Steve Terry made a motion to approve the October 20, 2010 meeting minutes and Joe Steward seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business: Joe Steward with FDOT agreed to provide a brief demonstration of the GIS-based database at the next meeting in December. The Space Coast Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) is actively working with Brevard County and a consultant to establish a countywide crash database. Independently, the Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) has teamed up with the University of Florida for a similar effort statewide. Tony Nosse with Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) currently uses the statewide database to access "long form" crash data reports.

It was also discussed whether Brevard County High Schools (13 total) could benefit from "Mock DUI" presentations. A logistical issue arose regarding the cost of busing students to the presentation site. A member questioned whether "Slosberg Funds" could be used to offset busing costs and another member agreed to investigate the issue further.

New Business: Teen Driving Video – Review of this video was postponed due to scheduling conflicts.

Florida Minority Occupant Protection Task Force – Mr. Reggie Bell provided a very informative presentation regarding his experience on the task force including outreach programs into the community to relay the importance of driver safety. "A recent report by Johns Hopkins researchers analyzed 68,840 motorcycle accidents recorded by the National Trauma Data Bank between 2002 and 2006. The data show that black riders were 50% more likely to die than white riders, despite the fact that African Americans were more likely to be wearing helmets at the time of the crash. The disparity held up even after controlling for the severity of the accident, the biker's gender and insurance status. White bikers not wearing helmets were still less likely to die in a crash than black bikers wearing helmets. The authors hypothesize that the disparity may be due to differences in levels of health care, lack of health insurance, less access to or poorer quality of critical care and a higher rate of pre-existing conditions". Read more: <http://www.kmojfm.com/?p=1157> .

Fatality Report – Joe Steward reported that there were two (2) fatalities in the month of November in Brevard County. Year-to-date total for 2010 is 55. Study request forms are provided at every meeting. A "Problems and Solutions" worksheet will be developed to address these requests moving forward.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.