

## **Pinellas Community Traffic Safety Team Meeting Minutes of August 3, 2006**

Chairperson Dave Fechter called the general meeting to order and introductions were given. The minutes of the July 6 meeting were approved as submitted. Dave conveyed to the team Ron McKenzie's thoughts that he was touched by the support of the team in the recent tragic loss of his daughter.

### **Subcommittee Reports:**

**Education:** Bruce Murakami reported the CARS program would begin on September 2 at Riverview High School in Hillsborough County. Kim Jowell announced that Judges are now court ordering seniors to take driving classes and they are proving very beneficial. If you are 55 or older and take the driving class, you can get a reduction in your insurance. There are several options available for the classes through the Safety Council or AAA, for example.

**Enforcement:** Ron McKenzie stated that Pinellas Park Police Department has two new certified DRE's (Drug Recognition Experts). Ron stated it was one of the hardest schools he has ever attended. Congratulations! He said they received good press from Channel 13 on the news about the DREs. St. Pete PD has give over 1,000 warnings for two pedestrian crosswalks. They conduct one detail a week and are writing more citations now. Ron Van Houton presented to the judges to explain the pedestrian laws, so they should see more enforcement now.

Dave said he would distribute the Motorcycle Safety tips to law enforcement for their review. He hopes to publish these tips and take the campaign before the statewide CTST Coalition meeting in October for statewide replication.

Marc Hanger was not present nor Tom Washburn from the Engineering Subcommittee. Mike Frederick reported St. Petersburg has ITS overhead crosswalks. They have found they do not have not good compliance with the motorists. They are looking to a new vendor to see about a 5" rectangular strobe to put on the pedestrian sign for better compliance. They have found 70-93% yielding with this application. They may go to 20 additional sites in St. Petersburg.

Marian Scorza announced the ITS map to contra flow I-4 is available on the website of [www.one-way-florida.org](http://www.one-way-florida.org).

Tom Carter said that a motorcycle training class is offered at St. Pete College.

Jeanette made an announcement for Melissa Wandall that Stop on Red Week is August 6-12. Melissa will be a keynote speaker at the kickoff in Bradenton. It was suggested the variable message boards in the cities could support the Stop on Red message.

The next Pinellas Sheriff's Office DUI checkpoint is scheduled for Friday, September 1<sup>st</sup> south of Ulmerton.

Mary Handsel is working with west Pasco County on checkpoints to train them on how to set them up so as not to lose DUIs in court. Mary is a candidate for Circuit Court Judge, and stated she is not running against Pat Siracusa. She said most of the DUIs are handled by FHP and she is working with a small unit with the Pasco Sheriff's Office.

Safe Kids Walk This Way is scheduled for October 4<sup>th</sup>. Safe Kids at All Children's Hospital will be coordinating this effort for Pinellas schools.

Jeanette presented a Power Point on the Safe Routes to School program. The information was provided by the new Safe Routes to School Coordinator, Pat Pieratte in the State Safety Office in Tallahassee. The presentation gave some of the background of the program, how to form a team and develop projects to encourage children to walk or bike to school. Peter stated the current fiscal year 07 allocation for infrastructure projects is \$1.6 million and \$160,000 for non-infrastructure educational efforts in this district. FDOT has a list of 145 schools. Peter also went over a list of what has been allowed and what are non-allowed projects. Traffic calming around schools is allowed, speed feedback signs are allowed if enforcement helps in the area.

Demian Miller, Tindale-Oliver and Associates, presented on the US 19 Pedestrian Safety Study. This draft study had two stages. Phase I was for review and Phase II was to examine in detail how things are working, or not working, in the field. Demian is working with CUTR (Center for Urban Transportation Research) at USF on countermeasures. The main purpose of the study was to evaluate the ped crash history on US 19- a 33 mile corridor.

Tindale-Oliver identified the subsections that have the worst crash history and looked at what's practical to build. They looked at long form crashes and identified the greatest intensity locations. Pinellas has 44,563 crashes and 987 peds. CUTR grad students reviewed 147 US 19 pedestrian crash reports. Of those, the main crash type was dart/dash—about two-thirds of all the crashes. The time of day that was most pronounced was 6:00 PM -9:00 PM and the day of the week that was worst is Fridays. The most common victim was 40-49 year old males. They identified 10 corridors, a little over 4 miles. Most of the crash concentrations were in the St. Pete area. Tindale-Oliver hopes to develop innovative approaches and apply them elsewhere. The next steps will be to meet with local staff, develop countermeasures, review and produce a report.

Jeanette is seeking local nonalcoholic recipes for the 2006 edition of *Recipes for the Road*.

Our next meeting will be September 7, 2006.

**Members Present:**

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David Fechter	HNTB	813-884-7339
Michael Frederick	City of St. Petersburg	727-893-7843
Terry Harding	AAA Auto Club South	727-448-2600
Peter Hsu	FDOT Safety	813-975-6251
Kim Jowell	Suncoast Safety Council	727-442-0233
Mike Kazouris	Tarpon Springs Police Dept	727-938-2840
Ron McKenzie	Pinellas Park Police Dept	727-541-0758
Tom McMullian	VMS, Inc.	813-299-9379
Robert Mitchell	AAA Auto Club South	727-448-2600
Bruce Murakami	Safe Teen Driver	727-420-7937
Tom Paul	Congressman Bilirakis	727-773-2871
Eileen Pearson	Pinellas Co Health Dept	727-547-7780x153
Jeanette Rouse	FDOT Safety	813-975-6256
Kris Scholz	Palm Harbor Fire Rescue	727-787-5974
Marian Scorza	FDOT Public Information	813-975-6038
Bruce Shaw	CSX Railroad Police Dept	813-664-6397
Scott Vaughan	St. Pete Beach Police Dept	727-363-9200
Jackie Zakrzewski	Pinellas Co MPO	727-464-8200
Robert Kinchen	Clearwater Police Dept	727-562-4242
Demian Miller	Tindale-Oliver	813-224-8862
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