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*South Louisiana Chapter
New Orleans*

**Safe Community Coalition Meeting Minutes
(LHSC Grant / NHTSA Model)
Wednesday, January 27, 2010**

The meeting was held in the first floor meeting room of the Regional Transportation Management Center, #10 Veterans Blvd, New Orleans, LA. The meeting was called to order by Ms. Beth Inbau at 10:00 a.m. Self introductions were held and the following were present:

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Chris Laborde, Regional Planning Commission, claborde@norpc.org
Mel Dussel, Kiwanis, mel@dusselgroup.com

Ms. Inbau led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. She presented a draft of the Minutes from last month's meeting in which, after review, Mel Dussel made a motion to accept, second by John Simmons. She proposed we stage the Mock Crash at Helen Cox High School on Friday, April 16 or Friday, April 23, 2010; Announced the Safety Summit scheduled for June 16, 2010 with guest speakers and lunch to be provided; We will need the Bio's and Abstract of the guest speakers along with the topic of choice; Announced the Traffic Safety Committee will meet on Wednesday, March 17; She volunteered to give a presentation on distracted driving or Operation Lifesaver at the Summit; She informed the group of her presentation on Defensive Driving to the Kiwanis on the day after Mardi Gras; Ron Harris, LSUSPH, has been awarded a sub-grant, approved by the coalition, to update and print out copies of "Parents' Guide to Juvenile Laws" brochures.

Mr. Laborde suggested Rachel East, RTMC, give a presentation at the summit on the new traffic cameras and Operations Center. He suggested the name of "Who Dat Traffic Coalition" for our group.

Ms. Campbell stated that Disney puts on a "Safety Fair" for the entire family and that we may want to focus on the elementary schools to participate in a "School Safety Day." She said

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that Disney should be able to provide bean bag toss and other games, with the possibility of Disney characters being present.

Mr. Whittiker suggested that we contact Safe Routes to School to participate in our "School Safety Days."

Mr. Dussel stated that the Kiwanis represents 13 public elementary schools that we may want to choose from for the "School Safety Day." The Kiwanis plan to give out bikes to several of these schools tomorrow, Wednesday, February 24, 2010 which will provide a good opportunity to present our idea to those principles; He stated that we may be able to obtain donations for the event in the form of Domino's Pizza, passes for free games of bowling and tickets to Zephyr's games.

Officer Simmons volunteered to contact the DA's office to participate in our Mock Crash and Trial; he suggested we contact Bonnabel High School to use as a model since they have been presenting this type of event for many years.

Action Items:

Beth Inbau – research the Parents Guide to Juvenile Laws; write press releases; contact personnel for moulage; contact Ken Padgett of JPDFD;

Luke – How to keep First Responders safe on the interstate.

Claude- contact MAC for speaker at summit; contact Rosa Chappelier, Kiwanis, contact for N.O. Saints; contact Beth Branley for Bonnabel High School.

Kristen- will check into portable car seat; check availability of inflatable bean bag toss.

Chris Laborde- contact coroner; contact Dan Jartres for child bike video; wrecker service.

Mel-contact schools for safety day.

The meeting adjourned at about 11:35 am. The next meeting will be on **Tuesday, March 23 at 10:00 am at the RTMC'S location.**

Respectfully submitted by Claude D. Maher, National Safety Council, Recorder

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