



**South Louisiana Chapter  
New Orleans**

## **Traffic Safety Committee Meeting Minutes Wednesday, March 21, 2007**

The meeting was held in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Training Room in the ISH Bldg., 4713 Utica St., Metairie, LA. Lunch was served at 11:30 am. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Del Bosarge, Committee Chairman, at about 12 noon. Self introductions were held and the following were present:

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Capt. Clay Boudier, Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office, [baudier\\_cj@jpsa.com](mailto:baudier_cj@jpsa.com)  
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The minutes from the past meeting was distributed and accepted with corrections to Ms. Larrieu's email and Sgt. Rodriguez' name. Ms. Inbau announced that notices and minutes will be posted on the website at [www.metrosafety.org](http://www.metrosafety.org).

Mr. Canfield distributed 3 handouts: Insurance Institute for Highway Safety's Status Report about speeding, Safety Management System News for 2/07 and AAA's Motoring Issues with survey results.

Mr. Redman explained the AAA's survey results. He added that AAA continues to supply members with educational materials about safety.

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Mr. Redman reported that gasoline prices are expected to go to \$3 per gallon by summer, especially if we experience another active hurricane season. He added that prices will be volatile for the next few years.

Mr. Canfield reported that Baton Rouge has selected a vendor for the red light running cameras. He also reported that the 5-1-1 telephone number is in service to give travelers advisories about road work. It is recorded messages and does not include real-time crash or traffic delays. He advised to call before you leave for your trip, not while in route.

Mr. Canfield also explained the new LA law requiring vehicles to shift to the left on multi-lane roads when yielding to emergency vehicles. The law requires drivers to slow to 25 mph when doing so. He was asked to bring more information to the next meeting.

Mr. Canfield reported that the DOTD completed a study about raising the speed limit and advised against it. Only the legislature can over-rule their findings.

Mr. Champagne reported that the DOTD and/or Coast Guard are now requiring that every worker on the properties of oil/gas refining operations have additional background clearances if they are unescorted. Such checks are taking about 60 days to complete at a cost of about \$135-\$165 each. The identification badges issued under this rule will be valid for 5 years. The costs are expected to be paid by the individual workers and some may not be reimbursed by the plants. Mr. Canfield added that there is a movement underway on a national level to issue national driver's license which will also serve as a clearance.

Ms. Larrieu reported that NORBAC worked with 12 children (age 11-15) at Samuel Green School during "Wonder Week." The National Safety Council supplied bicycle helmets and NORBAC conducted training on bike safety & maintenance. It was a 4-day program.

Sgt. Michel reported that Jefferson Parish is still debating the red light running cameras.

Mr. Williams reported that the Navy is concentrating on recreation & traffic safety for the summer months on both bases, which will reach about 6,000 people.

Mr. Bosarge & Mr. Canfield reported on the Huey P. Long Bridge project, which has begun. Mr. Bosarge also reported on the W. Esplanade project, the East Jefferson Hospital project. He added that each J.P. Council district will get extra funds to be used before the summer, which will add to the traffic delays.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at about 1:20 pm. The next meeting will be on **Wednesday, April 18, 2007**, 11:30 am. The fee for lunch will be \$15.

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