



*South Louisiana Chapter
New Orleans*

**Safe Community Coalition Meeting Minutes
(LHSC Grant / NHTSA Model)
Wednesday, April 21, 2010**

The meeting was held LSP Troop B Hdqs, Williams Blvd, Kenner, LA. The meeting was called to order by Ms. Beth Inbau at 12:00 p.m. Self introductions were held and the following were present:

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Beth Branley, JP School Board, ebranley@la.12.edu
Michelle Killian, MAC, michelle.killian@clearchannel.com
William Triay, Transportation Research Institute, bt@actionpress.com
John Young, Councilman, Jefferson Parish
Ron Harris, LSUHSC, rharr5@lsuhsc.edu
Steve Strength, DOTD, steve.strength@la.gov

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, Luke Stack made a motion to accept, second by Jeff Haydel.

Ms. Killian said that Motorcycle Awareness Campaign will provide a crashed motorcycle to be included in the upcoming Mock Crash. She also advised the group that MAC will be glad to hand out bumper stickers to the students that say "Please Watch for Motorcycles." The Coalition approved the use of a crashed motorcycle and the bumper stickers.

Mr. Maher gave an update of the recently held Mock Crash & Trial at Bonnabel High School. We had two media outlets cover the event, Channel 4 and The Times-Picayune; he also thanked the students, Ms. Phyllis Mandal, teacher, for their participation; Karla Sibille, LA Government, for providing the "goodie" bags; MAC for providing T-shirts and bumper stickers to the students; LSP, JPSO, EJGH, KFD, NORR, Judge Jacobbe and the JPDA's Office for their participation. He advised the group of the upcoming Bicycle Rodeo, held in conjunction with the Metropolitan Bicycle Coalition, now in the planning stages. The tentative date is Saturday, May 22, 2010 and the location is Audubon Park. He also stated that Tuesday, March 18 is a tentative date for our "School Safety Day."

Ms. Ainsworth stated that she would give a Legislative update at the Traffic Safety Summit.

Ms. Broussard gave an update for the "No Refusal Weekend" on Memorial Day Weekend. She has been in contact with WJMC and quoted a price of \$40/hour to provide EMTs for that weekend.

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Mr. Strack said he will check into the cost and would ask for possible volunteers for Memorial Day Weekend.

Mr. Young addressed the Red Light Camera issue. He gave the following update: the cameras usage have been suspended due to litigation, in 5th District Court, and he thinks its unlikely that they will return; the cameras were initially installed due to a large number of T-bone crashes; the information was presented to the JPSO and the JPDA's Office initially, then to a study committee which took 6-9 months; then the RFP was submitted and the system was turned up in September 2009 with the first month issuing only warnings. All citations are reviewed by JPSO personnel; statistics show a 60% reduction in red light running activity; photos are of only the license plate, not the cab of the vehicle; based on the photo, the registered owner receives the citation, however the owner can appeal the ticket as long as they attest to whom the driver was at the time of the violation; there have been no reduction of time of the duration of yellow lights; for a right turn on red the vehicle must come to a complete stop; also a short video runs which has assisted in crash investigations; the intersections were selected by the JP Traffic Engineers along with JPSO; 18 intersections were identified and approved.

Mr. Triag stated that the stop line is required but that Redflex uses the curb line.

Ms. Killian said that she doesn't think that motorcycles trigger the cameras.

Mr. Strength assured her that the cameras are tuned to pick up motorcycles as well as cars. He also mentioned that there are 720 safety cones placed outside of the RTMC in honor of "Work Zone Safety Week." Each cone represents a person who died in a work zone during 2008.

Action Items:

Luke – check for volunteers for Memorial Day Weekend.

All – contact Risk Management Personnel for guest speakers for Summit.

Jamie – give Legislative Update.

The meeting adjourned at about 1:15 am. The next meeting will be on **Wednesday, May 19, 2010 at 11:30 am at the RTMC Building located at #10 Veterans Blvd, New Orleans.**

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