

SOUTH CENTRAL SAFE COMMUNITY TASK FORCE  
MINUTES OF MAY 15, 2008

Louisiana State Police Troop C  
Gray, Louisiana

The meeting was called to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the opening prayer. Those in attendance were:

Earl Geason, St. James Sheriff's Office  
Craig Poche, St. James Sheriff's Office  
Steve Tullis, NSU Police  
Philip Poche, LA State Police Troop C  
Chris Authement, Terrebonne Parish School Board  
Alicia P. Touns, ADAC  
Lt. Sam Pruitt, Thibodaux Police Department  
Kristie Collins, Lady of the Sea Hospital  
Lyle LeBlanc, Louisiana DOTD  
Greg Hood, Houma PD/ADAC  
Sue Szush, Acadian Ambulance  
Lt. Keith Faul, Terrebonne Parish Sheriff's Office  
Karen Dardar, Terrebonne Parish Sheriff's Office  
Fred Terluin, Jr., LHSC  
Marc Ducote, LHSC  
Melissa Menuet, SCPDC

Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer: Led by Chris Authement

It was moved by Greg Hood, seconded by Gary Alford to approve the minutes of March 20, 2008. Motion carried.

The upcoming meeting schedule was discussed. The dates are as follows: July 17, 2008 (Traffic Summit), September 18, 2008 and November 20, 2008.

Melissa Menuet presented the price quotes for the designated dude and designated diva mugs. She suggested that the committee look to purchase 2500 if they decide to move forward with the program. She informed the Task Force that she had contacted a couple of bars and they seemed to be receptive. She presented a draft letter which would be sent out to the restaurants and bars in the region requesting them to partner with the Task Force on the designated driver program.

It was moved by Craig Poche, seconded by Keith Faul to approve the purchase of 2500 stadium mugs at the cost of \$1,974. Motion carried.

Melissa Menuet discussed the pencil request by Terrebonne Parish School Board. She asked for approval to purchase 5000 red pencils with safety message for the cost of \$625.00.

It was moved by Greg Hood, seconded by Craig Poche to purchase 5000 pencils for Terrebonne Parish School Board out of commodities funding. Motion carried.

Alicia Toups of ADAC discussed the success of the Alcohol and Drug Free Zone which funding was provided for through the Safe Community Sub grants.

Lyle LeBlanc updated the Committee on safety concerns being addressed in Terrebonne and Lafourche Parish including:

Turn lanes on Tunnel Blvd from Hollywood Road to past Academy will be redone with designated left and right turn lanes.

Construction of turn lane at Highway 311 and Sugarwood is upcoming.

Bayou Dularge Road overlay from Falgout Canal to Crozier. Project delayed to add raised roadway of about 4"-6". Project should be let in July.

Signals on LA 24 throughout Houma will be synchronized to try to get something similar to the Acadian Thruway. Hwy 24 is currently avoided due to the stop and go.

ITS will allow for Variable Message Signs on Hwy. 311 near Industrial and Dularge to let drivers know when the bridge is open.

On Hwy 316 in Gray for the first mile, subsurface drainage and aggregate shoulders will be added. There is a problem with pedestrians due to the lack of shoulders and sidewalks.

LA 1 in Larose is temporarily closed for repairs to the West Larose Bridge.

Hwy. 56 at Boudreax Canal will be closed soon to allow for the change of the decking on the Boudreax Canal Bridge. Detour will be through Grand Caillou. Work will take approximately 2 weeks.

Work to begin in approximately the next two weeks on the construction of a left turn lane at Klondyke at the Bourg Larose Highway.

Melissa Menuet discussed the finalized arrangements for the July 17 Traffic Summit. She gave an update on confirmed speakers as well as possible speakers.

Melissa Menuet stated that the ATV Committee has made their "Off Road Means Off Road" presentation to Houma Christian, St. Bernadette, Sixth Ward, W.S. Lafargue, Larose Upper and Greenwood School. She said that two more presentations were scheduled for Cut Off Elementary and Mulberry School. Alicia Toups added that the Committee also made the presentation to the School for Exceptional Children. Ms. Menuet added that the Committee will also try to target some of the summer programs in the area.

There being no other business to discuss, it was moved by Greg Maurin, seconded by Craig Poche to adjourn.