**SOUTH CENTRAL SAFE COMMUNITY TASK FORCE**

**MINUTES OF OCTOBER 21, 2010**

**South Central Planning & Development Commission**

**Houma, Louisiana**

**Partnership meeting:**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 by chairman, Greg Hood. Those in attendance were:

Capt. Greg Hood, ADAC Greg Maurin, St. John DA

Matt Trahan, LSP Bobbie O’Bryan, Houma PD

Bryan Zeringue, LSP Mac McDowell, Lafourche PO

Craig Poche, St. James SO Linda Savoie, OPH

Steven Brignac, St. James SO Brandy Jarreau, LOSGH

Ray Traigle, Assumption SO Penny Prosperie, Chabert Medical

Steve Tullis, NSU PO Karla Sibille, DOTD

Brian Clausen, NSU Marilyn Harris, OBH-SCLHSA

Michael Dean, Terrebonne SO Leo Marretta, SCPDC

Karyn Dardar, Terrebonne SO Christy Guempel, LSU HSRG

Jason Kibodeaux, Terrebonne SO Lisa Brown, MAC

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by M. Dean and the opening prayer was led by B. Zeringue.

L. Marretta reviewed the By-Laws. The group agreed to me quarterly as oppose to meeting every other month. The group decided to have a December meeting for election of officers. A motion was made by M. Dean, seconded by L. Savoie to take the By-Laws home, read through them and return to the December meeting with amendments. Motion carried.

The meetings for 2011 will be on February 17, 2011; May 19, 2011; August 18, 2011; and November 17, 2011.

B. O’Bryan stated there will be a Sears Safety Month on Saturday, October 23, 2010 and Sunday, October 24, 2010. It is targeted to all safety. B. Jarreau stated she is available for child seat safety. L. Marretta said they are putting together a bicycle safety plan. They are putting together a committee.

Under parish reports and state remarks, each agency informed the committee of events in their jurisdiction.

L. Marretta reviewed the grant requirements which were in the packet.

L. Marretta explained the Action Plan and stated he would go into more details at the December meeting.

L. Marretta stated commodities would be distributed the following week.

Discussion ensued regarding the mini grant applications. L. Marretta will revise the mini grant manual and email to applicants. It was stated that there will be $45,000.00 for mini grants. Also it was mentioned that if an organization receives a grant straight from Louisiana Highway Safety then the organization is not eligible for the mini grant.

Discussion ensued regarding Child Passenger Safety Technician Training. There were some questions as to who would need to attend should they receive a mini grant for Louisiana Highway Safety. L. Marretta directed the group to send all questions to the point of contact, P. Prosperie at pprosp@lsuhsc.edu.

L. Marretta explained the “Louisiana Strategic Highway Safety Plan” and stated they are asking for volunteers to represent the region on the various focus groups for the state plan. The areas of focus are Alcohol Related Driving, Occupant Protection, Infrastructure and Operation, crashes involving young drivers, aggressive driving and distracted driving. M. Trahan stated he is a volunteer on the Distracted Driving, Aggressive Driving and Alcohol Awareness task force. He volunteered to be the point of contact for anyone interested in volunteering to represent our region on any of these task force. M. Trahan can be reached at matt.trahan@dps.la.gov.

L. Marretta explained the regions plan titled, “South Central Regional Transportation Safety Plan”. He reminded the group that a subcommittee was organized and that if anyone was interested in being on this subcommittee to email leo@scpdc.org. The next subcommittee meeting will be on November 18, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. The goal of this subcommittee is to pick our focus areas locally. The areas we have picked so for are Alcohol Related Driving, Occupant Protection, Infrastructure and Operation and Crashes Involving Young Drivers. This plan is six parishes wide. We will come up with a measurable goal and have performance measures that we can measure our progress on that particular goal.

L. Marretta stated that the December meeting will be to amend the By-Laws and election of officers. We should have a Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary and a Treasurer. The secretary will provide us with the minutes and the treasurer will provide us with financials and will be distributed after each meeting.

An update was given by L. Marretta on the Transportation Safety Planner Position. This person will be involved in the Safe Community Group as well as the outreach and the connection between Federal Government and Baton Rouge. The interviews have taken place and there are great candidates. He also stated they will be filling a Transportation Planner Position which will be dealing with bicycles and pedestrians.

L. Marretta discussed the Road Safety Audit and the Local Road Safety Program. He would like to start keeping a list of the problem areas.

A presentation was given by LSU Highway Safety Research Group on a review of data from their website. Discussion ensued regarding the data and enforcement efforts.

The next meeting will be on December 16, 2010 at South Central Planning and Development Commission at 9:00 a.m.

A motion was made by C. Poche, seconded by G. Maurin to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.