**SOUTH CENTRAL SAFE COMMUNITY TASK FORCE**

**MINUTES OF APRIL 15, 2010**

**South Central Planning & Development Commission**

**Houma, Louisiana**

**Partnership meeting:**

The meeting was called to order at 9:15 by chairman, Greg Hood. Those in attendance were:

Capt. Greg Hood, Houma PD Betsey Tramonte, FHWA

Greg Maurin, St. John SO Matt Hodson, LPSB

Darren Naquin, LSP Pat Edwards, Operation Lifesaver

Bryan Zeringue, LSP Lyle LeBlanc, Louisiana DOTD

Matt Trahan, LSP Karla Sibille, Louisiana DOTD

Lt. Jamey M. Fontenot, Thibodaux PD Terri Monaghan, Louisiana DOTD

Steve Tullis, NSU Police Dan Magri, Louisiana DOTD

Brandy Jarreau, Lady of the Sea Martha Cazaubon, SCPDC

Ray Traigle, Assumption SO Ann LeBlanc, SCPDC

Marilyn Harris, DHH-OAD Region 3 Leo Marretta, SCPDC

W. McDowell- Lafourche Parish SO Kevin Belanger, SCPDC

The Pledge of Allegiance and Opening Prayer was led by J. Fontenot.

It was moved by J. Fontenot, seconded by B. Zeringue to approve the minutes of April 15, 2010. Motion carried.

Chairman Hood introduced the guest speaker, D. Magri. D. Magri talked about the Highway Safety Summit. He spoke of the Louisiana Strategic Highway Safety Plan. (SHSP) Discussion ensued regarding the funding and the things it could be used for. Questions were answered by D. Magri. They also spoke of the regional plans. K. Belanger recognized how important the South Central Safe Community Task Force is and how it has saved lives because of the advocacy and improvements in safety. He asked, by offering the money to the MPO, will this affect the efforts of the South Central Safe Community. D. Magri stated that South Central Safe Community is show cased around the state because they are the poster child for what a safety coalition should be. K. Belanger stated that our emphasis here should be regional from the regional planning commission stand point and he would like to advocate that once we bring someone on. Discussion ensued regarding the position that will be available to handle safety issues. D. Magri wants to know what will it take to implement a regional plan that coincides with SHSP? If you could tell us what resources you need, we’ll work with our partners and see what the best way to assist in those needs is. K. Belanger stated this group will formulate a scope and have Cambridge come in and assist us in crafting and drafting a really good regional plan for the next 3, 5 maybe 10 years and have this individual work towards its implemetation.

G. Maurin gave a brief overview of the Life Savers Conference he attended on April 11-13. He stated there are 641 Safe Community Groups in the country and we were one of twenty groups that were recognized at the conference for being a model community.

B. Jarreau from Lady of the Sea Hospital attended the Child Passenger Training on March 17-20, 2010. She completed the program with 98%. She is available everyday by appointment to check car seats. Safety Circus is May 1, 2010 and they will have a big event for car seat checks. Chairman Hood stated that Sgt. Belanger went to the training for Houma Police Department. He is available for anyone needing the service. Discussion ensued regarding an instructor class.

Discussion ensued on ideas of commodities which will need to be ordered. M. Cazaubon gave a break down on the jump drives and note pads. Suggestions were air fresheners, peel and stick logos. K. Sibille stated she has some Lapel Pens we can use for the bags at the traffic summit. Chairman Hood reminded everyone that the music cards expire August 2010.

Discussion ensued regarding the media campaigns. Everyone agreed to advertise Spring 2010 Teen “Click It or Ticket” Campaign- May 24th – June 6th in the local newspapers by means of a press release. M. Cazaubon also reminded everyone that she still has pens and key chains.

Discussion ensued on potential topics and guest speakers for the July Traffic Summit. M. Cazaubon stated the tentative date for the Summit will be July 15, 2010. Discussion ensued regarding this date. It was then decided by the group that the tentative date would be August 5, 2010.

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

There were no safety concerns to refer to LaDOTD.

Chairman Hood reported for the ATV subcommittee. He stated they did have a class at St. Francis School. The week of June 21, 2010 he will be traveling to Bunkie, Louisiana to give a class on several different things at the Young Marines Training Academy.

The next meeting will be on June 17, 2010 at South Central Planning and Development Commission.

With no other business to discuss it was moved by Greg Maurin, unanimously seconded to adjourn. Motion carried.