**SOUTH CENTRAL SAFE COMMUNITY TASK FORCE**

**MINUTES OF June 17, 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, Houma PD Tracy Robert, Chabert Medical

Greg Maurin, St. John SO Penny Prosperie, Chabert Medical

Darren Naquin, LSP Cory Belden, Fenstermaker

Bryan Zeringue, LSP Jamie Ainsworth, LHSC

Matt Trahan, LSP Morris Beverly, LHSC

Alicia Toups, ADAC Terri Monaghan, Louisiana DOTD

Steve Tullis, NSU Police Dan Magri, Louisiana DOTD

Brian Clausen, NSU Police Martha Cazaubon, SCPDC

Craig Poche, St. James SO Ann LeBlanc, SCPDC

Earl Geason, St. James SO Leo Marretta, SCPDC

Will McDowell- Lafourche Parish SO Lorrie Laing, Cambridge Systematics, Inc.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by E. Geason and the opening prayer was led by R. Mitchell.

It was moved by G. Maurin, seconded by S. Tullis to approve the minutes of April 15, 2010. Motion carried.

Chairman Hood introduced the guest speaker, Lorrie Laing with Cambridge Systematics, Inc. L. Laing introduced herself and spoke about the Louisiana Strategic Highway Safety Plan which the group will begin working on. She will work with the group to prepare a regional plan. The group stated some of the success they have had since the beginning. The group also stated the problems in our region. Some problems are: motorcycles, railroads, seat belts, child safety seat. L. Laing handed out the draft Louisiana Strategic Highway Safety Plan. L. Laing stated the next step is for her to gather the data that we already have and give to the group to review. M. Cazaubon questioned a deadline. The group decided to have a subcommittee. Members of the subcommittee will be; Troop C, Greg Hood, Greg Maurin, Martha Cazaubon, Leo Marretta, Terri Monaghan, Ralph Mitchell.

J. Ainsworth stated that someone will need to be the chain of command between the Implementation Team and the task force. The group agreed that chain of command would be Chairman Hood.

L. Marretta explained to the group that MPO is safety on the highway not so much the behavior. His question was, what performance measures will you need for the implementation of the plan. L. Laing assured the group she will be there to assist with find out the strategies and then will come the answer to the performance measures.

M. Cazaubon stated the Traffic Summit will be on August 11, 2010 at NSU. She also familiarized the group with the Calendar of Events which J. Ainsworth forwarded to her. J. Ainsworth spoke about the no refusal and supporting our enforcement groups. Chairman Hood reminded the group from an email that the Louisiana Operation Lifesaver presenter certification class will be September 21 and 22, 2010 at SCPDC.

The group discussed commodities.

M. Cazaubon stated that for the 4th of July she would send out a press release with information from J. Ainsworth.

M. Cazaubon gave the group the list of the tentative speakers for the Traffic Summit on August 11, 2010. J. Ainsworth will try to contact the vendor with the stimulator for the summit. Troop C and Lafourche Parish Sheriff’s Office will get together and install a car seat correctly. Trooper Zeringue stated he can bring the rollover. R. Mitchell suggested opening up the invitation list. Discussion ensued.

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.

For the ATV Subcommittee, A. Toups stated there was nothing to report but if anyone knows of a summer program we can get into we would be glad to know.

The next meeting will be on July 15, 2010 at South Central Planning and Development Commission.

J. Ainsworth stated the Highway Safety Grant award letters will be going out next week. She stated we applied for $104,000.00 and South Central Safe Community received $109,000.00.

With no other business to discuss it was moved by C. Poche, seconded by M. Trahan to adjourn. Motion carried.