

SOUTH CENTRAL SAFE COMMUNITY (SCSC)
TASK FORCE

February 6, 2003

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The Chairman of the Safe Community Task Force called the Executive Board meeting to order at approximately 9:00 a.m., on February 6, 2003. Those present were:

Lou Landry, St. James Parish Sheriff's Office	Leonard Alcorn, Assumption Parish Sheriff's Office
Lanard Robinet, St. John Parish Sheriff's Office	Jim Hogue, Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office
Gerald Falgoust, St. James OEP	Martha Cazaubon, SCPDC
Todd Diaz, Lafourche Sheriff's Office	Leslie Williams, SCPDC
Bruce Prejean, Assumption Parish Sheriff's Office	Royce Doucet, Lafourche Parish School Board
Mike Kirby, St. James Sheriff	Darren Naquin, Troop C
Chris Authement, Terrebonne Parish School Board	Capt. Ralph Mitchell, Troop C
Greg Maurin, St. John Sheriff's Office	Cathy Holmes, LSU Ag Center

Minutes of previous meeting did not need to be approved. February meeting is the Traffic Summit Meeting at Nicholls State University.

Capt. Mitchell discussed filling the vacant board positions. Vacancies filled as follows: Assumption Parish—Bruce Prejean, St. Charles Parish—John Pollard and Jan Troxler, Terrebonne Parish—Darryl Cunningham. Motioned by Chris Authement and seconded by Jim Hogue. Motion passes. A letter will be sent to everyone about the Executive Board positions. A letter of inquiry (as to their status) will be sent out to board members if they miss two consecutive meetings. Moved by Royce Doucet and seconded by Lou Landry. Motion passed.

Vice Chairman elections: Jim Hogue and Greg Maurin are nominated. Greg Maurin is the new Vice-Chairman.

Sub-grant applications had been re-opened until January 30, 2003. Nine applications have been submitted. A handout was given pertaining to the sub-grant applications. There is \$40,000 budgeted for sub-grants. Bayouland YMCA and St. Charles School Board could not be funded. It was recommended that the following agencies be funded: Our Lady of the Sea, St. James Parish Sheriff, St. John Parish Sheriff, Thibodaux PD, Lafourche Parish Sheriff, Assumption Parish Sheriff, and Houma PD. There is a motion to reduce the requests to 80% of funding in order to fund all remaining agencies. Motion to approve sub-grant amendments was moved by L. Robinet and seconded by L. Landry. Motion passed.

The NHTSA 21-34 year old grant and Rational speed grant were mentioned. If some projects fall under these two areas then monies can be appropriated. This way the agencies can receive additional funding besides just the sub-grant dollars. Materials can be purchased under these grants.

The Task Force can supplement Rail Safety (St. John Parish). The Task Force could use this as a media campaign. Media money can help support it.

L. Williams mentioned that the SCPDC staff discussed putting into the sub-grant contracts a clause stating that at any time the grantee is subject to a site inspection. This is to ensure that the grantee purchased items listed in contract and are items are located were stipulated.

Agencies should share equipment. Capt. Mitchell said this should not be a problem. Everyone does not need to buy the same equipment. The equipment can be loaned out as needed. Typically agencies have been good about this.

Capt. Mitchell brought up the issue of the meeting locations. Meeting in different locations hasn't been fruitful. Turnout is better when meetings are at Troop C. Meetings will rotate every 3 months with the main location at Troop C.

The Executive Board will meet quarterly before the regular meeting. The Executive meeting will be 30 minutes to 1 hr before the regular meeting.

The Traffic Summit Meeting will be held February 18, 2003 at Nicholls State University. Speakers have been lined up. The Traffic Summit will replace the February meeting. Continental breakfast and lunch will be provided. The presentations start at 8:30am. There are some RSVP forms on the table. If you have any questions please contact Leslie at South Central Planning

(851-2900) or Leslie@scpd.org. All information can be found on the South Central Planning website (www.scpdc.org) under Safe Community. We have over 100 participants signed up with an array of speakers.

Goals and Objectives for the year should be prepared for the March 20th meeting. Capt. Mitchell said to give him an idea of the direction you would like the Task Force to go. A sub-committee will be appointed to review the goals and objectives.

Capt. Mitchell would like to add an agenda item to the regular Task Force meetings. The item is Parish Reports. Each Parish should give an update to things going on in the Parish.

L. Williams and M. Cazaubon discussed Public Relations. The newsletter is on the website. We would like for Task Force members to provide information for the newsletter. We have been getting some good press coverage. Newspapers will publish press releases if given to them provided they have space. Everyone likes the new newsletter, which has replaced the meeting notice.

L. Williams asked if the new DOTD form was adequate. Capt. Mitchell believes it looks okay. A letter will follow up the DOTD requests. Written documentation works better than verbal communication only. Capt. Mitchell would like to avoid the DOTD people feeling they are ambushed at meetings. Crash documentation is very helpful to submit with request.

Cathy Holmes offers anger management classes. She is willing to offer classes. She is willing to do a presentation at the March 20th meeting. This was brought up in relation to the Aggressive Driving proposed legislation.

Alcohol law just passed in St. John Parish. Alcohol cannot be served from 2am to 6am.

There being no other business to discuss, it was moved by L. Landry to adjourn and seconded by T. Diaz. Motion carried.

SOUTH CENTRAL SAFE COMMUNITY (SCSC)
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April 17, 2003

MEETING MINUTES

The Chairman of the Safe Community Task Force called the meeting to order at approximately 9:00 a.m., on April 17, 2003. Those present were:

Lt. Greg Hood, Houma PD	Jim Hogue, Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office
Gerald Falgoust, St. James OEP	Ben Pressburg, LHSC
Leslie Williams, SCPDC	Bob Thompson, LHSC
Bruce Prejean, Assumption Parish Sheriff's Office	Royce Doucet, Lafourche Parish School Board
Chris Authement, Terrebonne Parish School Board	Capt. Ralph Mitchell, Troop C
Greg Maurin, St. John Sheriff's Office	Cathy Holmes, LSU Ag Center
Hadi Shirazi, LaDOTD	Jerry Kerr, Thibodaux PD
Dan Magri, LaDOTD	Betsey Williams, Operation Lifesaver
Karla Armand, LaDOTD	Darrin Naquin, Troop C

It was moved by J. Hogue, seconded by G. Falgoust to accept the minutes of the meeting held on March 20, 2003. Motion carried.

Bob Thompson gave an update on the Louisiana Highway Safety Commission. Ben Pressburg came with Bob. He gave an introduction of himself and responsibilities at LHSC.

Capt. Mitchell gave a Troop C report.

Capt. Mitchell stated that a position is open on the Executive Board. Vacancy: Terrebonne (1 spot). Lt. Greg Hood was nominated to fill the spot. Moved by D. Naquin and seconded by G. Falgoust. Motion carried. Lt. Hood is replacing Darryl Cunningham.

Leslie gave an update on the 21-34 year old grant. Rochelle St. Marie is still working on the manual. Things are moving nicely.

The overtime campaign is scheduled for June 20th to July 6th (50hrs) for DWI enforcement.

Aggressive Driver legislation was spear headed by Gerald Falgoust on behalf of the Task Force. Senator Reggie Dupre is sponsoring the legislation.

Capt. Mitchell gave an update on the rational speed grant. Capt. Mitchell along with SCPDC and the MPO met with the contractor on the project. The identification process is underway.

There is a proposed 211 system (House Bill 1183). There are some concerns from Task Members. This is an OEP issue. There are concerns about how emergency calls will be routed.

St. James announced Prom/Graduation Night at St. James High for May 12th. Lafourche announced a Mock Crash in South Lafourche for May 9th; several DWI checkpoints to be later mentioned. No one else had anything to report.

Prior to the meeting a sub committee met to discuss the goals and objectives of the Task Force for the year. Capt. Mitchell would like to see the website and Traffic Summit activities expanded. Chris Authement suggested that there is a problem with School Bus Safety (kids waiting for the school bus). Maybe the Task Force can do an educational component to address the issue. Bruce Prejean stated that Assumption Parish Sheriff's Office would begin enforcement for insurance checkpoints and water safety programs. D. Naquin that some safety programs should be expanded (bike safety, Tailgator, child seat checkpoints). The local legislators should be more involved. The Task Force should work on getting them at more meetings. T. Diaz mentioned the problem with ATVs on the highway. Maybe find some funding to address this issue for an educational component.

The media campaign has budgeted \$6,000. There is \$3,000 for equipment. The remaining \$3,000 is available for different types of media. This will be tabled until the summer.

Additional sources of funding can be looked into for funding Railroad Safety in River Parishes.

Jim Hogue gave a report about ATVs and finding sources of funding. He will look into getting a speaker for the next meeting.

DOTD gave an update on the previous safety concerns. The Task Force started having a yellow form to fill out to voice any safety concerns.

If you have anything to include in the newsletter please give to Leslie.

Betsey Williams gave an update on the Tailgator campaign.

Gerald Falgoust gave an update on the OEP Task Force.

May 8th at 9:30am in Baton Rouge is a Safe Kids Fair. There is another one in Cut Off on May 3rd. There is also a Wellness Fair in LaPlace on May 3rd. Police Memorial Week is May 11th to 17th.

There being no other business to discuss, it was moved by R. Doucet to adjourn and seconded by T. Diaz. Motion carried.

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August 21, 2003

MEETING MINUTES

The Chairman of the Safe Community Task Force called the meeting to order at approximately 9:00 a.m., on August 21, 2003. Those present were:

Jim Hogue, Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office	Martha Cauzabon, SCPDC
Leslie Williams, SCPDC	Bob Thompson, LHSC
Chris Authement, Terrebonne Parish School Board	Craig Poche, St. James Sheriff's Office
Kevin Belanger, SCPDC	Lou Landry, St. James Sheriff's Office
Gerald Falgoust, St. James OEP	Leonard Alcorn, Assumption Sheriff's Office
Matt Trahan, Troop C	Greg Maurin, St. John Sheriff's Office
Lanard Robinet, St. John Sheriff's Office	Marilyn Harris, DHH-OAD
Greg Hood, Houma PD	Royce Doucet, Lafourche Parish School Board

It was moved by L. Landry, seconded by L. Alcorn to accept the minutes of the meeting held on June 19, 2003. Motion carried.

Kevin Belanger with SCPDC gave a presentation about what South Central Planning & Development Commission's role in the six-parish region.

Matt Trahan discussed Operation "Summer Heat" in the Troop C Area. It is the name of the summer campaign. It covers seatbelts and insurance checkpoints.

Martha gave an update on the 21-34 year old grant. Things are going real well. NSU is putting together the training video. They have it scripted and will begin filming next week. Rochelle St. Marie is working on revisions to the manual. NHTSA has extended the grant until June 2004. Two trainers will perform the actual training. We are still waiting on NSU to get feedback on the media campaign. The overtime campaign is scheduled for Labor Day weekend (50hrs) for DWI enforcement. The Labor Day enforcement was called Blue Talon. It covered DWI and occupant protection. There is money in the budget for two more overtime campaigns.

Leslie gave an update on the media campaign. We have \$3,000 in the budget to spend by September 30th. It was suggested to reorder items. There is a suggestion for rulers, pens, and pencils.

There was discussion about the 1-day child safety training. There is a lot of interest in child safety issues. Capt. Mitchell mentioned at an earlier meeting that he would like to have a training session for officers to learn how to properly install child safety seats. Jim Hogue added to the discussion. It is difficult to get volunteers to participate.

Bob Thompson stated that for the upcoming year that it is necessary for officers to be trained if participating in OP enforcement. Matt Trahan expressed Troop C's interest in having training sessions at Troop C.

Gerald Falgoust gave an update on the Aggressive Driver legislation. It was passed through the Senate but was defeated in the House. The status is uncertain. It was sent for further study.

Martha gave an update on the rational speed grant. The process is moving along. Belanger discussed the ticket tracking software developed by Ryan to help local law enforcement.

There was discussion about improving the Task Force website. Ryan said he could work on the website so that Leslie can make the updates herself. Progress is still underway.

Jim Hogue gave an update on OHV. The meeting in Baton Rouge was cancelled. He discussed the last sub-committee meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for September 24th at South Central Planning at 10 am.

Parish reports were given. Gerald Falgoust mentioned that St. James Parish had a trail derailment with Hazmat issues. The 641 Railroad crossing is in bad condition but will get repaired in 2 weeks. The OEP Task Force was essential because of the Safe Community Task Force and South Central Planning. The OEP Task Force received \$100,000 extra money in funding.

Jim Hogue gave an update for Lafourche Parish. Jim gave an update about the ATV sub-committee meeting that was held on the 12th. No other parishes had anything to report.

There was a letter sent to Kevin Belanger from St. Charles Parish requesting a letter of support from the Task Force. On Hwy 90 bridge crossing Davis Pond Freshwater Diversion there is a problem with people parking on the shoulder near the bridge. People are also fishing on the bridge. St. Charles Parish would like to see a no fishing sign. Darren Naquin expressed his concern that something needs to be done. Motion for letter of endorsement is on the table. It was moved by D. Naquin and seconded by G. Falgoust. The motion passed to send a letter on their behalf.

Leslie informed the Task force that the new grant year starts October 1st for the fourth year. More information will follow about the sub-grants later.

Kevin Belanger informed the group that Wal-Mart might be contributing some funding to the Task Force. We are still waiting to hear if we received the money. There is the possibility of up to \$35,000 additional funding to support sub-grants.

Leslie asked everyone to check the email list for correct email addresses.

Leslie gave an update about the State Farm grant. The Task Force received a grant for \$1,800 from State Farm to purchase new crash dummy costumes. The costumes were ordered and will take 4-6 weeks to come in.

No one from DOTD was present. There was a conflict in meetings. There were two concerns from L. Landry. LA 3127 and LA 18 have terrible road surfaces.

Upcoming events:

August 30th—Final checkpoint in Bayou Blue (Lafourche Parish Sheriff)

September 16th—Traffic Incident Management Seminar in Lafayette

October 16th—Traffic Safety Summit in Baton Rouge

The October meeting is cancelled.

Troop C is up for its accreditation. Anyone wanting to give comments can obtain the toll free number from Darren.

Leslie mentioned that sub-grant invoices ARE DUE NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 30TH. She is waiting on Assumption, Lafourche, and St. John Parish Sheriffs Offices to submit their invoices.

There being no other business to discuss, it was moved by L. Landry to adjourn. Motion carried.

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December 18, 2003

MEETING MINUTES

The Chairman of the Safe Community Task Force called the meeting to order at approximately 9:00 a.m., on December 18, 2003. Those present were:

Jim Hogue, Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office	Jim Dowden, LHSC
Leslie Williams, SCPDC	Cathy Holmes, LSU Ag
Chris Authement, Terrebonne Parish School Board	Warren Vedros, LPD
Craig Poche, St. James Sheriff	Lou Landry, St. James Sheriff's Office
Gerald Falgoust, St. James OEP	Scott Nelson, FHWA
Matt Trahan, Troop C	Lanard Robinet, St. John Sheriff's Office
Seve Serna, FHWA	Capt. Mitchell, Troop C

It was moved by C. Authement, seconded by L. Landry to accept the minutes of the meeting held on November 19, 2003. Motion carried.

Darrin Naquin and Bob Canfield gave an update on the crash report modifications. The crash report is more user-friendly and the quality of data should be improved due to the redesign.

Leslie gave an update on the 21-34 year old grant. The manual has been completed and is very reviewed by NHTSA. Hopefully the training should start the end of January or beginning of January. The PSAs are now out. They are good. The PSAs were shown in the meeting. Leslie gave an overview on how they would be run.

Leslie gave an update on the rational speed grant. The process is moving along very slowly.

Leslie gave an update on the ATV committee's progress. The meeting is following the Task Force meeting.

The Traffic Summit will be held on March 18, 2004 at Nicholls State. If anyone has any speaker or topic suggestions, please notify Leslie of it.

The Zero for December campaign is underway. The posters are located in the back for the various agencies. There have been two fatalities in December thus far. Capt. Mitchell liked the article written by the Daily Comet on Zero for December.

The sub-grant applications are out. The deadline is January 20th There was a workshop December 1st to discuss any questions.

Parish reports were given. St. John has a monthly car seat checkpoint. In March, there should be the car seat checkpoint class at Troop C. There needs to be 20 people to conduct a class. There will be a mock train crash on February 7th in St. John Parish.

Leslie passed out the picture of the new logo.

The subcommittee for media items and FY04 priorities will meet on January 15th at 8:15 am.

There are some concerns about scooters. It has been determined that they are not street legal. Please document any complaints about scooters.

The Traffic Engineering course is tentatively set for January 18-19th at Nicholls State University.

There are two main bridge construction occurring. Both bridges were scheduled to be opened several months ago. There will be a delay still.

There being no other business to discuss, it was moved by L. Landry to adjourn. Seconded by D. Naquin. Motion carried.

The ATV committee meeting was held after the Task Force Meeting.

SOUTH CENTRAL SAFE COMMUNITY (SCSC)
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January 16, 2003

MEETING MINUTES

The Chairman of the Safe Community Task Force called the meeting to order at approximately 9:00 a.m., on January 16, 2003. Those present were:

Lou Landry, St. James Parish Sheriff's Office	Betsey Williams, Operation Lifesaver
Leonard Alcorn, Assumption Parish Sheriff's Office	Lanard Robinet, St. John Parish Sheriff's Office
Warren Vedros, Lockport PD	Mike Schiro, LaDOTD
Jim Hogue, Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office	Karla Armand, LaDOTD
Gerald Falgoust, St. James OEP	Martha Cazaubon, SCPDC
Fay Toups, ADAC	Leslie Williams, SCPDC
Bob Thompson, LHSC	Craig Poche, St. James Parish Sheriff's Office
Bethany Roy, Bayouland YMCA	Greg Serigny, Lafourche Parish OEP
Todd Diaz, Lafourche Sheriff's Office	Jerry Kerr, Thibodaux PD
Frederick Detro, Thibodaux PD	Bruce Prejean, Assumption Parish Sheriff's Office
Loma Linda Michel, St. John Parish Sheriff Office	Wanda Belanger, TPCG
Enos Thibodeaux, Terrebonne Parish Sheriff Office	Royce Doucet, Lafourche Parish School Board
Gretchen Toups, Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office	Dianna Rouse, Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office
Darryl Cunningham, Houma PD	Miki Savoie Lafourche Ambulance
Seve Serna, FHWA	

It was moved by L. Alcorn, seconded by L. Landry to accept the minutes of the meeting held on December 18, 2002. Motion carried.

Capt. Mitchell thanked Todd Diaz for being the chairman for the past three years. He hopes to do as good a job as Diaz. Todd Diaz was awarded a plaque for his dedication.

Capt. Mitchell stated that several positions are open on the Executive Board. Each parish has 3 positions and an alternate plus 3 at large positions. Nominations are open for two weeks. The Executive Board will meet in two weeks (February 6th) to discuss sub-grant applications, Vice Chairman position, and filling of the vacant spots. Vacancies: Assumption (1 spot), St. Charles (1 spot), Terrebonne (2 spots). Capt. Mitchell was appointed to Terrebonne position. Moved by G. Falgoust and seconded by L. Landry, the motion passed. There is now 1 spot vacant in Terrebonne. Vice Chairman nominations are James Hogue III and Greg Maurin.

Sub-grant applications have been re-opened until January 30, 2003. Seven applications have been submitted thus far. A handout was given pertaining to the sub-grant applications. There is \$40,000 budgeted for sub-grants.

A total of 1,240 bicycle helmets were bought through the Gheens Foundation grant (\$4,900). Linda Savoie will be providing the educational component and distributing them via the six-parish area Head Starts. She has already visited some of the local Head Starts. Linda is waiting to hear from St. Charles and Assumption Parishes to set up presentations.

Linda is doing a child safety seat checkpoint at the Wal-Mart in Thibodaux on Saturday, January 25th. If you would like to volunteer please contact her. Jim Hogue mentioned that parents can call for an appointment to get their safety seats checked.

Martha gave an update on the 21-34 year old grant. SCPDC is looking into contracting with Nicholls State University to create the video and public service announcements. An independent consultant (Everett Miller) will do the training. We are waiting to get these contracts back. By next month, there will be more information.

Gerald Falgoust discussed aggressive driving. The educational component for Aggressive Driving should be anger management classes. The final draft of the proposed aggressive driving law has been completed. A final copy was handed out to those at the meeting. G. Falgoust asks that the proposed legislation be submitted to Col. Champagne. Moved by G. Falgoust and seconded by J. Hogue. Motion passed.

G. Falgoust suggested that the Task Force send a letter of support to Col. Champagne. It should be a letter pertaining to the aggressive driving law and a general letter of support for Col. Champagne's efforts. Everyone on the Task Force should sign the letter. Moved by G. Falgoust and seconded by L. Robinet. Motion carried. A letter can be sent to our legislators also.

The Traffic Summit Meeting will be held February 18, 2003 at Nicholls State University. Speakers have been lined up. The Traffic Summit will replace the February meeting. Continental breakfast and lunch will be provided. The presentations start at 8:30am. There are some RSVP forms on the table. If you have any questions please contact Leslie at South Central Planning (851-2900) or Leslie@scpd.org. All information can be found on the South Central Planning website (www.scpdc.org) under Safe Community.

Martha gave an update on the rational speed grant. It is funded through the Federal Highway Safety Association. It is a two-year project. The community needs to know how the grant will affect them. Education and public awareness has to change the community's attitudes about speed. The grant compares enforcement with education and public awareness. Street segments will be compared throughout the six-parish region. Recommendations will be made based on data collection if street/road speeds should be changed (increase, decrease, or remain the same).

R. Mitchell gave an update on the Zero for December campaign. There were 4 fatalities (3 of the 4 were age 17). There were 7 fatalities in the previous year. The campaign will be done again in 2003. Troop C is still analyzing statistics from the campaign. January 15th – April 15th the State Police will be involved in a Litter Campaign. There will be an enforcement and educational component.

L. Robinet asked for some temporary signage at Elm St and La 44 due to continuous accidents. The signal light and turn lane is letted for December 2003. There appears to be another obstruction of sight. DOTD checked out the concerns and didn't see anything. They will go out again to check the obstruction.

There was some trouble with the evacuation route at US 90 and 310. People must cross westbound traffic to go eastbound. Traffic was backed up to Des Allemands in St. Charles Parish. There will be a new evacuation plan. DOTD will look into this problem.

February 3-12th –The Galliano Bridge will be closed 7am –4pm. It is under going deck replacement. Bridge will also be under construction.

Upcoming Events—Traffic Summit Meeting is February 18, 2003, Press Conference for Tailgator Campaign is February 19th, and Child Safety Seat Checkpoint is January 25, 2003. Overtime enforcement campaign—Mardi Gras holiday (February 20th thru March 5th).

There being no other business to discuss, it was moved by T. Diaz to adjourn. Motion carried.

SOUTH CENTRAL SAFE COMMUNITY (SCSC)
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June 19, 2003

MEETING MINUTES

The Chairman of the Safe Community Task Force called the meeting to order at approximately 9:00 a.m., on June 19, 2003. Those present were:

Jim Hogue, Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office

Leslie Williams, SCPDC

Chris Authement, Terrebonne Parish School Board

Hadi Shirazi, LaDOTD

Karla Schiro, LaDOTD

Craig Poche, St. James Sheriff's Office

Gerald Falgoust, St. James OEP

Kevin Ghirardi, SCPDC

Robert Canfield, LHSC

Bob Thompson, LHSC

Capt. Ralph Mitchell, Troop C

Seve Serna, FHWA

Ashley Elser, FHWA

Lou Landry, St. James Sheriff's Office

Leonard Alcorn, Assumption Sheriff's Office

Ryan Hutchinson, SCPDC

Matt Trahan, Troop C

It was moved by L. Landry, seconded by J. Hogue to accept the minutes of the meeting held on May 15, 2003. Motion carried.

Ryan Hutchinson with SCPDC gave a presentation about new Ticket Tracker software.

Capt. Mitchell discussed Troop C item. There was a hand out of a press release provided. Operation "Summer Heat" in Troop C Area is the name of the campaign. It covers seatbelts and insurance checkpoints.

Leslie gave an update on the 21-34 year old grant. NSU is putting together the training video. They are in the process of scripting it. Rochelle St. Marie is working on revisions to the manual. Two trainers will perform the actual training. A test training was given May 30th. We are still waiting on NSU to get feedback on the media campaign. The overtime campaign is scheduled for June 20th to July 6th (50hrs) for DWI enforcement. There are three DWI checkpoints scheduled around the weekend of July 4th.

Aggressive Driver legislation was passed through the Senate but was defeated in the House.

There was discussion about child safety seat legislation being passed. It is a serious concern especially after the recent deaths in the area. Capt. Mitchell would like to have a training session for officers to learn how to properly install child safety seats.

Kevin Ghirardi gave an update on the rational speed grant. The process is moving slowly.

Parish reports were given. Gerald Falgoust mentioned that St. James Parish had a Graduation Night. It was successful. Jim Hogue gave an update for Lafourche Parish. Jim gave an update about the ATV sub-committee meeting that was held on the 12th. No other parishes had anything to report.

Leslie gave an update about the State Farm grant. The Task Force received a grant for \$1,800 from State Farm to purchase new crash dummy costumes.

There was discussion about improving the Task Force website. Ryan said he would work with us about the price and setup. We are looking into ways to fund the website. Ryan spoke about the website. He was able to answer any questions that the Task Force members had.

DOTD gave an update on the previous safety concerns. There was a request from Houma PD. There is a light on Lafayette that they would like to see replaced. There is an extreme failure rate on the light. There was a general discussion about different lights that have high failure rates. Leslie mentioned the light at Percy Brown Road (LA 648) and LA 24 (by the Exxon gas station in Thibodaux).

The July meeting is cancelled due to scheduling conflict. The August meeting will be bring your boss and a guest to the meeting. We will give an overview of what the Task Force has accomplished.

Karla Schiro gave an update on the Tailgator campaign. Matt gave a presentation in Arizona about the Tailgator program. It was well received. He gave an update about his trip. Various upcoming events were discussed.

There being no other business to discuss, it was moved by J. Hogue to adjourn. Motion carried.

SOUTH CENTRAL SAFE COMMUNITY (SCSC)
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March 20, 2003

MEETING MINUTES

The Chairman of the Safe Community Task Force called the meeting to order at approximately 9:00 a.m., on March 20, 2003. Those present were:

Lou Landry, St. James Parish Sheriff's Office	Leonard Alcorn, Assumption Parish Sheriff's Office
Lanard Robinet, St. John Parish Sheriff's Office	Jim Hogue, Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office
Gerald Falgoust, St. James OEP	Martha Cazaubon, SCPDC
Leslie Williams, SCPDC	Bob Thompson, LHSC
Bruce Prejean, Assumption Parish Sheriff's Office	Royce Doucet, Lafourche Parish School Board
Chris Authement, Terrebonne Parish School Board	Capt. Ralph Mitchell, Troop C
Greg Maurin, St. John Sheriff's Office	Cathy Holmes, LSU Ag Center
Craig Poche, St. James Sheriff's Office	Kevin Marcel, Troop C
Evan Naquin, citizen	Jan Troxler, St. Charles Sheriff's Office
Johnny Champagne, St. Charles Sheriff's Office	Linda Savoie, Office of Public Health
Karla Armand, LaDOTD	Rochelle St. Marie, Peace Teachers

It was moved by R. Doucet, seconded by L. Landry to accept the minutes of the meeting held on January 16, 2003. Motion carried.

Cathy Holmes with LSU Ag Center in St. John Parish gave a presentation on Anger Management classes. She has created a program that may be incorporated with the Task Forces' proposed Aggressive Driver legislation.

Capt. Mitchell stated that a position is open on the Executive Board. Vacancy: St. Charles (1 spot). Johnny Champagne was nominated to fill the spot. Moved by L. Alcorn and seconded by G. Falgoust. Motion carried.

A total of 1,240 bicycle helmets were bought through the Gheens Foundation grant (\$4,900). Linda Savoie gave a brief report on how the educational program went. She passed out a handout. The program was January 6-March 8. There are 11 helmets remaining, which will be used as giveaways for other educational campaigns.

Martha gave an update on the 21-34 year old grant. SCPDC is contracting with Nicholls State University to create the video and public service announcements. An independent consultant (Everett Miller) will do the training. Rochelle St. Marie who will be working with Everett Miller gave comments on her progress. Rochelle is working on the manual and will help with the training. Martha gave a summary of their expertise. There may need to have a time extension of 6-9 months to complete training and follow up evaluations. Rochelle spoke about her progress and visions for the project.

The overtime campaign for Mardi Gras went over very well. There was good media coverage. M. Trahan with Troop C put out several press releases. Please send in your reimbursement forms. There are two more overtime campaigns available. B. Thompson gave status of national campaigns. Capt. Mitchell suggested June 20th to July 6th (50hrs) for DWI enforcement.

The Traffic Summit Meeting went very well. Capt. Mitchell said he was pleased with the event. The comments were very favorable. L. Williams gave a report on the evaluation. Received information about planning for the next Traffic Summit.

Martha gave an update on the rational speed grant. It is funded through the Federal Highway Safety Association. It is a two-year project. The community needs to know how the grant will affect them. Education and public awareness has to change the community's attitudes about speed. The grant compares enforcement with education and public awareness. Street segments will be compared throughout the six-parish region. Recommendations will be made based on data collection if street/road speeds should be changed (increase, decrease, or remain the same). The enforcement part of the grant will come later. There was some discussion about how speed limits are determined.

Evan "Sunny" Naquin (concerned citizen) addressed the Task Force about a safety concern for DOTD. His problem is with speeding and 18wheeler brakes at the Larose/Lockport Bridge.

Task Force members wrote down their safety concerns on the new yellow form. A copy was given to DOTD. This will help facilitate discussions about safety concerns. R. Doucet had some concerns about signage for school buses that have routes along the highway.

A new item was added to the agenda. Each representative will give a Parish Report. St. James announced Prom/Graduation Night at St. James High for May 12th. Lafourche announced a Mock Crash in South Lafourche for April 11th; several DWI checkpoints to be later mentioned; Prom Night at E.D. White for April 15th. No one else had anything to report.

G. Falgoust gave an update about the OEP Task Force that is being formed.

A subcommittee will be formed to discuss the Goals and Objectives for the year. One person from each parish will be on the committee.

If you have anything to include in the newsletter please give to Leslie.

There being no other business to discuss, it was moved by L .Landry to adjourn and seconded by J. Hogue. Motion carried.

SOUTH CENTRAL SAFE COMMUNITY (SCSC)
TASK FORCE

May 15, 2003

MEETING MINUTES

The Chairman of the Safe Community Task Force called the meeting to order at approximately 9:00 a.m., on May 15, 2003. Those present were:

Lt. Greg Hood, Houma PD	Jim Hogue, Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office
Leslie Williams, SCPDC	Bob Thompson, LHSC
Martha Cazaubon, SCPDC	Royce Doucet, Lafourche Parish School Board
Chris Authement, Terrebonne Parish School Board	Capt. Ralph Mitchell, Troop C
Hadi Shirazi, LaDOTD	Seve Serna, FHWA
Jan Troxler, St. Charles Sheriff's	Betsey Williams, Operation Lifesaver
Karla Armand, LaDOTD	Darrin Naquin, Troop C
Johnny Champagne, St. Charles Sheriff's	Lou Landry, St. James Sheriff's Office
Jim Barrett, NOHVCC	Leonard Alcorn, Assumption Sheriff's Office

It was moved by C. Authement, seconded by L. Landry to accept the minutes of the meeting held on April 17, 2003. Motion carried.

Jim Barrett with NOVCC gave a presentation about ATVs and funding. A sub-committee was appointed to research ATV safety, funding, and education. The committee consists of Martha, Leslie, Capt. Mitchell, Jim Barrett, Jim Hogue, and Greg Hood. A meeting was scheduled for June 12th at Troop C.

The overtime campaign is scheduled for June 20th to July 6th (50hrs) for DWI enforcement. There are three DWI checkpoints scheduled around the weekend of July 4th.

Martha gave an update on the 21-34 year old grant. NSU is putting together the training video. They are in the process of scripting it. Rochelle St. Marie is still working on the manual. Two trainers will perform the actual training. A test training will be given May 30th.

Aggressive Driver legislation is still working its way through the Senate/Legislature.

Martha gave an update on the rational speed grant. The roads are being confirmed and narrowed down.

Leslie gave her insight into the additional funding section. The goals and objectives committee discussed applying for funding from the Greater New Orleans Foundation. This is related to Railroad Safety for the River Parishes.

There was discussion about improving the Task Force website. The estimated setup cost is \$800. Ryan said he would work with us about the price. We are looking into ways to fund the website.

There was discussion about the new grant priorities. There should be less emphasis of purchasing equipment and bicycle helmets. There will be more emphasis on DWI prevention. There will be more instruction as time gets closer for the new grant year to take effect.

Leslie gave a description of the Brownfields grant. SCPDC would like to get insight from officers/members of the Task Force about knowledge of abandoned sites. There will be more information given as project proceeds.

DOTD gave an update on the previous safety concerns. The Task Force started having a yellow form to fill out to voice any safety concerns. There will be further study of LA3125 (sunshine bridge area) to put turn lanes on LA 70. LA660 (Coteau Road) is going to be under construction for several months. Old 90 bridge LA182 (St. Louis canal) is being redone. The detour will be Prospect Rd.

Lafourche Sheriff has a checkpoint for Memorial Day weekend. Jim Hogue gave an update on the Safe Kids Circus. There was a really good turnout.

Betsey Williams gave an update on the Tailgator campaign. They just renewed contracts with area colleges/universities. Operation Lifesaver is talking to the coroner for St. John Parish. He has shown interest in Rail Road safety for his parish.

The August meeting will be bring your boss meeting. We will give an overview of what the Task Force has accomplished.

There being no other business to discuss, it was moved by J. Hogue to adjourn and seconded by L. Landry. Motion carried.

SOUTH CENTRAL SAFE COMMUNITY (SCSC)
TASK FORCE

November 19, 2003

MEETING MINUTES

The Chairman of the Safe Community Task Force called the meeting to order at approximately 9:00 a.m., on September 18, 2003. Those present were:

Jim Hogue, Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office	Schwanda McGuin, ADAC
Leslie Williams, SCPDC	Bob Thompson, LHSC
Chris Authement, Terrebonne Parish School Board	Fay Toups, ADAC
Alicia Toups, OPH	Lou Landry, St. James Sheriff's Office
Gerald Falgoust, St. James OEP	Greg Maurin, St. John Sheriff's Office
Matt Trahan, Troop C	Jan Troxler, St. Charles Sheriff's Office
Betsey Tramonte, OL	Royce Doucet, Lafourche Parish School Board
Seve Serna, FHWA	Capt. Mitchell, Troop C
Cathly Holmes, LSU Ag Center	Lanard Robinet, St. John Sheriff's Office
Jim Dowder, LHSC	Bruce Prejean, Assumption Sheriff's Office

The Zero for December Press Conference was held before the Task Force Meeting.

It was moved by R. Doucet, seconded by L. Landry to accept the minutes of the meeting held on September 18, 2003. Motion carried.

Leslie gave an update on the 21-34 year old grant. The manual has been completed and is very reviewed by NHTSA. Martha and self are reviewing the video tomorrow at NSU. Evelyn Avant (grant administrator) will get a copy to review and okay. Hopefully the training should start the end of January. Leslie read the list of everyone who signed up for the enforcement campaign. There should be enough to do another campaign (probably Mardi Gras). Some invoices are still needed. The commercials and PSAs should be ready for December.

Leslie gave an update on the rational speed grant. The process is moving along very slowly. There is a technical difficulty. The hard drive crashed. A couple months worth of work may or may not be recovered.

Jim gave an update on the ATV committee's progress. The meeting is following the Task Force meeting. There will be a guest speaker.

The Vince and Larry costumes are in. The funding was provided by a State Farm grant. The costumes are housed at Troop C.

Leslie informed the group that Wal-Mart might be contributing some funding to the Task Force. We are still waiting to hear if we received the money. There is the possibility of up to \$35,000 additional funding to support sub-grants. Thus far the Task Force has received \$1,000.

La Hwy 18 and La Hwy 20 (St. James Parish)—a study was conducted and it was determined that a three way stop was needed. This caused some problems. St. James Parish is requesting larger stop signs and strips for stopping. The main problem was the nonexistence of proper notification of the stop signs being put up. The citizens weren't expecting the sudden change.

Parish reports were given.

Meeting dates need to be set for two sub-committees (FY04 and media items).

A meeting date needs to be set for the Traffic Summit. Leslie will look for a date in March at NSU.

NSU is putting together a new logo for the Task Force. Martha was able to show it to some at the meeting in Baton Rouge in October. Leslie will bring it to the next meeting since she forgot to bring it to this one.

The sub-grant applications are out. The deadline is January 16th (will check on the date). There will be a workshop December 1st to discuss any questions. The workshop will be at 1 pm – 2:30pm at the SCPDC building. The deadline for completing the work has been moved up 1 month because people waited until the last minute to submit invoices.

Royce gave an update on the school bus safety issue. The situation seems to have calmed down.

Betsey gave an update on the DOTD Traffic Safety Summit held in Baton Rouge during the month of October.

There being no other business to discuss, it was moved by L. Landry to adjourn. Seconded by C. Authement. Motion carried.

The ATV committee meeting was held after the Task Force Meeting.

SOUTH CENTRAL SAFE COMMUNITY (SCSC)
TASK FORCE

September 18, 2003

MEETING MINUTES

The Chairman of the Safe Community Task Force called the meeting to order at approximately 9:00 a.m., on September 18, 2003. Those present were:

Jim Hogue, Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office	Penny Cuneo, OPH
Leslie Williams, SCPDC	Bob Thompson, LHSC
Chris Authement, Terrebonne Parish School Board	Lanny Soudelier, L & L Driving
Kevin Belanger, SCPDC	Lou Landry, St. James Sheriff's Office
Gerald Falgoust, St. James OEP	Herb Theriot, Safety & Training
Matt Trahan, Troop C	Hadi Shirazi, La DOTD
Betsey Tramonte, OL	Royce Doucet, Lafourche Parish School Board

It was moved by L. Landry, seconded by D. Naquin to accept the minutes of the meeting held on August 21, 2003. Motion carried.

Al Archer was originally the guest speaker. He was unable to make it but Royce Doucet spoke on his behalf. There is a concern about school bus safety. People are not yielding to the stop signs on the bus. There is a problem with speeding in the area. The concern is on Hwy 3235; it is an eighteen-mile stretch. The school board is interested in any funds that the Task Force has available for addressing safety issues. They are working with Martin Advertising to do billboards to promote School Bus Safety. Leslie stated that the Task Force couldn't pay for the billboards but could pay for the artwork/design.

There is a motion to move \$412 from sub-grants to commodities. Moved by Jim Hogue, seconded by Gerald Falgoust. Motion passed. There is a second motion to utilize the \$412 to fund an awareness campaign for Lafourche Parish School Board concerning School Bus Safety. Moved by Jim Hogue, seconded by Gerald Falgoust. Motion passed. (There is a quorum of executive board members for the vote to hold.) Both motions were voted on unanimously.

Leslie mentioned that School Bus Safety is in October. There will be packets sent out about School Safety issues.

Leslie gave an update on the 21-34 year old grant. The manual has been completed and is very reviewed by NHTSA. NSU is filming the video.

Leslie gave an update on the media campaign. We have \$3,000 in the budget to spend by September 30th. It was suggested to reorder items. Pens, rulers, stickers, pencils, and magnets were ordered.

Leslie stated that everyone needs to turn in their invoices from the Labor Day Weekend. There is enough money for one more enforcement campaign.

There is no further information about aggressive driving.

Leslie gave an update on the rational speed grant. The process is moving along very slowly. There is a technical difficulty. The hard drive crashed. A couple months worth of work may or may not be recovered.

There was discussion about improving the Task Force website. Ryan said he could work on the website so that Leslie can make the updates herself. Progress is still underway.

Please check the email list for accuracy. Let Leslie know if it is incorrect or not on the list.

Hwy 90 Bridge Crossing Davis Pond Freshwater Diversion safety concern was addressed.

Sub-grant invoices are due from Assumption Sheriff, Lafourche Sheriff, and St. John Sheriff's Office. The deadline is September 30th.

Sub-committees need to form for FY04 priorities and media items. The new grant starts in October.

Leslie informed the group that Wal-Mart might be contributing some funding to the Task Force. We are still waiting to hear if we received the money. There is the possibility of up to \$35,000 additional funding to support sub-grants.

The Traffic Summit was in February. Now is a good time to start thinking about dates for the upcoming Summit.

LA20 the railroad grade is in need of repair. The crossing is good. The grade is the issue.

Upcoming events:

October 16th—Traffic Safety Summit in Baton Rouge

The October meeting is cancelled.

St. James Parish—Doing a hazmat course for Head Start kids

December—Traffic Engineering Course

There being no other business to discuss, it was moved by L. Landry to adjourn. Seconded by G. Falgoust. Motion carried.

SOUTH CENTRAL SAFE COMMUNITY (SCSC)
TASK FORCE

February 19, 2004

MEETING MINUTES

The Chairman of the Safe Community Task Force called the meeting to order at approximately 9:00 a.m., on January 15, 2004. Those present were:

Jim Hogue, Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office	Jim Dowden, LHSC
Leslie Williams, SCPDC	Cathy Holmes, LSU Ag
Chris Authement, Terrebonne Parish School Board	Bob Thompson, LHSC
Craig Poche, St. James Sheriff	Lou Landry, St. James Sheriff's Office
Gerald Falgoust, St. James OEP	Scott Nelson, FHWA
Matt Trahan, Troop C	Lanard Robinet, St. John Sheriff's Office
Seve Serna, FHWA	Capt. Mitchell, Troop C
Betsey Tramonte, Operation Lifesaver	Hadi Shirazi, DOTD
Karla Schiro, DOTD	Darrin Naquin, Troop C
Douglas Foremen, Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office	Todd Diaz, Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office
Greg Serigny, Lafourche OEP	Schwanda McGuin, ADAC
Pamela Ortego, ADAC	Carol Millwater, Children's Coalition for the Bayou Region
Dale Hymel Jr., St. James Parish President	

It was moved by L. Landry, seconded by L. Robinet to accept the minutes of the meeting held on January 15, 2004. Motion carried.

Dale Hymel and Gerald Falgoust gave a welcome to the Task Force. St. James Parish hosted this month's meeting at Oak Alley Plantation.

Leslie gave an update on the 21-34 year old grant. Twelve agencies have signed up to participate in the overtime enforcement.. The campaign will run February 13-25th. The campaign will be either 30 or 50 hours. The two trainings have gone well. There is a training session in Reserve today. There may be funding left for an additional training. The goal is to train 60 people. That goal has almost been met. Evelyn Avant has suggested a time extension to monitor the outcome of the program. Capt. Mitchell said the fourth training session would like to be given a workshop for business groups.

Leslie gave an update on the rational speed grant. Traffic counts are being put out. The field crew is collecting citation data. Information won't be available until the next quarter.

Jim Hogue gave an update on the ATV committee's progress. The meeting is following the Task Force meeting at 2pm. Jim Hogue and Jim Barrett were on a radio spot. The ATV/Task Force wrote a letter of support for Michele Abington-Cooper who works with 4H. Bob Thompson gave some insight on the 402 funding. Bob said that ATV funding cannot really be funded out of the general fund. Bob said a few pennies can be spent educating the public about not driving ATVs on the public highways.

The Traffic Summit will be held on March 18, 2004 at Nicholls State. Topic suggestions for last year include the following: child safety, hurricane evacuation, State Police, demonstrations, DWI info, discuss mini grants, etc. Some suggestions were given. Leslie brought additional sign up sheets for the Traffic Summit.

Sub-grant applications were due at the end of January. The executive board will meet after the meeting to review the funding requests. ADAC gave an update on their sub-grant. Capt. Mitchell made an executive decision to approve their application. They targeted a alcohol free zone for Mardi Gras.

Rochelle sent in information about funding for a grant pertaining to children and alcohol in schools. Leslie said that she would discuss it at the Task Force meeting but it is not something that the Task Force does. Carol Millwater had more information.

There was discussion about how frequently the Task Force will meet. The Task Force has no problem with meeting every month. It was discussed that they try meeting every other month. The question is how much information is there to discuss when the Task Force meets monthly. The Task Force will meet in March for the Traffic Summit. After that the next meeting will be in May.

Parish reports were given. St. John has a monthly car seat checkpoint (Feb 20, Mar 19, Apr 16, May 21, June 18, July 16, Aug 20). St. James is having a Prom Night in Lutchet. St. John is having a Mock Train Crash (in Reserve) Friday, March 5th at 9 am. Lafourche Sheriff did some overtime enforcement. Leslie reminded everyone to turn in their invoices. The Safe Kids Circus will be in May.

Lou Landry and Gerald Falgoust discussed some safety concerns. The DOTD forms were mailed to Hadi. Terrebonne Parish School Board is having problems getting parents to get their cars off the road in front of Evergreen Junior High in Gray.

There will be a Highway Safety Briefing on March 4th in Baton Rouge at the Radisson Hotel.

The child safety training will still be hosted at Troop C. It is scheduled for some time in May. Capt. Mitchell would like to see about 25 people present.

There being no other business to discuss, it was moved by G. Falgoust to adjourn. Seconded by C. Authement. Motion carried.

The ATV committee meeting was held after the Task Force Meeting.

SOUTH CENTRAL SAFE COMMUNITY (SCSC)
TASK FORCE

January 15, 2004

MEETING MINUTES

The Chairman of the Safe Community Task Force called the meeting to order at approximately 9:00 a.m., on January 15, 2004. Those present were:

Jim Hogue, Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office	Jim Dowden, LHSC
Leslie Williams, SCPDC	Cathy Holmes, LSU Ag
Chris Authement, Terrebonne Parish School Board	Warren Vedros, LPD
Craig Poche, St. James Sheriff	Lou Landry, St. James Sheriff's Office
Gerald Falgoust, St. James OEP	Scott Nelson, FHWA
Matt Trahan, Troop C	Lanard Robinet, St. John Sheriff's Office
Seve Serna, FHWA	Capt. Mitchell, Troop C

It was moved by L. Landry, seconded by C. Authement to accept the minutes of the meeting held on December 18, 2003. Motion carried.

Leslie gave an update on the 21-34 year old grant. The manual has been approved. There are three dates that training will be help. The locations are in Houma, Lockport, and Reserve. The PSAs are now out. Everyone needs to turn in invoices for December. The next enforcement will be Mardi Gras. The campaign will run February 13-25th. The campaign will be either 30 or 50 hours.

Leslie gave an update on the rational speed grant. The Traffic Engineering Course is scheduled for January 22nd and 23rd. There is still space available. Contact Martha to sign up. The number of roads being studied was reduced. Let Kevin Ghirardi know if any agency needs traffic counts done in their area.

Leslie gave an update on the ATV committee's progress. The meeting is following the Task Force meeting.

The Traffic Summit will be held on March 18, 2004 at Nicholls State. Topic suggestions for last year include the following: child safety, hurricane evacuation, State Police, demonstrations, DWI info, discuss mini grants, etc. Some suggestions were given.

The sub-grant applications are due January 20th.

There was discussion about media items. Key tags, stress balls, and note pads will be ordered. Everyone would like the items to be in for Mardi Gras.

Parish reports were given. St. John has a monthly car seat checkpoint (Feb 20, Mar 19, Apr 16, May 21, June 18, July 16, Aug 20). St. John Parish is offering Anger Management classes. Please see Cathy Holmes. St. James is having a Prom Night in Lutcher in February. Lafourche Sheriff did some overtime enforcement. Leslie reminded everyone to turn in their invoices.

The Task Force attempted to look at the video footage for the 21-34 year old campaign. The video was unable to be viewed.

St. James Parish will host the next Task Force meeting.

Gerald Falgoust discussed signage at the boat launch in Lafourche Parish going into St. James Parish (Bayou C_____). It was an issue that was addressed about 1 year prior.

There being no other business to discuss, it was moved by L. Landry to adjourn. Seconded by C. Authement. Motion carried.

The ATV committee meeting was held after the Task Force Meeting.

SOUTH CENTRAL SAFE COMMUNITY (SCSC)
TASK FORCE

June 17, 2004

MEETING MINUTES

The Chairman of the Safe Community Task Force called the meeting to order at approximately 9:00 a.m., on June 17, 2004. Those present were:

Leslie Williams, SCPDC	Matt Trahan, Troop C
Chris Authement, Terrebonne Parish School Board	Bob Thompson, LHSC
Craig Poche, St. James Sheriff	Lou Landry, St. James Sheriff's Office
Linda Savoie, Office of Public Health	Capt. Mitchell, Troop C
Betsey Tramonte, Operation Lifesaver	Darrin Naquin, Troop C
Schwanda McGuin, ADAC	Seve Serna, FHWA

It was moved by C. Authement, seconded by L. Landry to accept the minutes of the meeting held on May 20, 2004. Motion carried.

Leslie gave an update on the NHTSA grant. The grant ends on June 30th. ALL invoices MUST be in by the 25th. If invoices are not received then that agency WILL NOT be reimbursed. Capt. Mitchell discussed some upcoming checkpoints. Anyone having questions should contact Martha. Leslie was not certain if the PSAs were still running. The Task Force will be receiving an additional grant from LHSC to conduct additional training sessions. Capt. Mitchell discussed everything that has been done with the grant.

Leslie gave an update on the rational speed grant. The project is still moving slow. Hopefully things will pickup soon. A new person was hired to work on the grant.

Leslie mentioned that she is trying to update the phone list. Not all the numbers are current. Please make sure your information is correct.

Sub-grants are due September 1st. Leslie has not heard from some agencies. Please begin working on your respective projects.

There will be a Bicycle/Pedestrian Summit held August 19th in New Orleans. It will be held at the Royal Sonesta hotel. It is hosted by DOTD, LHSC, FHWA, and RPC. Betsey gave out the contact info for anyone needing to RSVP.

Leslie gave a brief discussion of the Youth Enforcement Workshop. Bob provided her with this information. It is a 2 day 8 hr seminar. It is geared towards preventing underage drug and alcohol abuse. The dates have not been set yet. Leslie still needs additional information.

Leslie discussed the Teen Occupant Protection Campaign. It is dedicated to getting teens to buckle up. It is similar to the NHTSA grant. It has three components: media, enforcement, and education. SCPDC will apply for the grant on behalf of the Task Force.

Leslie gave an update on the ATV committee's progress. The meeting is following the Task Force meeting at 10:15 am. The segment dealing with the schools is doing well. The group is deciding what to do with the money from the sub-grant. There is some discussion about media items. Members of the committee have increased.

There was some discussion about changing the meeting schedule. The participation rate has been low over the past months. The next schedule is as follows: August (in New Orleans—Bike/Ped Summit), October, November, and December.

Parish reports were given. St. John has a monthly car seat checkpoint (Feb 20, Mar 19, Apr 16, May 21, June 18, July 16, Aug 20).

The Zero for December campaign will be kicked off in November. The press conference will be held at this meeting.

Lou Landry discussed some safety concerns. There is water on LA18 after heavy rains.

There are some upcoming events. The Jody Andre run will be held on June 26th. It is a fundraiser by ADAC.

There being no other business to discuss, it was moved by L. Landry to adjourn. Seconded by L.Savoie. Motion carried.

The ATV committee meeting was held after the Task Force Meeting.

SOUTH CENTRAL SAFE COMMUNITY (SCSC)
TASK FORCE

June 17, 2004

MEETING MINUTES

The Chairman of the Safe Community Task Force called the meeting to order at approximately 9:00 a.m., on June 17, 2004. Those present were:

Leslie Williams, SCPDC	Matt Trahan, Troop C
Chris Authement, Terrebonne Parish School Board	Bob Thompson, LHSC
Craig Poche, St. James Sheriff	Lou Landry, St. James Sheriff's Office
Linda Savoie, Office of Public Health	Capt. Mitchell, Troop C
Betsey Tramonte, Operation Lifesaver	Darrin Naquin, Troop C
Schwanda McGuin, ADAC	Seve Serna, FHWA

It was moved by C. Authement, seconded by L. Landry to accept the minutes of the meeting held on May 20, 2004. Motion carried.

Leslie gave an update on the NHTSA grant. The grant ends on June 30th. ALL invoices MUST be in by the 25th. If invoices are not received then that agency WILL NOT be reimbursed. Capt. Mitchell discussed some upcoming checkpoints. Anyone having questions should contact Martha. Leslie was not certain if the PSAs were still running. The Task Force will be receiving an additional grant from LHSC to conduct additional training sessions.

Leslie gave an update on the rational speed grant. The project is still moving slow. Hopefully things will pickup soon.

Capt. Hood gave an update on the status of DWI conviction rates study. Capt. Hood is having a difficult time determining the cause of such low conviction rates.

There will be a Bicycle/Pedestrian Summit held August 19th in New Orleans. It will be held at the Royal Sonesta hotel. It is hosted by DOTD, LHSC, FHWA, and RPC.

Capt. Hood gave an update on the ATV committee's progress. The meeting is following the Task Force meeting at 10:15 am. There wasn't a lot of information to report. The group is deciding what to do with the money from the subgrant.

Kevin Ghirardi was asked to speak about the Transportation Master Plan. He had information available for those who wanted to view it after the Task Force meeting. Ghirardi gave a brief summary about MPOs and the Master Plan.

Parish reports were given. St. John has a monthly car seat checkpoint (Feb 20, Mar 19, Apr 16, May 21, June 18, July 16, Aug 20). St. James is having a Prom Night in Lutcher. St. John is having a Mock Train Crash (in Reserve) Friday, March 5th at 9 am. Lafourche Sheriff did some overtime enforcement. Leslie reminded everyone to turn in their invoices. The Safe Kids Circus will be in May.

Lyle LeBlanc gave a DOTD update. He stated that some of the signal lights were being swapped out for new models. This will result in a big energy savings.

Lou Landry and Gerald Falgoust discussed some safety concerns. There is a problem with LA 3127; there is a heavy fog area. Vehicles have a difficult time seeing the signs and signal light. This is also the case with LA 3219. There have been problems with water in the area. The elevated roadways have helped a great deal. Lyle said that LA307 has one lane blocked due to water.

There are some upcoming events. The Jody Andre run will be held on June 26th. It is a fundraiser by ADAC. A DWI checkpoint will be conducted by the State Police in the Schriever area. In St. James Parish, construction on the Sunshine Bridge is complete.

There being no other business to discuss, it was moved by L. Landry to adjourn. Seconded by F. Toups. Motion carried.

The ATV committee meeting was held after the Task Force Meeting.

SOUTH CENTRAL SAFE COMMUNITY (SCSC)
TASK FORCE

October 21, 2004

MEETING MINUTES

The Chairman of the Safe Community Task Force called the meeting to order at approximately 9:00 a.m., on October 21, 2004. Those present were:

Leslie Williams, SCPDC	Matt Trahan, Troop C
Chris Authement, Terrebonne Parish School Board	Bob Thompson, LHSC
Craig Poche, St. James Sheriff	Lou Landry, St. James Sheriff's Office
Linda Savoie, Office of Public Health	Capt. Mitchell, Troop C
Betsey Tramonte, Operation Lifesaver	Darrin Naquin, Troop C
Leonard Alcorn, Assumption Sheriff Office	Seve Serna, FHWA
Robert Canfield, LHSC	Mike Dean, TPSO
Keith Faul, TPSO	Greg Hood, Houma PD

It was moved by L. Landry, seconded by C. Authement to accept the minutes of the meeting held on June 21, 2004. Motion carried.

Kevin Ghirardi with South Central Planning & Development Commission gave an update on the Rational Speed Grant. Ghirardi discussed the different road segments being studied. He also outlined how the study is supposed to work. He also discussed what the next step was in the process. For any additional information please contact him or Martha Cazaubon.

On November 16th there will be a Traffic Safety Briefing at Cypress Columns. It will be held from 10 am to 2 pm. The press conference for the Zero for December campaign kickoff will be held at 9 am.

The Traffic Summit will be held tentatively in April. More discussion is to follow at a later date.

Parish reports were given. There wasn't a lot to report. Lou Landry had a safety concern.

Leslie mentioned that she is trying to update the phone list. Not all the numbers are current. Please make sure your information is correct.

Sub-grants applications were mailed out the second week of October. The grant applications are due December 10th at 4:30 pm.

Capt. Mitchell discussed the upcoming public hearing on the North/South Corridor. It was discussed that Option #7 would be better for the region. He urged people to attend the meeting and voice their concern.

Capt. Mitchell also stated that the Zero for December campaign will be starting soon. He encouraged everyone to push this campaign.

The South Central region led the state for the 4th year in a row with an 80% plus seatbelt compliance.

The new traffic crash report will be available on January 1st.

There being no other business to discuss, it was moved by D. Naquin to adjourn. Seconded by G. Falgoust. Motion carried.

The ATV committee meeting was held after the Task Force Meeting.

SOUTH CENTRAL SAFE COMMUNITY (SCSC)
TASK FORCE

December 16, 2004

MEETING MINUTES

The Chairman of the Safe Community Task Force called the meeting to order at approximately 9:00 a.m., on October 21, 2004. Those present were:

Leslie Williams, SCPDC	Larry Badeaux, Troop C
Chris Authement, Terrebonne Parish School Board	Bob Thompson, LHSC
Craig Poche, St. James Sheriff	Seve Serna, FHWA
Linda Savoie, Office of Public Health	Gerald Falgoust, St. James OEP
Susan Danos, Lady of the Sea	Greg Maurin, St. John Sheriff
Jim Dowden, LHSC	Linda Haines, Project Graduation
Robbie Voorhies, Project Graduation	Mr. Voorhies, Project Graduation

It was moved by C. Authement, seconded by G. Falgoust to accept the minutes of the meeting held on October 21, 2004. Motion carried.

Linda Haines and Robbie Voorhies gave a presentation on Project Graduation. It is a program that started at Mandeville High for High School graduates. It enables them to celebrate Graduation with an all night party alcohol free. Linda asked Leslie to give her take on Project Graduation. Leslie participated at the second Project Graduation held. They are being funded by LHSC to bring Project Graduation to other schools throughout Louisiana. They showed a video. There is a copy of the video for those interested.

Leslie gave an update on the Rational Speed Grant. Several meetings have been held in reference to the project. Traffic counting is still taking place. There hasn't been any significant change.

Leslie stated that updating the phone list is a carry over from the previous meeting. If anyone needs to make changes please notify her.

The Traffic Summit will be held tentatively in April. More discussion is to follow at a later date. One suggestion for a topic is contra flow. There was some discussion about how the Traffic Summit would occur. For instance incorporate a Graduation/Prom Night theme. There was some discussion about a Railroad safety Summit in March or April. The discussion will be tabled until the next meeting.

Leslie gave an update on the Train the Trainer sessions. The sessions are being held on Feb 16th, 18th, March 2nd, 4th, 9th, and 11th. The cost is \$20 which is for food. The sessions are being funded by LHSC to continue additional sessions. Original sessions were funded by NHTSA. Flyers are in the back. Bob said the calendar will be posted on the Tiger website.

FY05 priorities are Occupant Protection and Alcohol. Start thinking about what type of commodities the Task Force would like to order.

The deadline for sub-grant applications was December 10th. Leslie did a summary of applicants and amount requested. The Executive Committee needs to review the applications. The meeting will be January 6th. Leslie will send out a reminder email.

The ATV committee meets every month. When the meetings aren't at Troop C they are located at the SCPDC building. Leslie gave an update on the group's progress.

Leslie gave the meeting schedule—Feb 17th, Apr 21st, June 16th, Aug 18th, Oct 20th, Nov 17th, and Dec 15th.

Parish reports were given. C. Poche had a safety concern. St. John has had a decrease in seatbelt complaisance. 53 tickets were issued in a 3 hr time span. St. John Sheriff is doing a DWI checkpoint in LaPlace with Troop B. DOTD/LHSC is hosting a Traffic Safety Summit on March 3rd-4th.

There being no other business to discuss, it was moved by C. Authement to adjourn. Seconded by G. Maurin. Motion carried.

The ATV committee meeting was held after the Task Force Meeting.

SOUTH CENTRAL SAFE COMMUNITY (SCSC)
TASK FORCE

February 17, 2005

MEETING MINUTES

The Chairman of the Safe Community Task Force called the meeting to order at approximately 9:00 a.m., on February 17, 2005. Those present were:

Leslie Williams, SCPDC	Lanny Soudelier, L & L Driving
Chris Authement, Terrebonne Parish School Board	Bob Thompson, LHSC
Craig Poche, St. James Sheriff	Seve Serna, FHWA
Richard Blanchard, Troop C	Gerald Falgoust, St. James OEP
Susan Danos, Lady of the Sea	Greg Maurin, St. John Sheriff
Jim Dowden, LHSC	Robert Canfield, LHSC
Leonard Alcorn, APSO	Darrin Naquin, Troop C
Matt Trahan, Troop C	Capt. Penouilh, Troop C
Greg Hood, Houma PD	Scott Leger, SCPDC
Kevin Ghirardi, SCPDC	Martha Cazaubon, SCPDC
Laura Crochet, CCBR/FVCT	Doug Foreman, LPSO

It was moved by C. Authement, seconded by C. Poche to accept the minutes of the meeting held on December 16, 2004. Motion carried.

Leslie gave an overview on the Traffic Summit. This year the Traffic Summit will be later than usual. There was a conflict with a safety summit already scheduled. Leslie asked for feedback. It was suggested that the Summit be held in June. Leslie will check for June 16th. She asked if there were any topics or speakers that the group would be interested in. Leslie said she will check last year's suggestions. Hurricane evacuation was suggested. The Summit will be held at Nicholls again.

Leslie gave an update on the Train the Trainer sessions. The sessions are being held on March 2nd, 4th, 9th, and 11th. The cost is \$20 which is for food. The sessions are being funded by LHSC to continue additional sessions. Original sessions were funded by NHTSA. Flyers are in the back. Bob said the calendar will be posted on the Tiger website.

Martha and Kevin gave an update on the Rational Speed Grant. Martha discussed which roads are still in the running and which ones have dropped off. There will be education and enforcement money. Lake Charles is the control city. Streets dropped off from various reasons (road conditions, construction, already rational speed, residential, etc).

FY05 priorities are Occupant Protection and Alcohol. The Executive board met and offered suggestions for commodities. Leslie is waiting for quotes for the items.

Leslie gave an update on the sub-grants. There is a handout with a listing of the grants and the funding amounts.

There are some executive board positions available. The vice chairman position is available. Greg Maurin moved up replacing Major Mitchell. Due to new work responsibilities Major Mitchell can no longer hold the position. Are there any suggestions/nominations for vice chairman/president? Chris Authement was nominated and declined. Greg Hood motioned to keep Greg Maurin as the new President/Chairman of the Task Force. It was seconded by Gerald Falgoust. Capt. Penouilh was nominated for Vice Chair. Greg Hood motioned and Lanny S. seconded the nomination. Capt. P accepted the nomination. All agreed for Capt. P to be the Vice Chair. The St. Charles position will be tabled. We are still waiting to hear from someone from the Parish. The Lafourche Parish position is available. Todd Diaz's position is available. LPSO wishes to have Doug Foreman replace him. Doug accepts the nomination. All were in favor.

The ATV committee meets every month. When the meetings aren't at Troop C they are located at the SCPDC building. Leslie gave the meeting schedule—Apr 21st, June 16th, Aug 18th, Oct 20th, Nov 17th, and Dec 15th.

DOTD/LHSC is hosting a Traffic Safety Summit on March 3rd-4th. Lafayette is having their first Safe Community meeting tomorrow. There is a Zero Tolerance Litter Campaign being kicked off.

There being no other business to discuss, it was moved by C. Poche to adjourn. Seconded by D. Naquin. Motion carried.

SOUTH CENTRAL SAFE COMMUNITY (SCSC)
TASK FORCE

April 21, 2005

MEETING MINUTES

The Chairman of the Safe Community Task Force called the meeting to order at approximately 9:00 a.m., on February 17, 2005. Those present were:

Leslie Williams, SCPDC	Earl Geason, St. James Sheriff
Chris Authement, Terrebonne Parish School Board	Steve Tullis, NSU Campus Police
Craig Poche, St. James Sheriff	Seve Serna, FHWA
Richard Blanchard, Troop C	Gerald Falgoust, St. James OEP
Lanard Robinet, St. John Sheriff	Greg Maurin, St. John Sheriff
Susan Danos, Lady of the Sea	Antoine Rodrigue, LPSO
Leonard Alcorn, APSO	Scott Leger, SCPDC
Kevin Ghirardi, SCPDC	Laura Crochet, FVCT/CCBR
Hadi Shirazi, DOTD	Maj. Ralph Mitchell, LPS—Region 1
Michele Abbington-Cooper, 4H LSU Ag Center	

It was moved by L. Alcorn, seconded by C. Poche to accept the minutes of the meeting held on February 17, 2005. Motion carried.

Kevin Ghirardi gave an update on the rational speed grant. Originally there were 100 roads. 18 roads have made the final cut. He also gave a definition of what constitutes the rational speed. Kevin read off the names of the roads included in the project throughout the six-parish region.

Leslie discussed the Traffic Summit. There is a tentative agenda and RSVP form. She discussed some of the various topics. It will be held on June 16th. There will be a lunch speaker this year. She asked if there was anything the group wanted to order for the Traffic Summit. Greg Maurin and the group suggested the following items: notepads, ink pens, visor clips. Items were done as reorders. A ditty bag will be given out for the summit.

Leslie announced that the commodities are in. They have not been completely sorted. They will be available in the next week or so (week of May 9th).

Leslie gave an update on the sub-grants. She gave a list of the agencies that she has not heard anything from. She is trying to get an idea of where people are in the grant process. All invoices are due September 1st.

There are some executive board positions available. The St. Charles position will be tabled. G. Maurin contacted someone but he was unable to attend the meeting. The Lafourche Parish position is available. Jim Hogue's position is available. LPSO wishes to have Antoine Rodrigue replace him. The St. James position is available. Lou Landry retired. Earl Geason will replace him. Motion to accept Geason was moved by G. Falgoust and seconded by L. Alcorn. Motion to accept Rodrigue was moved by L. Crochet and seconded by C. Poche. All were in favor. Both motions passed.

The meeting schedule was announced.

The ATV committee meets every month. When the meetings aren't at Troop C they are located at the SCPDC building. Leslie gave the meeting schedule—Apr 21st, June 16th, Aug 18th, Oct 20th, Nov 17th, and Dec 15th. Michele Abbington-Cooper gave an update on the ATV committee progress. The grant ends on June 30th. The new guides have not been received. Michele said she is thinking about training on the old guides. She discussed the equipment that is going to be ordered through the grant. An ATV contest will be held in June called 4H University.

Parish reports were given. St. James Sheriff will have a drinking and driving presentation at St. James High. DOTD has their grant cycle beginning on enhancement projects. There is a 5% match on these funds. St. John has a major overlay project going on. There is problem with speeding along the work/construction zone. Citations are being issued. There is a big concern with the consultant.

Safety concerns—

(? St. James Parish) LA 18 and 20—There is a 3 way stop sign. The reflectors are missing to alert someone that a stop is approaching.

(St. John Parish) LA 44 and 3223—Mr. Robinet would like an update on the requested signal light. Hadi said it is still under review. Many factors need to be taken into consideration.

(Lafourche Parish) LA 657 and 3235—There has been several fatalities. The parish wants to see a traffic or caution light.

Upcoming events—May 7th is the Safe Kids Circus, May 11th is the Mock Crash at South Lafourche High, May 28th there is a Booster seat giveaway at Tanger Mall, May 5th there will be a Building Green Cities Workshop at SCPDC.

Major Mitchell gave a report. There was an update on the hurricane evacuation plan. Incident Management is back. There is going to be another big push for the seatbelt campaign. Railroad crashes are a big issue right now. The North/South Corridor has had some movement on that project.

There being no other business to discuss, it was moved by L. Crochet to adjourn. Motion carried.

SOUTH CENTRAL SAFE COMMUNITY (SCSC)
TASK FORCE

August 18, 2005

MEETING MINUTES

The Chairman of the Safe Community Task Force called the meeting to order at approximately 9:00 a.m., on April 21, 2005. Those present were:

Leslie Williams, SCPDC	Earl Geason, St. James Sheriff
Chris Authement, Terrebonne Parish School Board	Robert Canfield, LHSC
Greg Hood, Houma PD	Seve Serna, FHWA
Darrin Naquin , Troop C	Gerald Falgoust, St. James OEP
Matt Trahan, Troop C	Greg Maurin, St. John Sheriff
Val Penouilh, Troop C	Richard Blanchard, Troop C
Tanner Magee, Children's Coalition	Laura Crochet, FVCT/CCBR

It was moved by L. Crochet, seconded by G. Hood to accept the minutes of the meeting held on April 21, 2005. Motion carried.

There wasn't any available to do a speed grant update. The contracts for overtime enforcement were signed.

Leslie gave an update on the sub-grants. She gave a list of the agencies that she has not heard anything from. She read how much each agency has remaining. Leslie wants to know who will not use their remaining funds. Leslie asked what the group would like to do with the remaining funds. Some suggestions included: Halloween items/bags, ink pens, notepads, reflective wear for kids.

There was discussion about grantees not using all the funds requested. There is a problem with people requesting money and not using all of the funds and not showing up for meetings. People turning over large sums of money should be penalized or rather not be given as much money the next funding cycle. A representative should attend 50% of the meetings in order to receive a grant. Sub-grants can be reduced if they don't use the funds or stop sending a representative.

There was discussion about improving attendance. This is also tied in with the sub-grants.

There are some executive board positions available. The St. Charles position will be tabled.

Parish reports were given. St. James will be working with Head start kids, and Pre-K to 3rd grade in October. Troop C was thanked for their assistance with Prom Night. St. John is working with Railroad enforcement and education.

Safety concerns—

(St. James Parish) LA 20 northbound—Follow up by the boat launch. Still looking for signage and/or signal lights to be placed here.

Upcoming events—Troop C will be conducting a School Zone campaign. The billboards are being donated by Bayou Signs. DOTD Summit will be held in February.

The Traffic Summit was discussed. The lunch speaker should be eliminated. Another suggestion was to end the speakers at 3 pm instead of 4 pm. The presentations should be preloaded on the laptop.

There being no other business to discuss, it was moved by D. Naquin to adjourn seconded by L. Crochet. Motion carried.

SOUTH CENTRAL SAFE COMMUNITY (SCSC)
TASK FORCE

November 17, 2005

MEETING MINUTES

The Chairman of the Safe Community Task Force called the meeting to order at approximately 9:00 a.m., on November 17, 2005. Those present were:

Leslie Williams, SCPDC	Ruben Brown, Thibodaux PD
Scott Toups, Thibodaux PD	Robert Canfield, LHSC
Fred Terwin, LHSC	Warren Vedros, Lockport PD
Darrin Naquin, Troop C	Gerald Falgoust, St. James OEP
Matt Trahan, Troop C	Bruce Prejean, Assumption Parish Sheriff
Val Penouilh, Troop C	Richard Blanchard, Troop C
Lanard Robinet, St. John Sheriff	Susan Danos, Lady of the Sea
Jan Troxler, St. Charles Sheriff	Michael Dean, TPSO
Roy Gros, LPSO	Hadi Shirazi, LaDOTD
Marc Ducote, LHSC	Karla Schiro, LaDOTD
Greg Hood, Houma PD	Antoine Rodrigue, LPSO
Tisa Hill, Lafourche Safe & Drug Free Schools	Roshaun Garrett, ADAC
Antoine Rodrigue, LPSO	Bob Thompson, LHSC
Bridget Gardner, LSU HC	Jan Troxler, St. Charles Sheriff

It was moved by A. Rodrigue, seconded by J. Troxler to accept the minutes of the meeting held on October 20, 2005 with the change mentioned by G. Falgoust. Motion carried.

The Zero for December Campaign press release was held prior to the regular Task Force meeting.

There was a typo on the meeting schedule section of the agenda. Leslie made the change.

Bridget Shumert gave a presentation on Child Occupant Protection and training classes, DWI court in New Orleans, and Col. Champagne's statistics.

Leslie stated she hadn't worked on the Wal-Mart thank you letter. She asked which stores should the letter pertain to. She was instructed to include all the Wal-Marts in our six-parish region. The letter will be ready for the next meeting.

The two support letters that Leslie is working with Gerald about will be ready for the next meeting. She hasn't had time to work on any of the letters.

There wasn't anyone available to do a speed grant update. New equipment arrived. There is some difficulty getting people to sign up for the extra detail. Some agencies are doing better than others.

Leslie announced the sub-grant applications were sent October 17th. The workshop was held November 8th at 10 am. The deadline is December 12th. There are new guidelines so everyone should read the application package carefully. A representative must be present at 4 of the 8 meetings. The invoices will be due on September 13th.

There are some remaining ink pens. If you would like to pick them up they are located at SCPDC's building in Leslie's office.

The following items were purchased for FY06 commodities. There are as follows: ink pens, notepads, eyeglass holders, Lance Armstrong arm bands, book covers, and t-shirts. Everything should be in by January.

Leslie announced the meeting schedule.

Gerald Falgoust discussed the three fatalities in St. James Parish relating to ATVs. The Sheriff would like to see a regional and state effort to reduce/eliminate these fatalities. It was suggested that the ATV meetings be held separate from the Task Force. Tisa Hill said she will help with educating the public through the school system. Glenn Diedrich offered free ATV training classes for purchasers. He was turned down by everyone he asked. Therefore the class was cancelled. Antoine explained what happened with that. There was discussion about ATVs being ridden on the roadways and enforcement of the violation. Leslie

mentioned that the ATV committee has been working with the LSU Ag Center. Michele gave Leslie an update on the progress. The curriculum is in. Michele has some possible training dates available. Leslie said that Michele is better equipped to explain what she needs. She will try to get Michele for the next meeting.

Parish reports were given. There was nothing to report.

Bob Canfield notified the Task Force of legislation passed for Lafourche Parish. Flashing red lights can be placed at stop signs by the Parish officials instead of getting DOTD to do it. No one knew anything about it.

Upcoming events—The Tiger website has been updated. Sobriety Check points for Lafourche/Terrebonne will be December 8, 9, 15th.

There being no other business to discuss, it was moved by A. Rodrigue to adjourn seconded by J. Troxler. Motion carried.

SOUTH CENTRAL SAFE COMMUNITY (SCSC)
TASK FORCE

October 20, 2005

MEETING MINUTES

The Chairman of the Safe Community Task Force called the meeting to order at approximately 9:00 a.m., on October 20, 2005. Those present were:

Leslie Williams, SCPDC	Craig Poche, St. James Sheriff
Chris Authement, Terrebonne Parish School Board	Robert Canfield, LHSC
Fred Terwin, LHSC	Warren Vedros, Lockport PD
Darrin Naquin, Troop C	Gerald Falgoust, St. James OEP
Matt Trahan, Troop C	Greg Maurin, St. John Sheriff
Val Penouilh, Troop C	Richard Blanchard, Troop C
Lanard Robinet, St. John Sheriff	Laura Crochet, FVCT/CCBR
Jan Troxler, St. Charles Sheriff	Antoine Rodrigue Jr., LPSO
Doug Foreman, LPSO	Linda Savoie, OPH
Les Bourg, Lady of the Sea	

It was moved by C. Authement, seconded by M. Trahan to accept the minutes of the meeting held on October 20, 2005. Motion carried.

There wasn't anyone available to do a speed grant update. The contracts for overtime enforcement were signed. Darrin said their enforcement campaign was going well. A lot of equipment was ordered for the project.

Leslie announced the sub-grant applications were sent October 17th. It went out via email and snail mail. The workshop will be held November 8th at 10 am. The deadline is December 12th. There are new guidelines so everyone should read the application package carefully. A representative must be present at 4 of the 8 meetings. The invoices will be due on September 13th.

The only executive board position not filled is St. Charles. Leslie asked what the Task Force would like to do about the position. Jan Troxler agreed to be on the executive board.

Commodities were purchased with the remaining funds. All items can be picked up at SCPDC.

Please consider items to purchase with FY06 commodities money. There was an increase in the budget this year. The suggestions are the following: t-shirts, highlighters, notepads, ink pens, mouse pad, stadium cups, wrist arm bands, and book covers. There was general discussion about the matter.

Leslie announced the meeting schedule. Leslie asked when the Task Force would like to set the Traffic Summit date. It is scheduled for July 15th.

The ATV committee will be during the regular Task force meeting. The committee decided to do presentations to the school boards in order to get the ATV safety component in the schools.

Parish reports were given. Troop C activities were discussed. Everyone discussed the occurrences due to the hurricanes. The Zero for December campaign will be implemented again this year. LA3127 should connect to I10 and go into East Baton Rouge Parish. There was some discussion on this relating to the hurricane evacuation process. The Task Force decided to send a letter requesting that LA3127 project should be reconsidered. There were several problems in St. Charles Parish with traffic. A great of the problems that arose need to be addressed not on the parish level but on the state level. Wal-Mart was excellent in the parishes. A letter should be sent to the corporation thanking them for their assistance. Gerald suggested that the Task Force also support the Houma/Thibodaux to Veterans Memorial Bridge connection (connecting the area to the bridge). There were some concerns about traffic congestion from construction. There seems to be a problem with motorists and construction workers. LPSO would like some additional signage warning of the construction. Bob Canfield said he may be able to assist with getting some signs.

Upcoming events—Sheltering In Place Program in St. James Parish.

There being no other business to discuss, it was moved by C. Poche to adjourn seconded by L. Savoie. Motion carried.

SOUTH CENTRAL SAFE COMMUNITY (SCSC)
TASK FORCE

December 15, 2005

MEETING MINUTES

The Chairman of the Safe Community Task Force called the meeting to order at approximately 9:00 a.m., on December 15, 2005. Those present were:

Leslie Williams, SCPDC	Johnny Champagne, St. Charles Sheriff
Scott Toups, Thibodaux PD	Robert Canfield, LHSC
Fred Terwin, LHSC	Warren Vedros, Lockport PD
Craig Poche, St. James Sheriff	Gerald Falgoust, St. James OEP
Michele Abbington-Cooper, LSU Ag Center	Lt. Earl Geason, St. James Sheriff
Mark Richards, Troop C	Jody Blanchard, Troop C
Lanard Robinet, St. John Sheriff	Linda Savoie, Lady of the Sea/OPH
Jan Troxler, St. Charles Sheriff	Michael Dean, TPSO
Laura Crochet, FVCT/Fema	Greg Maurin, St. John Sheriff
Marc Ducote, LHSC	Greg Hood, Houma PD
Tisa Hill, Lafourche Safe & Drug Free Schools	Roshaun Garrett, ADAC
Antoine Rodrigue, LPSO	Marc Ducote, LHSC
Chris Authement, Terrebonne Parish Schools	Jan Troxler, St. Charles Sheriff

It was moved by C. Authement, seconded by L. Robinet to accept the minutes of the meeting held on November 17, 2005 with the change mentioned by Leslie. Motion carried.

Michele Abbington-Cooper from LSU Ag Center gave an update on the ATV safety for public schools. She said the new training curriculum is available. She would like to hold a training ASAP. People trained will be able to go into schools to teach about ATV safety. Training dates were discussed. The training will be held from 9 am to 3 pm with lunch provided. The training is free.

The two support letters that Leslie is working with Gerald about will be ready for the next meeting. She hasn't had time to work on any of the letters.

There wasn't anyone available to do a speed grant update. New equipment arrived. There is some difficulty getting people to sign up for the extra detail. Some agencies are doing better than others.

Leslie asked how the speed grant was going. There was some general discussion.

Leslie announced the sub-grant applications were sent October 17th. The deadline is December 12th. 11 sub-grant applications were received. A representative must be present at 4 of the 8 meetings. There was some general discussion. The Executive Board will meet Thursday, January 19th at 8:30 am to discuss the funding amounts. Leslie was asked to review the records to check attendance status. Bob Canfield said a few words about the grant program.

The following items were purchased for FY06 commodities. There are as follows: ink pens, notepads, eyeglass holders, Lance Armstrong arm bands, book covers, and t-shirts. They will be available following the meeting on January 19th.

Leslie announced the meeting schedule.

Parish reports were given. OPH Region 3 (Linda Savoie) has two NHTSA funded fitting stations. For more info contact Linda.

Leslie did one support letter. She has one more left to write. Sorry about the delay. Gerald has been a tremendous help.

Upcoming events—Sobriety Check points for Troop C on December 15th, Lockport on December 31st.

There being no other business to discuss, it was moved by L. Robinet to adjourn seconded by G. Hood. Motion carried.

SOUTH CENTRAL SAFE COMMUNITY (SCSC)
TASK FORCE

January 19, 2006

MEETING MINUTES

The Chairman of the Safe Community Task Force called the meeting to order at approximately 9:00 a.m., on December 15, 2005. Those present were:

Leslie Williams, SCPDC	Johnny Champagne, St. Charles Sheriff
Betsey Tramonte, LA Operation Lifesaver	Marc Ducote, LHSC
Fred Terwin, LHSC	Don Swanson, Fema/LTCR
Donald M. , St. James Sheriff	Dean Blanchard, Thibodaux PD
Seve Serna, FHWA	Lt. Earl Geason, St. James Sheriff
Val Penouilh, Troop C	Julie Sukkar, DOTD
Lanard Robinet, St. John Sheriff	Linda Savoie, Lady of the Sea/OPH
Keith Faul, TPSO	Susan Danos, LOSGH/LA Safe Kids
Laura Crochet, FVCT/Fema	Greg Maurin, St. John Sheriff
Marc Ducote, LHSC	Greg Hood, Houma PD/ADAC
Antoine Rodrigue, LPSO	Royce Doucet, LP School Board
Chris Authement, Terrebonne Parish Schools	Jan Troxler, St. Charles Sheriff
Marilyn Harris, Office of Public Health	Capt. Craig Poche, St. James Sheriff

It was moved by C. Poche, seconded by C. Authement to accept the minutes of the meeting held on December 15, 2005. Motion carried.

The Executive Board met at 8:30 am prior to the regular Task Force meeting. The sub-grant applications were discussed. Funding allotments were discussed along with eligible and ineligible entities. Attendance started over in October.

Sub-grants were due on December 12th. 11 grants were submitted of that number 2 were ineligible due to lack of attendance. They were Thibodaux PD and TPSO. Letters will go out to them explaining ineligibility.

Commodities are available for pickup ASAP. They are located at SCPDC. Everything has the agency name on it.

One support letter was written. Leslie didn't have the time available to work on the second one.

Greg discussed the meeting schedule.

The Traffic Summit is coming up soon. The date is set for July 20th. This year the Summit will end at 3pm. There were some possible speaker suggestions: Col Champagne, Harry Crum, no lunch speaker, Charlie Melancon, state politician, Senator Dupre. There was a lot of stuff pertaining to hurricane evacuation and contra flow. Suggested Matt as the Technical person. Other suggestions were: outdoor displays, district attorneys, Dr. Toma, Bridget Gardner. Work on attendance ideas. We should attempt to order commodities for the Summit...money permitting.

ATV training is set for January 24th with about 20 people signed up. There is room for about 5 more people. It will be from 9 am to 3 pm on a Tuesday.

Parish reports were given. Operation Lifesaver has a speech contest on April 7th. The PSA campaign will begin in late Spring. March 2-3 there is a presenter training class. April 9-11 is the Lifesavers conference in Austin, TX.

Leslie did one support letter. She has one more left to write. Sorry about the delay. Gerald has been a tremendous help.

There being no other business to discuss, it was moved by D. Naquin to adjourn seconded by G. Hood. Motion carried.

SOUTH CENTRAL SAFE COMMUNITY (SCSC)
TASK FORCE

March 16, 2006

MEETING MINUTES

The Chairman of the Safe Community Task Force called the meeting to order at approximately 9:00 a.m., on March 16, 2006. Those present were:

Leslie Williams, SCPDC	Johnny Champagne, St. Charles Sheriff
Fred Terwin, LHSC	Stacy Jefferson, Dept of Justice
Val Penouilh, Troop C	Darrin Naquin, Troop C
Keith Faul, TPSO	Susan Danos, LOSGH/LA Safe Kids
Rodney Hyatt, Troop C	Greg Maurin, St. John Sheriff
Antoine Rodrigue, LPSO	Robert Canfield, LHSC
Chris Authement, Terrebonne Parish Schools	Brian Parsons, LaDOTD
Bob Thompson, LHSC	Capt. Craig Poche, St. James Sheriff
Angie Jones, LHSC	Antoine Rodrigue, LPSO
Greg Hood, Houma PD (excused)	Lanard Robinet, St. John Sheriff
Gerald Falgoust, St. James OEP	Richard Blanchard, Troop C
Marc Ducote, LHSC	

It was moved by C. Authement, seconded by C. Poche to accept the minutes of the meeting held on January 19, 2006. Motion carried.

Dean Tekell gave a presentation on LaTAP. The LA Local Road Safety Program. Grant applications are due October 1st. There is a 5% inkind match and up to 10% for construction projects. It offers technical assistance as well.

Stacy Jefferson with the Attorney General's Office gave a presentation on U Drink U Drive U Walk. It is an underage drinking prevention program.

Brian Parsons with DOTD gave a presentation on Safe Routes To School. It is 100% funding...there is no match.

Introductions were given.

Sub-grant contracts were sent out. Leslie hasn't received all the signed contracts. Ineligible applicants received a letter notifying them of the reason why.

The meeting schedule was gone over.

The Lifesavers conference is April 9-11 in Austin. The Chairman and the Grants Administrator will be sent. We will be able to start sending someone if it is feasible funding wise. There was discussion about the conference and sending people in the future. Troopers can attend from LHSC budget. This is a separate funding source.

The Traffic Summit is coming up soon. The date is set for July 20th. . There were some possible speaker suggestions: Col Champagne, Harry Crum, no lunch speaker, Charlie Melancon, state politician, Senator Dupre, Kim Kelley, JJ Williams. Rodney will be the technical person. Other suggestions were Dr. Thoma, Bridget Gardner, Brian Parson, Dean Tekell, Stacy Jefferson, Danny Smith/Kevin Guidry/Judge Walker. Maybe we should have a possible theme.

The ATV training went well. Some people have asked for an additional training. It is up to the Task Force to determine if it is necessary.

Parish reports were given. April 28th is the Train the Trainer program. There is a \$20 fee. It covers the materials and lunch.

Are we interested in doing the Halloween bags again? It depends on the finances available. Since we cover a large region it is difficult for everyone to get a large quantity.

May 24th kicks off the 100 Days of Summer speed enforcement campaign. DOTD Traffic Summit will be September 7th from 8:30 to 3:30 pm in New Orleans.

May 6th is the Safe Kids Circus in Cut Off.

April 28th is a Health Fair for the Mechanicville Weed and Seed program at the Mechanicville Gym in East Houma.

There being no other business to discuss, it was moved by C. Authement to adjourn seconded by R. Doucet. Motion carried.

SOUTH CENTRAL SAFE COMMUNITY (SCSC)
TASK FORCE

March 16, 2006

MEETING MINUTES

The Chairman of the Safe Community Task Force called the meeting to order at approximately 9:00 a.m., on March 16, 2006. Those present were:

Leslie Williams, SCPDC	Royce Doucet, LP School Board
Fred Terwin, LHSC	Dean Tekell, LTAP
Val Penouilh, Troop C	Mark Richards, Troop C
Jan Troxler, St. Charles Sheriff	Linda Savoie, OPH
Greg Maurin, St. John Sheriff	Doug Foreman, LPSO
Chris Authement, Terrebonne Parish Schools	Marc Ducote, LHSC
Angie Jones, LHSC	Lanard Robinet, St. John Sheriff
Gerald Falgoust, St. James OEP	Richard Blanchard, Troop C
Tanner Magee, Children's Coalition	Danny Smith, Terrebonne DWI Court
Susan Danos, LA Safe Kids	Betsey Tramonte, Operation Lifesaver
Greg Hood, Houma PD	

Minutes will be emailed.

Danny Smith from Terrebonne Parish DA's office will discuss their DWI Court.

Stacy Jefferson with the Attorney General's Office gave a presentation on U Drink U Drive U Walk. It is an underage drinking prevention program.

Everyone went around the room highlighting what was going on in their area. There will be a Kids Day at the Southland Mall. It will be held the first week of school. It is sponsored by the Children's Coalition. It will be August 5th from 10 am to 4 pm.

DOTD will have their safety summit on September 7th in New Orleans at the Royal Sonesta.

The Traffic Summit is coming up soon. The date is set for July 20th. Any other topics yall are interested in?

Gerald Falgoust will be retiring. This will be his last meeting not including the Traffic Summit.

Parish reports were given.

May 25—100 days of Summer Heat

June 5-9—NHTSA inspection

June 30—FY07 projects voted on

August 15—Diversity conference in Baton Rouge 8:30 am – 2:30 pm

The ATV committee has a new chairperson, Alicia Toups. It has been a good fit.

The U Drink U Drive U Walk workshop has been rescheduled due to lack of participation.

The fatality rate has escalated in the Troop C area. There is a crackdown on enforcement.

There being no other business to discuss, it was moved by G. Hood to adjourn seconded by L. Savoie. Motion carried.

SOUTH CENTRAL SAFE COMMUNITY (SCSC)
TASK FORCE

September 21, 2006

MEETING MINUTES

The Chairman of the Safe Community Task Force called the meeting to order at approximately 9:00 a.m., on September 21, 2006. Those present were:

Leslie Williams, SCPDC	Robert Canfield, LHSC
Fred Terwin, LHSC	Seve Serna, FHWA
Val Penouilh, Troop C	Antoine Rodrigue, LPSO
Alexis Rieve, ADAC	Linda Savoie, OPH
Greg Maurin, St. John Sheriff	Laura Guise, Thibodaux PD
Chris Authement, Terrebonne Parish Schools	Marc Ducote, LHSC
Kevin Marcel, Troop C	Lanard Robinet, St. John Sheriff
Tisa Hill, LPSC	Darrin Naquin, Troop C
Keith Faul, TPSO	Aaron Hebert, TPSO
Susan Danos, LA Safe Kids	Todd Duplantis, Houma PD
Greg Hood, Houma PD	Mike Dean, TPSO

It was moved by G. Hood, seconded by A. Rodrigue to accept the minutes of the meeting s emailed by Leslie. Motion carried.

Leslie mentioned that there were issues with people submitting their invoices at the last minute. She asked for some suggestions to improve the situation. She is still having problems with sub-grantees. There was some discussion.

New grant funds will be available October 1st. The sub- grant applications will go out mid October. There is \$37,200 to spend on sub-grants. Angie replaces Bob for LHSC coordinator. The applications are due in December.

DO NOT FORGET to write name on the sign in sheet to get credit for attendance.

It was moved by G. Hood and seconded by D. Naquin to move the November meeting to November 9th and the December meeting to December 14th. Motion carried.

Comments from the Traffic Summit—People would like to see new topics such as local SADD chapter and have CEUs for Occupant Protection.

CADCA Institute was tabled.

Any suggestions for commodities? There was some discussion. The following items went well: wrist bands, book covers, note pads, ink pens, erasers.

This past year the Task Force was supposed to do 6 Train the Trainer classes. We only did 2 so we will be returning some money to LHSC. This year we will be doing 3. Leslie will let everyone know the dates and fees if any.

Are there any trainings or conferences that someone from the Task Force would like to attend? Something to think about.

There was some discussion about the Task Force being stagnate. It was discussed that the Task Force should come up with 2-3 goals to accomplish throughout the year. We should add a youth component to the Task Force. Get students to create their own program and goals. Tisa Hill will assist with this.

Parish reports—LA 44 & LA 3323 St. John wants a traffic signal. They got a 4 way stop. Still waiting on progress for traffic signal. There was more discussion about the boat launch in St. James Parish. Gerald has retired and we are still waiting on results.

Comments from members—Robert Canfield discussed the DOTD website.

Tisa Hill discussed the SADD chapter.

Rodney discussed the following: purchase roll over truck for the region, use SADD students for youth component, redo t-shirt for seatbelt usage, and start a campaign for emergency vehicle new laws.

There being no other business to discuss, it was moved by L. Savoie to adjourn seconded by G. Hood. Motion carried.

SOUTH CENTRAL SAFE COMMUNITY (SCSC)
TASK FORCE

October 19, 2006

MEETING MINUTES

The Chairman of the Safe Community Task Force called the meeting to order at approximately 9:00 a.m., on October 19, 2006. Those present were:

Leslie Williams, SCPDC	Lt. Earl Geason, St. James Sheriff
Fred Terwin, LHSC	Craig Poche, St. James Sheriff
Val Penouilh, Troop C	Antoine Rodrigue, LPSO
Alexis Rieve, ADAC	Angie Jones, LHSC
Greg Maurin, St. John Sheriff	Kevin Marcel, Troop C
Chris Authement, Terrebonne Parish Schools	Marc Ducote, LHSC
Kevin Marcel, Troop C	Lanard Robinet, St. John Sheriff
Doug Foreman, LPSO	Susan Danos, LA Safe Kids
Keith Faul, TPSO	Aaron Hebert, TPSO
Greg Hood, Houma PD	Zintrise Bogen, Masterbuilders Community Center

It was moved by C. Authement, seconded by L. Robinet to accept the minutes of the meeting. Motion carried.

Zintrise Bogen with Masterbuilders Community Center gave a brief introduction of herself and what she does.

Leslie discussed Bucklebear. It was information provided by Linda Savoie. It is for Injury Prevention Coordinators to teach about seatbelt safety among other child safety issues. There was discussion for the pros of buying the equipment. Linda will go into the classes and teach the material. It was moved by Chris Authement and seconded by Susan Danos to purchase the equipment. Motion passed.

The meeting schedule was discussed.

The Traffic Summit will be held in July. Is that okay? Is there anything specific that people would like to see? It was suggested if CEUs are available for the Traffic Summit.

Leslie explained what CADCA stood for. There was some discussion about further researching the issue. Greg Hood was interested in more information. Several expressed it was a good idea to look into CADCA.

The sub-grants will be reviewed at the December meeting. The applications are due on December 11th. There was some discussion about sending out ineligible letter.

Any suggestions for commodities? The following items were suggested: bookcovers, erasers, ink pens, notepads, redo t-shirts, and wrist bands.

Are there any trainings or conferences that someone from the Task Force would like to attend? Lifesavers conference and the CADCA conference were discussed. There is a DWI training in New Orleans. Antoine and Lanard are interested in attending Lifesavers.

There was some discussion about the Task Force being stagnate. It was discussed that the Task Force should come up with 2-3 goals to accomplish throughout the year. We should add a youth component to the Task Force. Get students to create their own program and goals. Tisa Hill will assist with this.

Parish reports—Zero for December Campaign discussed by Troop C. Val discussed the increase in fatalities for the region.

DOTD concern—St. James discussed LA 641 in Gramercy as a concern.

There being no other business to discuss, it was moved by A. Rodrigue to adjourn seconded by C. Poche. Motion carried.

SOUTH CENTRAL SAFE COMMUNITY (SCSC)
TASK FORCE

November 9, 2006

MEETING MINUTES

The Chairman of the Safe Community Task Force called the meeting to order at approximately 9:00 a.m., on November 9, 2006. Those present were:

Leslie Williams, SCPDC	Greta Melancon, St. James Sheriff
Fred Terwin, LHSC	Sabina Miller, ATC
Val Penouilh, Troop C	Antoine Rodrigue, LPSO
Nadia Ford, ADAC	Angie Jones, LHSC
Greg Maurin, St. John Sheriff	Kevin Marcel, Troop C
Chris Authement, Terrebonne Parish Schools	Marc Ducote, LHSC
Susan Danos, LA Safe Kids	
Greg Hood, Houma PD	Robert Canfield, LHSC
Danny Smith, Terrebonne DWI court	Mike Waguespack, APSO
Craig Jaccuzzo, NSU	Judy Daniels, NSU
Sabrina Laurent, NSU	Renee Per, NSU
Alex Barnos, NSU	Darrin Naquin, Troop C
Rodney Hyatt, Troop C	Bruce Prejean, APSO

It was moved by C. Authement, seconded by L. Robinet to accept the minutes of the meeting. Motion carried.

Danny Smith of Terrebonne Parish DWI was a guest speaker. He discussed the training held in New Orleans.

Rodney Hyatt discussed the Zero for December kick off.

The meeting schedule was read.

The Traffic Summit will be held in July. Bridget Gardner said her session is the only one that will qualify for CEUs.

CADCA was discussed. Danny Smith gave an overview. Greg Hood asked for more information for the next meeting.

The sub-grant workshop will be held Friday for those who have questions. Sheriff Waguespack discussed his grievance for being ineligible.

There was discussion about who should attend the Lifesavers conference and who would benefit the most. Leslie will look into amount allocated for travel. We will probably have enough to send 1 person completely or two people partially.

Parish reports—Zero for December Campaign discussed by Troop C. There is a DWI checkpoint in the Troop C area. LPSO is doing checkpoint with Troop C in December. Bob Canfield gave some stats from LHSC.

There was discussion with NSU. They discussed their concerns/issues with youth drinking on campus. The Task Force thinks this will be a good tie in with the youth component they would like to see implemented.

There being no other business to discuss, it was moved by C. Authement to adjourn seconded by A. Rodrigue. Motion carried.

SOUTH CENTRAL SAFE COMMUNITY (SCSC)
TASK FORCE

December 14, 2006

MEETING MINUTES

The Chairman of the Safe Community Task Force called the meeting to order at approximately 9:00 a.m., on December 14, 2006. Those present were:

Leslie Williams, SCPDC	Craig Poche, St. James Sheriff
Fred Terwin, LHSC	Marilyn Harris, DHH-OAD
Hadi Shirazi, DOTD	Antoine Rodrigue, LPSO
Karla Schiro, DOTD	Angie Jones, LHSC
Greg Maurin, St. John Sheriff	Betsey Tramonte, LAOL
Chris Authement, Terrebonne Parish Schools	Marc Ducote, LHSC
Royce Doucet, Lafourche School Board	Earl Geason, St. James Sheriff
Greg Hood, Houma PD/ADAC	Robert Canfield, LHSC
Rodney Hyatt, Troop C	Bruce Prejean, APSO
Steve Tullis, Nicholls PD	Keith Faul, TPSO
Lanard Robinet, St. John Sheriff	Doug Foreman, LPSO
Alex Barnos, NSU	Darrin Naquin, Troop C
Rodney Hyatt, Troop C	Bruce Prejean, APSO

The Executive Committee met to discuss the sub-grant applications. Eleven agencies applied for funding. The committee discussed how more money was needed to meet the needs of the varying agencies. It was moved by C. Poche and seconded by G. Maurin to write a letter to LHSC requesting an increase in the sub-grant allocation. Pending the request, the agencies will receive more money for their sub-grants. Motion carried.

It was moved by C. Authement, seconded by A. Rodrigue to accept the minutes of the meeting. Motion carried.

The meeting schedule was discussed. There was a typo. Leslie provided some additional information about CADCA. She gave two websites to reference. Leslie explained the commodities ordered.

Rodney Hyatt discussed the Zero for December kick off. The flyers are available.

Leslie discussed asking for an increase in the sub-grant funding for this year and the upcoming years.

Several people wanted to attend the Lifesavers conference. A name was pulled from the hat. Linda Savoie will be attending and Lanard Robinet is the back up person if she is unable to go. Leslie discussed the travel budget. Linda will give a report once she returns.

Goals—

- Find crashes and fatalities in our region
- work to reduce numbers via education
- Rollover simulator to demonstrate seatbelt use; look for donations

Parish reports—Zero for December Campaign discussed by Troop C. LPSO is doing checkpoint with Troop C in December 30th in Cut Off. Bob Canfield gave some stats from LHSC. Operation Lifesaver is having their annual speech contest January 19th. St. John and Terrebonne will receive funding for underage drinking (Marilyn Harris informed the Task Force). DOTD is having a statewide safety campaign March – August (tv, paper, media).

There was discussion about NSU. They discussed their concerns/issues with youth drinking on campus. The Task Force thinks this will be a good tie in with the youth component they would like to see implemented. Leslie was asked to do a presentation January 10th.

There being no other business to discuss, it was moved by L. Robinet to adjourn seconded by R. Doucet. Motion carried.

SOUTH CENTRAL SAFE COMMUNITY (SCSC)
TASK FORCE

January 18, 2007

MEETING MINUTES

The Chairman of the Safe Community Task Force called the meeting to order at approximately 9:00 a.m., on January 18, 2007. Those present were:

Leslie Williams, SCPDC	Craig Poche, St. James Sheriff
Fred Terwin, LHSC	Laura Guise, Thibodaux PD
Marily Harris, DHH-OAD Region 3	Antoine Rodrigue, LPSO
Danny Smith, Terrebonne DA	Angie Jones, LHSC
Greg Maurin, St. John Sheriff	Earl Geason, St. James Sheriff
Chris Authement, Terrebonne Parish Schools	Marc Ducote, LHSC
Greg Hood, Houma PD	Lanard Robinet, St. John Sheriff
Darrin Naquin, Troop C	Bruce Prejean, APSO
Susan Danos, LOSGH/Safe Kids	Kevin Marcel, Troop C
Leilani Brunet, Children's Coalition	Meiko Johnson, ADAC
Val Penouilh, Troop C	Bruce Prejean, APSO

It was moved by A. Rodrigue, seconded by C. Poche to accept the minutes of the meeting. Motion carried.

Danny Smith gave an update on the Terrebonne Parish DWI court.

Darrin discussed the rollover simulator. It will run roughly \$15,000. Darrin was requesting to use some of the sub-grant money to purchase the rollover. Darrin will research costs and get more information. The Task Force should look for additional funding from senators, insurance companies, etc. Leslie can draft a letter asking for assistance. There was discussion from the Task Force members.

Angie gave a brief discussion about merging the enforcement contracts with Task Force contract to be handled by SCPDC.

Kevin Marcel gave an update on Zero for December. Campaign was successful. There were 3 deaths. However only 1 accident was alcohol related.

Commodities have arrived. They need to be sorted. There was a problem with the t-shirts. They had to be sent back and redone.

The sub-grant contracts have gone out. Make sure you have received your grant, signed it, and returned it to SCPDC. We received additional funds for sub-grants.

Leslie did the Student Leadership presentation at NSU. It went very well. NSU is looking forward to the new partnership.

Tisa will be at the March meeting with some students. We are still trying to move forward with this aspect.

Parish reports—

Terrebonne Parish will have drunk driving billboards around the area.

LHSC—will have an underage drinking video. It is funded by SAMSHA.

Lady of the Sea—National Child Passenger Safety Week on February 19th at Golden Motors on LA 3235.

ADAC—Alcohol Free Zone for Mardi Gras

Children's Coalition—Child Day in mall on August 4th

Troop C—for Mardi Gras more troopers will be in the high speed areas

There being no other business to discuss, it was moved by C. Authement to adjourn seconded by G. Hood. Motion carried.

SOUTH CENTRAL SAFE COMMUNITY TASK FORCE
MINUTES OF MAY 17, 2007

LOUISIANA STATE POLICE TROOP C

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

Brian Rhodes, Thibodaux Police Department
Betsey Tramonte, LA DOTD
Hadi Shirazi, LA DOTD
Tisa Hill, LPSAFSC
Keith Faul, Terrebonne Parish Sheriff's Office
Robert Canfield, Louisiana Highway Safety Commission
Chris Authement, Terrebonne Parish School Board
Danny Smith, Terrebonne Parish Drug Court
Susan Danos, Lady of the Sea Hospital/Lafourche Safe Kids
Lanard Robinet, St. John Sheriff's Office
Greg Maurin, St. John Sheriff's Office
Greg Hood, Houma Police Department
Fred Terurn, LA Highway Safety Commission
Marc Ducote, LA Highway Safety Commission
Steve Tullis, Nicholls State University
Earl Goason, St. James Sheriff's Office
Craig Poche, St. James Sheriff's Office
Bruce Prejean, Assumption Parish Sheriff's Office
Rodney Hyatt, LSP, Troop C

Due to the transition of the Coordinator at SCPDC, the minutes of March 15, 2007 were not available for approval. It was moved and seconded to dispense with the reading of the minutes. Motion carried.

Tanner introduced himself and asked for everyone to do the same.

Greg Maurin informed the Task Force that he and Mr. Robinette met with Mr. Belanger and Mr. Magee to get a re-commitment from SCPDC on the Safe Community Program. He said that SCPDC has committed to continuing the Safe Community Program.

The next item discussed was commodities. Mr. Magee stated that all of the commodities have been picked up. Mr. Marin asked Mr. Magee to review the budget to see if there is extra money to purchase commodities.

An update was given by Mr. Maurin on the Lifesavers Conference.

Mr. Magee updated the Task Force on the progress of the traffic summit. He stated that the afternoon session will be removed. He explained that this is being done to shorten the day to try to encourage people to stay for the entire program. He also updated the members on the speakers he had confirmed to date.

The next item for discussion was an update on the sub-grants. Each grantee was given an opportunity to give an update of their sub-grant. Also time was allowed for parish reports.

Mr. Canfield provided handouts and discussed same. He discussed bills in the Legislature regarding highway safety. One of those bills concerned the use of cell phones in school zones.

An update was given on the Terrebonne Parish Drug Court. An update was also provided regarding a PowerPoint presentation and prom night film shown at six area high schools. Next year the Civic Center will be used to conduct a mock crash which will be presented to high school juniors and seniors.

Ms. Betsey Tramonte, Executive Director, LA Operation Life Savers addressed the Task Force.

The next item on the agenda was safety concerns to refer to LA DOTD.

The next meeting date is July 19th, which is the Traffic Summit.

There being no other business to discuss, the meeting adjourned.

SOUTH CENTRAL SAFE COMMUNITY TASK FORCE
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 20, 2007

LOUISIANA STATE POLICE TROOP C

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

Steve Tullis, Nicholls State University
Karla Couvillion, Children's Coalition for the Bayou Region
Gary Alford, Terrebonne Coroner's Office
Susan D. Szush, Acadian Ambulance
Chris Authement, Terrebonne Parish School Board
Craig Poché, St. James Sheriff's Office
Earl Geason, St. James Sheriff's Office
Laura Guise, Thibodaux PD
Fred Terura, Louisiana Highway Safety Commission
Marc Ducote, Louisiana Highway Safety Commission
Robert Canfield, Louisiana Highway Safety Commission
Jason Dagate, Terrebonne Parish District Attorney
Greg Maurin, St. John Sheriff's Office
Antoine Rodrigue, Jr., Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office
Shalanda Cole, DOTD
Dennis Babin, DOTD
Linda Savoie, LA Safe Kids, OPH
Greg Hood, Houma PD
Susan Danos, Lafourche Safe Kids, Lady of the Sea Hospital
Badi Asrabadi, Nicholls State University
Angie W. Jones, Louisiana Highway Safety Commission
Kevin Marcel, Louisiana State Police
Gilbert Dardar, Louisiana State Police
Philip Poché, Louisiana State Police
Keith J. Faul, Terrebonne Parish Sheriff's Office
Lanard Robinet, St. John Parish Sheriff's Office
Leo Marretta, SCPDC
Melissa Menuet, SCPDC
Tanya Etier, SCPDC

Mr. Dennis Babin and Ms. Shalanda Cole of DOTD attended the meeting to inform the Task Force of the Safe Routes to School Program. Mr. Babin gave a powerpoint presentation which highlighted the need for safe routes to school, the amounts available for funding, types of projects eligible, and application deadline information.

It was moved by Chris Authement, seconded by Craig Poché to approve the minutes of May 17, 2007. Motion carried.

The upcoming meeting schedule was discussed. The dates are as follows: November 15, 2007, December 20, 2007 (Executive Committee to review mini grants), January 17, 2008, and March 20, 2008.

Melissa Menuet discussed the changes that were made to the 2008 Grant Guide and asked that if anyone had any recommended changes or questions that they contact SCPDC. The mini grant applications are due Monday, December 10, 2007. She notified everyone that a Grant Workshop will be held on November 7, 2007 at SCPDC.

Melissa Menuet notified the Task Force that before Leslie Williams had left SCPDC both she and Capt. Greg Hood pursued ATV funding through the LHSC. She stated that they were successful in obtaining \$15,000 in funding for ATV education. She stated that \$15,000 of the \$46,000 for mini grants in the 2008 contract is targeted towards education in keeping ATVs off of the highways.

The Traffic Summit evaluation results were distributed and discussion ensued on the MADD presentation.

Melissa Menuet stated that all subgrant invoices have been submitted to SCPDC. She said that Terrebonne Parish Sheriff's Office will not be able to spend \$2,400.00 of the money that they were awarded. She asked the Task Force if they wanted to purchase commodities with the money that was not spent. She stated that a budget amendment would probably need to be approved by LHSC to do so.

It was moved by Capt. Greg Hood, seconded by Linda Savoie to move the approximate \$3,000 that was not spent by TPSO to purchase extra commodities. Motion carried.

Under Parish Reports, Sgt. Antoine Rodrigue of the Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office displayed a ResQ Disc which is a life preserver. He asked if the disc would be an eligible item to be purchased with Safe Community funds.

Lanard Robinet of St. John Sheriff's Office stated that after five (5) years of requesting a traffic signal in St. John Parish it was finally installed.

Greg Maurin of St. John Sheriff's Office spoke of a train/vehicle fatality that happened earlier in the month. He said that on October 30th & 31st there will be a railroad investigative class in LaPlace.

There being no other business to discuss, the meeting adjourned.

SOUTH CENTRAL SAFE COMMUNITY TASK FORCE
MINUTES OF MARCH 20, 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
Antoine Rodrigue, Lafourche Sheriff's Office
Lanard Robinet, St. John Sheriff's Office
Karla Sibille, DOTD/LA Operation Life Savers
Betsey Tramonte, FHWA
Hadi Shirazi, LA DOTD
Julie Acosta, Assumption Sheriff's Office
Greg Maurin, St. John Sheriff's Office
Chris Authement, Terrebonne Parish School Board
Alicia P. Toups, ADAC
Melanie Sharp, Performance Suzuki of Houma
Lt. Sam Pruitt, Thibodaux Police Department
Karla Couvillion, Children's Coalition
Aimee Gautreaux, Children's Coalition
Kristie Collins, Lady of the Sea Hospital
Gilbert Dardar, Jr., Louisiana State Police Troop C
Bealon Yelverton, Terrebonne Parish Sheriff's Office
Lyle LeBlanc, Louisiana DOTD

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Greg Maurin
Prayer: Led by Chris Authement

It was moved by Lanard Robinet, seconded by Craig Poche to approve the minutes of January 24, 2008. Motion carried.

The upcoming meeting schedule was discussed. The dates are as follows: May 15, 2008 and September 18, 2008 at Troop C. The Traffic Summit will take place on July 17, 2008.

Melissa Menuet discussed information she received from Addie Smith of the North Central Alliance Partners in Prevention on an approach they use to encourage designated drivers. Ms. Menuet provided art work for stadium mugs that Ms. Smith allowed use of if the South Central Safe Community Task Force would like to work towards a similar type of program. Ms. Menuet stated that local bars and restaurants in the North Central Alliance Partners in Prevention area allow those individuals who enter into the restaurant or bar with the mug to have unlimited soft drink refills. The mugs would be given to individuals at sobriety checkpoints who were not drinking

alcoholic beverages. The committee liked the idea and directed Ms. Menuet to get quotes on mugs and contact bars and restaurants to see if we could get participation. Ms. Menuet asked if anyone had any specific bars or restaurants in their parishes who they felt would be interested in participating. Sphars in Des Allemands, Houma and Thibodaux was suggested as a good restaurant to contact.

Melissa Menuet stated that there is a request by Troop C to purchase a panda mascot costume. Gilbert Dardar discussed the Buckles the Bear mascot. He said that he borrowed a costume for Mardi Gras and the kids loved it. He stated that the costume cost \$600.00 which includes the head and arms. Melissa Menuet asked if the Task Force would be willing to purchase the costume with commodity funds. Discussion ensued.

It was moved by Chris Authement, seconded by Craig Poche to allow \$600.00 of the funds allocated for commodities to be spent to purchase the panda costume for Troop C. Motion carried.

Under Parish Reports, Antoine Rodrigue reported that Lafourche Parish will conduct a DWI checkpoint on April 18th. He also stated that a mock crash was conducted in the Parish. Steve Tullis reported that NSU conducted the Fatal Vision program with the golf cart in the past week. Gilbert Dardar reported on the Mock Crash demonstration which was held in Terrebonne Parish. He also showed the Task Force the photo which was taken by Picture Parlor of all law enforcement agencies. Greg Maurin spoke on the progress of St. John's subgrant. He said that the Traffic Division conducted stops to check for child safety seat compliance and the success in getting the car seats to those in need.

Hadi Shirazi reported that Terrebonne Parish upgraded to the new LED traffic signals. Lyle LeBlanc of DOTD stated that Lafourche Parish is completely upgraded but Terrebonne Parish has approximately another 20 signals to be updated. Mr. LeBlanc stated that this needs to be completed in order to proceed with ITS. He said eventually intersections will be monitored and the timing will be able to be changed from a remote location.

Greg Maurin asked if anyone in the region had traffic enforcement cameras. Lyle LeBlanc stated that the traffic enforcement cameras are not done on state routes.

Discussion ensued on brick mailboxes on state right of ways.

Gilbert Dardar stated that on Saturday, April 5th Troop C will conduct its 4th Annual Open House from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. He said that the open house is open to the public.

Melissa Menuet stated that she has booked the Century Room at NSU for the upcoming Traffic Summit. She informed the Task Force that the Century Room was the only room available at NSU due to the Ballroom being under construction. The Century Room will only hold 75 comfortably. Ms. Menuet also informed the Task Force that she has also booked the Terrebonne Parish Main Library which can hold up to 99 people comfortably. She asked if anyone had any objections to the Traffic Summit being held at the Terrebonne Parish Library. The members agreed that the Terrebonne Parish Library will be a good location.

Melissa Menuet discussed guest speakers for the upcoming Traffic Summit.

Betsey Tramonte informed the Task Force that she is now employed as the Safety Specialist for FHWA. She reported on the FHWA rural safety initiative which is money available for safety improvements for rural roads. The money is targeted towards the delta parishes and \$15 million is available nationally. She informed the Task Force that a workshop will be held on March 25th at the Louisiana Transportation Research Center on the LSU campus. She said if anyone is interested in attending to contact Spencer at 225-767-9717.

Karla Sibille reported that she has taken Betsey Tramonte's place at Operation Lifesavers but is also still conducting her current duties with DOTD. Ms. Sibille suggested that Ms. Menuet contact Redflex Traffic Systems to be a presenter at the Traffic Summit. She stated that work zone awareness week is April 7th through 11th and DOTD will be participating. A cone memorial will be set up in front of DEQ headquarters.

The final item on the agenda was the ATV Subcommittee Report. Alicia Toups presented the PowerPoint/video presentation which will be conducted in the schools.

Discussion ensued on the number of ATV accidents that were on public access roads. Ms. Toups requested assistance in getting local numbers to include in the presentation. Ms. Tramonte asked if the students would be told in the presentation that it is also illegal to ride ATVs on railroad tracks. Ms. Toups stated that it would be. There was discussion regarding ATV fatalities on private property as well. Discussion ensued on the differences in fines from Parish to Parish.

There being no other business to discuss the meeting was adjourned.

SOUTH CENTRAL SAFE COMMUNITY TASK FORCE
MINUTES OF JANUARY 24, 2008

South Central Planning & Development Commission
Houma, 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
Robert Canfield, LHSC
Darrin Naquin, LA State Police Troop C
Philip Poche, LA State Police Troop C
Greg Hood, Houma Police Department and ADAC
Antoine Rodrigue, Lafourche Sheriff's Office
Marc Ducote, LHSC
Fred Teruin, LHSC
Lanard Robinet, St. John Sheriff's Office
Marilyn Harris, HDD-OAD Region 3
Laura Guise, Thibodaux PD
Karla Sibille, DOTD
Betsey Tramonte, LA Operation Life Saver
Hadi Shirazi, LA DOTD
Julie Acosta, Assumption Sheriff's Office
Rich Rozands, Chabert Medical Center
Keith J. Faul, Terrebonne Sheriff's Office
Sue Szush, Acadian Ambulance
Greg Maurin, St. John Sheriff's Office

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Greg Hood
Prayer: Led by Greg Maurin

It was moved by Antoine Rodrigue, seconded by Greg Hood to approve the minutes of November 15, 2007. Motion carried.

The election of officers and review of appointments to the Executive Board were discussed. It was moved by Craig Poche, seconded by Antoine Rodrigue to keep the current officers, Greg Maurin - Chairman and Val Penouilh - Vice Chairman. The motion also included the following changes to the Executive Board:

At Large Members:

Philip Poche to replace Darrin Naquin, LA State Police Troop C

Assumption Parish:

Julie Acosta to replace Leonard Alcorn, Assumption Parish Sheriff's Office
Remove John Boudreaux

Lafourche Parish:

Remove Doug Foreman with Lafourche Sheriff's Office
Add Laura Guise, Thibodaux PD and Steve Tullis, NSU

Terrebonne Parish:

Add Keith Faul, Terrebonne Parish Sheriff's Office

St. John the Baptist Parish:

Cathy Holmes retired. Need to find a replacement

Motion carried.

The upcoming meeting schedule was discussed. The dates are as follows: March 20, 2008 and May 15, 2008.

Darrin Naquin informed the Task Force that the Zero for December campaign was a success although there were three (3) fatalities for the month.

Melissa Menuet informed the Task Force that Angie Womack Jones had suggested a great commodity idea. The Lincoln Parish Safe Community Program gives glow in the dark mugs at sobriety checkpoints to those who have not been drinking. Non drinkers can bring their mug to a participating convenience store for a free coke. The group thought the idea was good and felt that we should get more information.

Melissa Menuet notified the group that Angie Womack Jones will no longer be the program coordinator at LHSC for the South Central Safe Community Program. Ms. Lyrica Johnson will be here replacement.

Discussion ensued on the Lifesavers Conference in Portland, Oregon April 12th - 15th. Melissa Menuet asked for clarification on the amount to be allocated to send representatives to the conference. She also asked who was interested in attending from the Task Force. Philip Poche and Antoine Rodrigue will attend the conference on behalf of the South Central Safe Community Task Force. Greg Hood will be the alternate.

It was moved by Fred Teruin, seconded by Craig Poche' to allocate \$2,280.00 to send Philip Poche and Antoine Rodrigue to the Lifesavers Conference in April 2008. Motion carried.

Melissa Menuet pointed out a copy in the handout which showed the amounts approved for the subgrants. She stated that the contracts have gone out and everyone should have received theirs.

Melissa Menuet requested any ideas that the Task Force may be interested in applying for through the DOTD Safe Routes to School Program. Discussion ensued.

Melissa Menuet stated that at the November 15th meeting she was requested to put together a letter to the legislative delegation to introduce the Task Force. She said that as requested she put together a letter which is included in the handout for

review. The committee agreed with the letter and Ms. Menuet was instructed to proceed with sending out the letter.

The next item on the agenda was Parish Reports. Craig Poché of St. James Parish stated that in the month of December there were no fatalities in their parish. Antoine Rodrigue of Lafourche Parish stated that there was one fatality in the month of December. Lanard Robinet of St. John Parish reported that there were several DWI checkpoints in the Parish. He said that units were stationed 24 hours a day at major shopping centers within the Parish during the holidays to ensure the safety of the shoppers. Greg Hood reported on a bank robbery which took place in the City of Houma. Philip Poche of Troop C reported that the troop has 6 cadets in training and their manpower will soon increase. He also stated that a helicopter would be available to help patrol the Mardi Gras parades. Keith Faul stated that they partnered with Lafourche Parish on DWI checkpoints and also conducted parking lot patrols during the month of December.

A reminder of the Highway Rail Summit and the Highway Safety Summit was given by Karla Sibille.

Betsey Tramonte of Louisiana Operation Lifesavers discussed new statistics that are available for the year 2007. She stated that fatalities were way up for the year. She spoke of a public service announcement campaign that kicked off in the spring semester. She said that 4 year colleges and universities across the state were targeted for the contest where students create a 30 second PSA for television to compete for scholarship money. The deadline for entry is April 11th.

Melissa Menuet notified the Task Force that SCPDC has began working with Ms. Rochelle St. Marie to conduct a Train the Trainer program, Drinking and Driving: It Costs too much. SCPDC and Ms. St. Marie will target the month of may to conduct the workshop.

Melissa Menuet stated to the Task Force that the Traffic Summit will be held on July 17th and asked that everyone start thinking about guest speakers for the event. The group would like to hold the event once again at the NSU Century Room.

Melissa Menuet also reminded the group that an ATV Subcommittee meeting will follow the Task Force meeting and invited any interested individual to stay.

Greg Maurin spoke of a newspaper article regarding a bill package by the Louisiana Property and Casualty Insurance Commission. He said that they are trying to prohibit drivers under 18 from driving while using a cell phone, handheld devices, text messaging devices and any other wireless communication device. He asked for comments regarding this. The committee felt that this should include everyone. Bob Canfield said that it is up to each of us to contact our legislators to push the issue. We will discuss this at the March meeting to send a letter to our legislators to support the bill. Mr. Canfield said that Col. Champagne will probably be focusing on the issue of under 21 in the bars.

Mr. Maurin stated that another initiative of the Insurance Commission is to expand the state's seat belt law to require that all vehicle occupants be buckled up.

Discussion ensued on red light running cameras.

Karen Sibille informed the Task Force of the Motorcycle Safety Awareness Committee meeting which will be held in Baton Rouge on February 19th in Classroom A at the Highway Safety Commission.

It was suggested that we try to arrange to have Col. Champagne to attend the March meeting to discuss his legislative agenda.

There being no other business to discuss, it was moved by Fred Teruin, seconded by Antoine Rodrigue to adjourn.

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.

SOUTH CENTRAL SAFE COMMUNITY TASK FORCE
MINUTES OF AUGUST 28, 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:

Steve Tullis, NSU Police
Sgt. Philip Poche, LA State Police Troop C
Sgt. Antoine Rodrigue, LPSO
Chris Authement, Terrebonne Parish School Board
Alicia P. Toups, ADAC
Lt. Sam Pruitt, Thibodaux Police Department
Kristie Collins, Lady of the Sea Hospital
Badi Asrabadi, NSU
Robert Canfield, LHSC
Julie Acosta, APSO
Greg Maurin, St. John Sheriff's Office
Lanard Robinet, St. John Sheriff's Office
Marilyn Harris, DHH-OAD Region 3
Melissa Menuet, SCPDC

Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer: Led by Chris Authement

It was moved by Sgt. Rodrigue, seconded by Mr. Authement to approve the minutes of May 15, 2008. Motion carried.

The upcoming meeting schedule was discussed. The dates are as follows: September 18, 2008 and November 20, 2008.

Ms. Menuet stated that there was still \$9,671 remaining in the commodities budget. She stated that \$600 of that was dedicated to State Police for the Panda Costume but since that time, State Police has changed their mascot. She presented a few ideas for discussion. It was decided that astra pens, key chains, note pads and pocket calendars were items which should be purchased.

Ms. Menuet stated that the Designated Diva/Dude mugs were given out at checkpoints which were conducted on August 21st. She provided a handout which listed the participating establishments and informed the group that updates would be listed on the SCPDC website. Ms. Menuet said that each mug contained a flyer which directed recipients to the SCPDC website for updates to the participating establishments.

Ms. Menuet stated that she still has not received invoices from many of the sub-grant recipients to date. She requested that each of the grantees get the information to her no later than September 12, 2008 so that they can be reimbursed.

Capt. Maurin asked about sub-grant funding for the next year. Ms. Menuet stated that our grant was cut in half so there would be a smaller pot of funding for the sub-grants for 2009.

Under Parish reports, each participating entity was preparing for Hurricane Gustav. Lafourche Parish conducted DWI patrol enforcements. Mr. Canfield discussed the cuts in funding at the Highway Safety Commission. He stated that possibly we could get funding from some private sources. Mr. Canfield provided a newsletter which had information on funding available through different programs such as the Road Safety Program and the Safe Routes to School. He also discussed Act 746. Sgt. Philip Poche discussed a saturation detail which is being planned by State Police. Capt. Maurin informed the group that there was a serious boating accident in St. John which took the lives of 5 young men and early speculation was that alcohol was involved.

Ms. Menuet stated that the Traffic Summit evaluation results were included in the packet. She said that overall the Summit went well and asked if anyone had any comments. Mr. Canfield stated that he had seen at other meetings where contact information was provided for guest speakers on the agenda so that follow-up can be made.

Ms. Menuet discussed other funding opportunities that could possibly be applied for on behalf of the Safe Communities Program. Some programs she discussed were:

Boating Safety Grant Program through Boats U.S. Foundation
State Farm - Safe Neighbors
Allstate Foundation - Safe and Vital Communities
Rite Aid Foundation

There were no safety concerns that were to be relayed to DOTD. The Chairman, Capt. Maurin, said that forms are available if anyone had any concerns to report.

Mr. Authement informed the group that Mr. Bob Canfield was resigning from his position at LHSC. It was moved by Mr. Authement, seconded by Mr. Tullis to have a plaque made to present to Bob Canfield. Motion carried.

Ms. Menuet stated that the ATV Committee held an essay contest in the month of June. She stated that the kids did a good job on the essays. A cake and punch reception was held on July 11 at Troop C. Trophies and gift certificates were awarded. She informed the group that the ATV Committee will be sending information to all schools in the region offering to do their presentation. She asked if anyone knew of an interested school to have them contact SCPDC to schedule a presentation.

Under other business, Ms. Menuet stated that Val Penoulih is no longer Capt. at LSP Troop C. She stated that he served as Vice-Chairman of the Safe Communities Executive Board and will no longer be available to attend our meetings. Nominations were opened and Mr. Authement nominated Sgt. Philip Poche. Nominations will remain open and will be included as an agenda item for the September 18th meeting.

There being no other business to discuss, it was moved by Mr. Authement, seconded by Sgt. Rodrigue to adjourn. Motion carried.

SOUTH CENTRAL SAFE COMMUNITY TASK FORCE
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 23, 2008

South Central Planning & Development Commission
Houma, Louisiana

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

Steve Tullis, NSU Police
Sgt. Philip Poche, LA State Police Troop C
Sgt. Antoine Rodrigue, LPSO
Chris Authement, Terrebonne Parish School Board
Greg Hood, Houma PD and ADAC President
Ruby LeBlanc, Lady of the Sea Hospital
Brian Clausen, NSU
Julie Acosta, APSO
Greg Maurin, St. John Sheriff's Office
Lanard Robinet, St. John Sheriff's Office
Roy Gros, LPSO
Pam Hebert, Central Lafourche High Project Graduation
Craig Poche, St. James Sheriff's Office
Earl Geason, St. James Sheriff's Office
Craig Usie, TPSO
Karyn Dardar, TPSO
Darrin Naquin, LSP-C
Gilbert Dardar, LSP-C
Leo Marretta, SCPDC
Josh Manning, SCPDC
Michele Danos, Central Lafourche High Project Graduation
Bryan Boudreaux, Terrebonne Parish District Attorney
Melissa Menuet, SCPDC

Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer: Led by Chris Authement

It was moved by Chris Authement, seconded by Lanard Robinet to approve the minutes of August 28, 2008. Motion carried.

Melissa Menuet presented the 2008-2009 meeting schedule. The meeting dates are as follows:

December 18, 2008 (Executive Board/Task Force)
February 19, 2009
April 16, 2009
June 18, 2009
July 16, 2009 (Traffic Summit)
August 20, 2009
October 15, 2009
December 17, 2009 (Executive Board/Task Force)

Ms. Menuet presented the 2008-2009 Safe Communities Grant Budget. She asked if everyone was in agreement with the budget. Discussion ensued. Mr. Robinet asked if ATV funding was

included in the grant budget. Ms. Menuet stated that the ATV group was not allocated any funding for the 2009 year. She said that the ATV Committee is continuing the program in the schools on a volunteer basis.

There being no questions regarding the proposed budget, it was moved by Craig Poche, seconded by Chris Authement to approve the budget as presented. Motion carried.

The next item on the agenda was the 2009 Safe Community Grant Fund Application Package. Ms. Menuet reviewed the application package with the group.

It was moved by Craig Poche, seconded by Antoine Rodrigue to approve the recommended changes. Motion carried.

Ms. Menuet stated that at the last meeting, nominations were opened to replace Val Penoulih as Vice Chairman of the Executive Board. Ms. Menuet stated that at the December meeting regular elections will be held.

It was moved by Lanard Robinet, seconded by Greg Hood to appoint Sgt. Philip "Peppie" Poche as interim Vice Chairman. Motion carried.

The next item discussed was a possible case study for the State Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan. Ms. Menuet stated that Ellen Soll of Burke Klienpeter contacted Leo Marretta of the Houma-Thibodaux MPO looking for possible sites to conduct the study. Mr. Marretta informed the group what Ms. Soll was looking for and requested that if anyone had any sites they feel would make a good case study, to please send the information to Ms. Menuet.

The next item for discussion was "Zero for December". Ms. Menuet asked if anyone needed new posters for the upcoming "Zero for December" Campaign. Capt. Poche stated that on the posters printed last year there was no color on the shields for St. James Parish. Trooper Dardar updated the group on last year's campaign. He encouraged everyone to get involved with "Zero for December" this year.

Discussion ensued on the Lifesavers Conference. The budget is allowing for one person to attend the Lifesavers Conference. Chairman Maurin asked that if anyone is interested in attending to begin looking at your schedule. We will need to make a decision at the December meeting on who the Task Force will send to the conference.

Mr. Authement asked about the plaque for Bob Canfield. Ms. Menuet stated that she did not get to do that yet, but thanked Mr. Authement for reminding her. He asked that we invite Mr. Canfield to the next meeting to present the plaque to him.

Ms. Menuet updated the group on the school presentations being conducted by the ATV Committee. Capt. Hood asked that the Committee be provided with statistics on ATV deaths and injuries for each parish. He said that during the presentations he has been using Lafourche Statistics.

There being no other business to discuss, it was moved by Craig Poche, seconded by Gilbert Dardar to adjourn. Motion carried.

South Central Safe Community Task Force
Minutes of December 18, 2008

Executive Board Meeting

South Central Planning and Development Commission
Gray, Louisiana

Those in attendance were:

Chris Authement, Terrebonne Parish School Board
Craig Poche, St. James Sheriff's Office
Earl Geason, St. James Sheriff's Office
Antoine Rodrigue, Jr., Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office
Lanard Robinet, St. John Parish Sheriff's Office
Greg Maurin, St. John Parish Sheriff's Office
Philip Poche, LSP Troop C
Melissa Menuet, SCPDC

The meeting was called to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the opening prayer.

Ms. Menuet stated that SCPDC staff reviewed all applications received and ranked each. She provided a handout which listed the amount requested by each applicant and the score given to them based on SCPDC's review. SCPDC provided three funding options based on the review. Ms. Menuet stated that South Central Planning's preferred option was option #3. Discussion ensued.

It was moved by Lanard Robinet, seconded by Chris Authement to approve funding based on option number 3.

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St. John DA	\$1,312
Assumption Sheriff	\$3,800
Lady of the Sea	\$3,582
NSU	\$1,392
ADAC	\$2,368

Motion carried.

There being no other business to discuss, the meeting adjourned.

South Central Safe Community Task Force
Minutes of December 18, 2008

Executive Board Meeting

South Central Planning and Development Commission
Gray, Louisiana

Those in attendance were:

Chris Authement, Terrebonne Parish School Board
Craig Poche, St. James Sheriff's Office
Earl Geason, St. James Sheriff's Office
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Motion carried.

There being no other business to discuss, the meeting adjourned.

SOUTH CENTRAL SAFE COMMUNITY TASK FORCE
MINUTES OF DECEMBER 18, 2008

South Central Planning & Development Commission
Houma, Louisiana

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

Steve Tullis, NSU Police
Philip Poche, LA State Police Troop C
Antoine Rodrigue, LPSO
Chris Authement, Terrebonne Parish School Board
Brandy Jarreau, Lady of the Sea Hospital
Greg Maurin, St. John District Attorney's Office
Lanard Robinet, St. John Sheriff's Office
Craig Poche, St. James Sheriff's Office
Earl Geason, St. James Sheriff's Office
Gilbert Dardar, LSP-C
Jamie Ainsworth, LHSC
Hadi Shirazi, LA DOTD
Morris Beverly, LHSC
Treverse Johnson, Thibodaux PD
Alicia Toups, ADAC
Robert Canfield
Tisa Hill, Lafourche Parish Safe and Drug Free Schools
Melissa Menuet, SCPDC

Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer: Led by Chris Authement

It was moved by Chris Authement, seconded by Philip Poché to approve the minutes of October 23, 2008. Motion carried.

Under new business the first item needing action was the election of officers. Ms. Menuet stated that Greg Maurin is the current Chairman and Philip Poché is the interim Vice Chairman.

It was moved by Antoine Rodrigue, seconded by Chris Authement to appoint Greg Hood as Chairman of the Executive Board. Motion carried.

It was moved by Antoine Rodrigue, seconded by Craig Poche to appoint Philip Poche as Vice Chairman. Motion carried.

The next item was the review of Executive Board appointments.

It was moved by Lanard Robinet, seconded by Gilbert Dardar to approve the new appointments to the Executive Board. Those Executive Board members are:

At Large Members:

Philip Poche, LA State Police Troop C
Marilyn Harris, Prevention Coordinator
Alicia Toups, ADAC

Assumption Parish:

Julie Acosta, Assumption Parish Sheriff's Office
Wade Hernandez, Assumption Parish Sheriff's Office (Alternate)

Lafourche Parish:

Antoine Rodrigue, Jr., Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office
Treverse Johnson, Thibodaux Police Department
Steve Tullis, NSU

Terrebonne Parish:

Chris Authement, Terrebonne Parish Schools
Gilbert Dardar, State Police Troop C
Capt. Greg Hood, Houma Police Department

St. Charles Parish:

John Pollard, St. Charles Sheriff
Bill Starr, St. Charles DA's Office
Jan Troxler, St. Charles Sheriff

(Task Force recommended speaking to these individuals to see if still interest in serving.)

St. James Parish:

Eric Deroche, St. James EOC
Earl Geason, St. James Sheriff
Craig Poche, St. James Sheriff

St. John the Baptist Parish:

Greg Maurin, St. John District Attorney
Lanard Robinet, St. John Sheriff

Motion carried.

Ms. Menuet informed the Task Force of the awards made by the Executive Board prior to the meeting. Those awards were:

St. James Sheriff	\$6,720
Bayou Council	\$ 826
St. John DA	\$1,312
Assumption Sheriff	\$3,800
Lady of the Sea	\$3,582
NSU	\$1,392
ADAC	\$2,368

Under the next item Capt. Greg Maurin presented Robert Canfield with a certificate for his many years of service to the Safe Community Partnership.

The next item on the agenda was the selection of a Task Force member to attend the Lifesavers Conference in Nashville, TN. A cup was passed around and anyone interested in attending put their name in the cup. Names were pulled from the cup by Ms. Ainsworth. The person chosen to attend was Brandy Jarreau of Lady of the Sea Hospital. The alternate was Treverse Johnson of the City of Thibodaux Police Department.

Ms. Menuet discussed NHTSA Campaigns that are part of the 2009 Safe Communities contract. The two targeted NHTSA Campaigns are:

May 2009 Click It or Ticket

September 2009 Drunk Driving: Over the Limit. Under Arrest.

Ms. Menuet asked if press conferences were done in the past and if this was something the group was interested in holding. Capt. Maurin stated that in the past commodities were purchased and publicity was done on a parish by parish basis. Ms. Ainsworth spoke about the campaign planners put out by NHTSA. She said the planners are a great starting point.

Ms. Hill stated that there were two issues that students in Lafourche Parish are interested in working on. She said that they were interested in doing seat belt checks at the high schools. This was something done in the past where T-shirts were given out. Help was provided by State Police and Lafourche Parish Sheriff. The other issue is the cell phone usage by the children driving in and out of the school as well as anytime they are driving. Ms. Hill said these issues are coming from the children. Ms. Ainsworth stated that in regards to teen belts, there is nothing in print yet for LHSC to share, but the two weeks prior to Click It or Ticket Campaign Louisiana is participating as a pilot state for a National teen belt campaign. She said if the Safe Communities is interested in doing something in regards to teen belts to think about doing it during the first two weeks in May. Ms. Hill suggested taking it a step further this time by not only providing T-Shirts but to give them information as well. Capt. Maurin suggested that we do something stating the groups support and possibly take a picture of the group to be sent to the newspapers.

Capt. Maurin stated that Ms. Hill mentioned the problem with cell phone usage but said the Safe Community campaign is focused on Occupant Protection and DWI. He would like to see some commodities with distracted driving but did not want to conflict with the mission of the Coalition. Sgt. Rodrigue suggested that the commodities have a dual message such as a key chain with an occupant protection message on one side and a distracted driving message on the other. Ms. Ainsworth said that is acceptable. She stated that any traffic safety message that the Coalition supports is acceptable but LHSC asks that it be a coalition decision. He stated that he would like the next batch of commodities to address the issue.

Trooper Dardar stated there have been three fatalities to date during the Zero for December campaign. Capt. Poche stated that they had a fatality on the East Bank of the Parish which is not in the Troop C area. Discussion ensued on the problems in the South Lafourche area due to the bridge being out of service. Ms. Hill stated that she notices that there seems to have more accidents on Highway 308 near the Lafourche Parish Water District.

Mr. Shirazi stated that shoulder work on a portion of LA 308 in Lafourche Parish from LA 3185 and LA 20 is scheduled to be let in April 2009. He also stated that shoulder work in Terrebonne Parish on LA 316 is scheduled to be let in April 2009.

Ms. Toups gave a brief report on the ATV Committees progress.

Trooper Dardar spoke of the Behind the Faces Program March 9th - 13th. He stated if anyone has a contact at a middle school or high school in the Troop C area to let him know. The program covers suicide prevention, self esteem, bullying issues and takes approximately 50-55 minutes. The program counts as Title IV hours that schools have to reach.

Sgt. Rodrigue stated that LPSO will hold a DWI checkpoint on December 27, 2008.

Ms. Ainsworth stated that she would like an assessment of how this year has worked with those agencies receiving direct contracts not being eligible for funding through the Safe Community Fund. She would like this information at either the February or April meeting.

She said that this is the first year LHSC has done this and would like some feedback for planning future years.

Ms. Menuet asked Ms. Ainsworth about the monthly activity reports on law enforcement and other activities that are required by the contract. Ms. Ainsworth stated that this is anything that has a subcontract and it is only needed when funds are expended.

There being no other business to discuss, it was moved by Craig Poche, seconded by Antoine Rodrigue to adjourn. Motion carried.

SOUTH CENTRAL SAFE COMMUNITY TASK FORCE
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 19, 2009

South Central Planning & Development Commission
Houma, Louisiana

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

Steve Tullis, NSU Police
Chris Authement, Terrebonne Parish School Board
Brandy Jarreau, Lady of the Sea Hospital
Lt. Earl Geason, St. James Sheriff's Office
Jamie Ainsworth, LHSC
Morris Beverly, LHSC
Jamey M. Fontenot, Thibodaux PD
Alicia Toups, ADAC
Sgt. Steven Brignac, St. James Sheriff's Office
Julie Acosta, Assumption Parish Sheriff's Office
Betsey Tramonte, FHWA
Pat Edwards, LA Operation Lifesaver
Brian Clausen, Nicholls State University
Capt. Greg Hood, Houma PD
Freddia Ruffin-Roberson, Children's Coalition
Jason Dagate, Terrebonne Parish District Attorney
Conrad Baker, Jr., St. John Sheriff's Office
Melissa Menuet, SCPDC

Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer: Led by Chris Authement

It was moved by Chris Authement, seconded by Alicia Toups to approve the minutes of December 18, 2008. Motion carried.

Ms. Menuet introduced Ms. Freddia Ruffin-Roberson of the Children's Coalition. She spoke to the Committee about the Children's Coalition Drug Free Communities Grant. They are applying for the grant in the amount of \$750,000 which will be their 6th year of funding. She requested that the Safe Community Group partner with the Children's Coalition in their efforts. Through the grant they could provide overtime funds for officers, updates for computer software, etc. A representative could attend the Children's Coalitions meetings to let them know what is needed. Ms. Ainsworth stated that Highway Safety is working with that grant to insure that the youth campaign overlaps with the Over the Limit, Under Arrest Campaign.

Discussion ensued on the Executive Board Appointments and Vice Chairman position. Ms. Menuet informed the Committee that since the last meeting, Sgt. Philip Poche was promoted and he will no longer be attending the Safe Community Task Force meetings. Matt Trahan will take his place and will be attending the meetings in the future. She advised the Committee that they will need to elect a new Vice Chairman and At-Large member to replace Sgt. Poche. Ms. Menuet also informed the Committee that Det. Treverse Johnson who was appointed to the Executive Committee in December had passed away. Discussion ensued.

A motion was moved by Betsey Tramonte, seconded by Chris Authement to appoint Matt Trahan of State Police to the At Large Member seat on the Executive Board. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Chris Authement, seconded by Alicia Toups to appoint Jamey Fontenot of the Thibodaux Police Department to the Executive Board. Motion carried.

Lt. Earl Geason nominated Captain Craig Poche as Vice Chairman. All members agreed to Craig Poche as Vice Chairman.

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SOUTH CENTRAL SAFE COMMUNITY TASK FORCE
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 19, 2009

South Central Planning & Development Commission
Houma, Louisiana

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

Steve Tullis, NSU Police
Chris Authement, Terrebonne Parish School Board
Brandy Jarreau, Lady of the Sea Hospital
Lt. Earl Geason, St. James Sheriff's Office
Jamie Ainsworth, LHSC
Morris Beverly, LHSC
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Brian Clausen, Nicholls State University
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Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer: Led by Chris Authement

It was moved by Chris Authement, seconded by Alicia Toups to approve the minutes of December 18, 2008. Motion carried.

Ms. Menuet introduced Ms. Freddia Ruffin-Roberson of the Children's Coalition. She spoke to the Committee about the Children's Coalition Drug Free Communities Grant. They are applying for the grant in the amount of \$750,000 which will be their 6th year of funding. She requested that the Safe Community Group partner with the Children's Coalition in their efforts. Through the grant they could provide overtime funds for officers, updates for computer software, etc. A representative could attend the Children's Coalitions meetings to let them know what is needed. Ms. Ainsworth stated that Highway Safety is working with that grant to insure that the youth campaign overlaps with the Over the Limit, Under Arrest Campaign.

Discussion ensued on the Executive Board Appointments and Vice Chairman position. Ms. Menuet informed the Committee that since the last meeting, Sgt. Philip Poche was promoted and he will no longer be attending the Safe Community Task Force meetings. Matt Trahan will take his place and will be attending the meetings in the future. She advised the Committee that they will need to elect a new Vice Chairman and At-Large member to replace Sgt. Poche. Ms. Menuet also informed the Committee that Det. Treverse Johnson who was appointed to the Executive Committee in December had passed away. Discussion ensued.

A motion was moved by Betsey Tramonte, seconded by Chris Authement to appoint Matt Trahan of State Police to the At Large Member seat on the Executive Board. Motion carried.

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