



SOUTH CENTRAL SAFE COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

Pelican Room, South Central Planning and Development Commission
5058 West Main Street, Houma LA 70390

Thursday, August 16, 2012 at 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM

In Attendance: (32)

Greg Hood Sr., ADAC	Daniel Belanger, HPD	Steve Tullis, NSU PD
Cassie Parker, SCPDC	Michael Toups, HPD	Terry Arabie, Lafourche Parish Gov't
Rudynah Capone, SCPDC	Darrin Naquin, LSP-C	Josephine Rodrigue, MADD
Leo Marretta, SCPDC	Matt Trahan, LSP- C	Ashley Delatte, Terrebonne 4-H
Josh Manning, SCPDC	Perry Blanchard, TPCG	Cherie Roger, Terrebonne 4-H
Alicia Toups, ADAC	Ron Whittaker, DOTD	Ruth Hebert, AARP
Morris Beverly, LHSC	Dustin Poche, St. James SO	Paul Hebert, AARP
Jamey Fontenot, Thibodaux PD	Ray Traigle, APSO	Brandy Jarreau, LOSGH
Bobby O'Bryan, HPD	Brad McGlothren, LHSC	Antoinette Bonvillain, MAC
Darryl Cunningham, HPD	Douglas Foreman, LPSO	Marilyn Harris, SCLHSA- Prevention
Tina Ledet, HPD	Todd Prevost, LPSO	

Part 1 - Executive Board Committee Meeting at 9:00-9:30 AM

1. Call to Order

Chairman Greg Hood Sr. called the Executive Board meeting to order at approximately 9:00 AM.

2. Traffic Safety Summit Planning Updates & Appointment of Committee Chairs

R. Capone stated that SCPDC has tapped LTRC to assist with the online registration of the 2012 Traffic Safety Summit. She explained that the agenda is more than 90% complete; however, there are a few items that need confirmation. Those items are as follows:

General Sessions and Opening Ceremony

Presentation of Colors and the US Anthem
Louisiana Highway Safety Commission's Legislative/ Safety Programs Update

Breakout Sessions and Demos:

Fatal Vision Demonstration and Police Motorcycle Demo

R. Capone then reviews the current agenda, which includes numerous breakout sessions and outdoor demonstrations, with the partners. She explains that this is the first time that this amount of safety demos have been included in the Traffic Safety Summit. Some of the outdoor sessions include the following: Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office (LSPO) will present a bike safety demonstration and display their Mobile

Command Unit, there will be a Fatal Vision Demonstration, Louisiana State Police will display the Rollover Simulator, and a Child Passenger Safety Inspection will take place.

R. Capone then requests that a chairman be appointed for the following committees: Overall Program, Registration, Food and Beverage, Child Passenger Safety (CPS) Event, Breakout Sessions, Security, Media, and Outdoor Demonstrations. Discussion ensued regarding the chairman positions.

R. Capone volunteered C. Parker and herself for the Overall Program. She also suggested that M. Toups be the Chairman for the Child Passenger Safety Inspection because he is our new Regional CPS Coordinator. D. Belanger volunteered B. O'Bryan and himself for Security. A. Toups stated that she would assist with Registration. G. Hood suggested that T. Ledet oversee Food and Beverages and J. Fontenot oversee Media. They both agreed. It was decided that the Chairpersons for Breakout Sessions and Outdoor Demonstrations would be M. Trahan and S. Tullis, respectively.

M. Toups made a motion to appoint the following individuals as Chairperson(s) for the following committees:

<i>Overall Program</i>	<i>R. Capone and C. Parker, SCPDC</i>
<i>Registration</i>	<i>A. Toups, ADAC</i>
<i>Food and Beverages</i>	<i>Tina Ledet, HPD</i>
<i>Child Passenger Safety Event</i>	<i>M. Toups, HPD</i>
<i>Breakout Sessions</i>	<i>M. Trahan, LSP-C</i>
<i>Security</i>	<i>D. Belanger and B. O'Bryan, HPD</i>
<i>Media</i>	<i>J. Fontenot, Thibodaux PD</i>
<i>Outdoor Demonstrations</i>	<i>S. Tullis, NSU</i>

This motion was seconded by D. Belanger. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Setting policies on SCSCP Tent Equipment Use

G. Hood suggested that an agreement be created and signed each time the equipment is used. He also suggested that, unless the equipment was damaged by an act of God, the agency borrowing the equipment is responsible for repairing or replacing the equipment. It was decided that an agreement be written and presented at the next South Central Safe Community Meeting.

4. Safety Mini-Grant Cushion Fund Use

R. Capone reminded the partners that after mini grants were dispersed, there was a total of \$1452.00 remaining and it was decided by the partners that this money be used as a Safety Mini- Grant Cushion Fund. She then informed the Coalition that a portion of those funds were used to purchase iTunes cards to support the Teen CERT program. She explained that the Teen CERT event was unable to take place and inquired to B. O'Bryan about the new event that will take place. B. O'Bryan stated that another date is being reviewed to hold the Teen CERT; however, another option is to disperse the iTunes cards based on kids participation at the Safety Expo.

R. Capone also explained that, due to a lack of funds, \$169.00 of the Safety Cushion Funds was used to purchase the 10x20 Safe Communities exhibition tent. Deducting the funds used to purchase the iTunes cards and the 10x20 Safe Communities tent, there is a remainder of \$983.00. She states that it is the Executive Board's decision on how the remaining funds will be utilized. R. Capone suggests that the funds can be used to purchase more commodities, car seats for the CPS events, or ID's and lanyards for the Traffic Safety Summit; however, the final decision must come from the Executive Board. G. Hood adds that these

funds must be utilized by September 30, 2012. He asks R. Capone what is the amount needed for the ID's and lanyards? She replies, approximately \$400.00. Another suggestion for the funds included the purchase of cones, approximately 50, for the partners to use for events. M. Toups stated that there are no more car seats available for CPS events; therefore, instead of purchasing cones, he suggests using a portion of the funds to purchase car seats.

M. Toups made a motion to use the remaining Safety Cushion Funds to purchase ID's and lanyards for the 2012 Traffic Safety Summit and the remainder be utilized to purchase car seats, seconded by J. Fontenot. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Other Business

There was no other business.

6. Adjournment- Proceed to Part 2

B. O'Bryan made a motion to adjourn the Executive Board meeting, seconded by S. Tullis. Motion carried unanimously.

Part 2 – South Central Safe Community Partnership Meeting at 9:30 - 11:00 AM

1. Call to Order

Chairman Greg Hood Sr. called the Executive Board meeting to order at approximately 9:30AM

2-3. Prayer & Pledge of Allegiance

J. Fontenot led the partners in the opening prayer.

M. Toups followed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Introductions

Chairman Hood asked everyone to introduce themselves. Thirty- two (32) partners attended.

5. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meetings

Chairman Greg Hood Sr. requested a motion to approve the minutes from previous meeting held on May 17, 2012.

M. Toups made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by D. Poche. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Feedback: Previous Events

a. Click It or Ticket and Buckle Up In Your Truck

G. Hood requests that Law Enforcement update the partners on the "Click It or Ticket" and "Buckle Up Your Truck" mobilizations.

Houma Police Department (HPD)

D. Belanger stated that Houma PD has done numerous Saturation Patrols and Seatbelt Checkpoints. He further explained that the Seatbelt Checkpoints are done in four hour spans and are very effective. Four officers that patrol the Downtown area of Houma are writing up to 37 seatbelt tickets within the four hour span. D. Belanger informed the partners that HPD's DWI Enforcement efforts have been a success as well. So far this year, they have made a total of 150 DWI arrests. He believes that HPD will exceed their previous year's arrests which totaled approximately 155.

B. O'Bryan added that HPD officers participated in a "Nighttime Seatbelt Enforcement" webinar that was organized by the Louisiana Highway Safety Commission (LHSC) and decided to take a template from this webinar to conduct a Nighttime Seatbelt Operation at the Houma Police Department. He explained that there were spotters at Lafayette Street and Honduras Street, working toward the police department, so that those individuals that were unbuckled could turn into the police department to receive their ticket. He stated that it was a successful operation and HPD plans to continue to conduct such operations.

b. MADD Walk

J. Rodrigue stated that the MADD walk was a success. Her and her team, Team Lirette, travelled to Baton Rouge for the walk. The youngest walker of the 14 members was four weeks old. She informed the partners that this coming year, there are plans to have a MADD walk in Houma.

c. 4th of July DWI Enforcement

There were no known fatalities that took place on the Fourth of July.

d. CPS Checkup Events- June 1, June 6, July 11 and August 8, 2012

M. Toups stated that there was a CPS event that took place in Mathews on August 8th. Of the 35 seats checked, nine seats were replaced. He also informed the Coalition that Troop C will have a booster seat event on August 18th at the Thibodaux Wal-Mart.

A. Toups added that an event will take place during the upcoming National Seat Check Saturday on Saturday, September 22, 2012 at Wal-Mart on MLK Boulevard in Houma. It was also mentioned that the partners will conduct a CPS seat check on September 27, 2012 for the 2012 Traffic Safety Summit.

D. Belanger expressed his concerns regarding the title of CPS Seat Check/Inspection. He stated that his concern is that members of the community are misunderstanding the goal of these events and it seems that these members feel threatened by the CPS seat checks because they believe that they will be cited for an improperly installed or lack of a child seat. He added that other agencies' events seem to have successful events and wondered what could be done differently to encourage more members of the community to come to HPD CPS events. It was suggested that when informing the public about these events to specifically state that no citations will be issued.

A. Toups also requested that when advertising CPS seat checks, to inform the public that it is not a car seat giveaway. She explained that there are individuals that attend the CPS event with no children and expect a seat to be given to him/her. R. Capone suggested that when advertising by press release or radio, motivate the community members to get their children's seats checked for the child's safety, but leaving out that car seats will be given away.

G. Hood suggested that the different law enforcement agencies could possibly utilize the numerous media resources available, and explicitly state, from the officer's mouth, that there will be no citations given at CPS events. R. Capone suggested that the Regional Safety Coordinator, M. Toups, and a CPS technician also be included in those media events. G. Hood requested that M. Toups or A. Toups present him with a list of the dates and locations of the upcoming CPS events; he stated that he would present the information at the next Terrebonne Parish Council meeting. G. Hood also suggested that NSU could also inform those students and faculty that have children of these events through the NSU radio station. It was stated that lack of advertising could be the reason for low attendance at CPS events. A. Toups also stated that those agencies that have a Facebook pages could utilize this social media outlet and post the event information there. It was also stated that event information can be placed on flyers and issued to Wal-Mart to place on car seats and Domino's or Papa John's to be placed on pizza boxes to inform the community of the events.

7. Mini Grant Reimbursement and Safety Commodities

R. Capone informed the partners that 2013 fiscal year will begin on October 1, 2012 and suggestions are needed with regards to safety commodities. A. Toups informed the partners that, at the Lifesaver's Conference, she learned of Life Meters which are thermometers that can be given to parents to place inside their cars to educate them on how hot the inside of their cars get. She also stated that there is a Backup Program that was created to educate individuals on what they cannot see when he/she are backing up in their vehicles. This program was created to prevent individuals from backing up vehicles over children. This program can be incorporated during a CPS seat check and only takes approximately one minute to do. D. Belanger presented the partners with teen driver cards that educate teen drivers by asking questions regarding the rules of the road and giving the solutions of those questions. He added that they could be given to school and public libraries to display for teenagers. Another suggestion was to purchase commodities, such as tool kits with the logos, to educate the 18-35 male groups on drinking and driving and buckling their seatbelts. R. Capone also stated that, due to the limited amount of CPS technician shirts left from the 2012 fiscal year, more shirts should be purchased with the 2013 funds. She also added that the backpacks were a big hit, so if all partners agree, the Coalition can purchase more. G. Hood suggested that decals could be handed out to those individuals that allowed CPS technicians to check their child seat; the decals could read something to the effect of "I got my seat checked by the police". R. Capone then reminded the mini-grantees that the deadline for their 2012 mini-grant reimbursement claims are due on September 16, 2012.

8. Bike Safety Demo Plans

T. Prevost stated that there will be officers demonstrating different scenarios that they have encountered in the field, as well as explaining the different safety components to the spectators. He added that they are still in the process of planning the exact details before finalizing the demonstration.

9. Upcoming Events/Media Campaigns

a. Labor Day Drive Sober Campaign- Aug 17 to Sept. 3

R. Capone reminded the partners that the Labor Day "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" Campaign begins tomorrow, August 17th and ends on September 3rd. She also requested that the partners review the "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" press release that has been placed in each meeting packet. The press release mentions that LSP-C and HPD are collaborating in order to conduct a checkpoint on August 21, 2012. It also states that HPD will conduct another checkpoint and saturation patrols within the campaign period. R. Capone asked if any other agencies had plans for this campaign. R. Traigle stated that Assumption Parish SO has planned to conduct a saturation patrol and water patrol. D. Poche informed the Coalition that St. James SO will conduct a saturation patrol as well. J. Fontenot stated that throughout the entire wave of the campaign, Thibodaux PD will have officers working everyday focusing on the campaign efforts. Thibodaux PD has plans to conduct a checkpoint within the campaign period in combination with the seatbelt checkpoints. He added that Thibodaux PD has been very successful during nighttime seatbelt checkpoints. Lt. Foreman stated that Lafourche Parish SO will have additional officers conducting saturation patrols.

b. August 18th Booster Seat Event

R. Capone restated that on August 18, 2012, there will be a CPS booster seat event.

c. September 12th Occupant Protection Training

R. Capone informed the partners that South Central Safe Community Partnership is collaborating with B. Gardner and the Louisiana Passenger Safety Task Force in order to conduct a four hour Passenger Safety Awareness Training on September 12, 2012 in the Squad Room of LSP-C. She thanked Captain

Naquin for granting the accommodations for this effort. R. Capone explained that agencies can send representatives to this class and that the registration form can be located in the meeting packet. The class will focus on Child Passenger Safety; however, it also covers safety for all occupants/passengers in a vehicle.

d. September 22nd National Seat Check Saturday

R. Capone states that Child Passenger Safety week will take place from September 16th through the 22nd. National Seat Check Saturday will take place on September 22, 2012; there is a CPS event scheduled to take place at the west-side Wal-Mart located on Martin Luther King Boulevard.

e. September 27th Safety Summit

R. Capone reminded the partners that this year's Safety Summit will take place at the Houma-Terrebonne Civic Center. She informs everyone that online registration is now open and clarified that anyone that plans to go, whether he/she are participants, speakers, or spectators, must register. She gave a special thanks to Louisiana Transportation Research Center (LTRC) for assisting the Coalition with the online registration. She then reviewed the agenda with partners; she explained that the following events have not yet been confirmed: Fatal Vision Demonstration, Presentation of Colors, LHSC speaker, Colonel Leblanc, and the motorcycle demonstration. D. Belanger stated that he would like to take a multi agency approach for the Presentation of Colors, asking that one officer from each agency participates.

f. Impaired Driving Workshop – Oct. 10, 2012

As a result of the Law Enforcement Survey, in which all agencies stated that they would participate in a Regional Impaired Driving Workshop, Marie Walsh with LTRC has agreed to assist our Coalition with implementing this workshop. It will take place at South Central Planning and Development Commission or at LSP-C.

g. Zero For December Kickoff

R. Capone stated that she and Captain Naquin have corresponded with regards to this kickoff. D. Naquin further explained that the plan is to have it in conjunction with the next Safe Communities meeting on November 15, 2012. He states that there are also plans of including the MADD Christmas Tree Lighting. The Zero for December Kickoff and MADD Christmas Tree Lighting can take place after the November 15th meeting.

10. South Central Regional Transportation Safety Plan (SCRSTP) Update

R. Capone requested that the partners review the results of the Law Enforcement Survey. She then reviewed the results with everyone.

11. Parish/Agency Reports and Comments

LSP-C

M. Trahan reiterated that LSP-C and HPD will collaborate in order to conduct a DWI checkpoint. LSP-C has also been persistent with their texting details and saturation patrols for DWI and seatbelt that take place day and night. He also informed the partners that LSP-C has been involved in the recent Bike Rodeo for children.

AARP

P. Hebert informed the partners that AARP offers classes at the Terrebonne and Lafourche Council on Aging (COA) locations. They have also scheduled classes for Assumption Parish for Napoleonville and Pierre Part.

MADD

J. Rodrigue stated that she was invited by Lt. B. O'Bryan, HPD to speak to five students with the 4-H program at H.L. Bourgeois High School. She also has done three Victim Impact Panels this month. On August 6th, she spoke with 73 DUI offenders, on August 13th, she spoke with 33 DUI offenders, and on August 15th, she spoke with 15 DUI offenders. During the panel, J. Rodrigue explains that she tells her victim impact story, which she states is her "nightmare story" and she shows the panel her "horror pictures". In Houma, there is a Victim Impact Panel that meets every second Monday of the month at the Houma Courthouse in Judge Ellender's office. There is also a Victim Impact Panel held every third Wednesday in Lockport at the Lockport Fire Station. She personally invited the partners to attend one of the Victim Impact Panels held at the Houma Courthouse. J. Rodrigue informed the partners that on August 11, 2012, the first Terrebonne and Lafourche MADD support group met. She stated that nine individuals attended and that it was a success. The goal is that those individuals that have been affected by a drunk driver can express his/her feelings and possibly begin the healing process. J. Rodrigue ended by stating that her mission is to help educate individuals on the affects of drinking and driving not to condemn those individuals.

Lafourche SO

D. Foreman reminded the partners that October 22-26th is the National Red Ribbon Campaign. He informed the partners that in years past, LPSO has accommodated the Bayou Country Cyclist (BCC). He also stated that LSPO is planning to send some of their personnel to acquire ATV Instructor Certificates, as well as Dual Instructor (DI) Certificates. With a DI, the officer will be eligible to teach civilians the appropriate way to ride an ATV.

4-H

C. Roger informed the Coalition that the club has an upcoming 5K race on October 6, 2012. She also informed the partners that ATV Safety is pushed in 4-H. This year's State Service Learning Project for 4-H is Distracted Driving. She asked that if any agency would like to get 4-H involved, feel free to contact her. Lastly, she stated that the week of October 7th is 4-H week.

A. Delatte added that, with regards to ATV, 4-H has individuals within the state that are certified ASI Instructors. They also have a grant that every child that completes it receives a free ATV helmet. She also added that Distracted Driving is 4-H's State Citizenship's Board activity.

NSU

S. Tullis stated that with the semester approaching, NSU officers will be very aggressive with radar because of the speeding problem.

Assumption Parish SO

R. Traigle stated that their main concern at this time is the sinkhole. Due to this predicament, they have not had much time to focus on the safety aspect such as seatbelts. However, Assumption has almost used the entirety of their mini grant funds, and plan on using the remaining funds for DUI for Labor Day.

Houma PD

B. O'Bryan stated that HPD has elected to implement monthly motorcycle trainings. HPD recently participated in National Night Out in which there were approximately 200 individuals and 14 different Neighborhood Watch groups there. He also informed the partners that they are in the process of implementing a pilot program, Team LAHEAT (Louisiana Highway Endangerment Awareness Training), with 4-H, ADAC, MADD, Allstate, and several members of HPD. Their focus is how do we capture and keep the attention of teenagers during a particular training class. B. O'Bryan advised the Coalition that 4-H is aiming to have 4-H students attend the 2012 Traffic Safety Summit, possibly 2:00p.m.-4:00 p.m.

Thibodaux PD

J. Fontenot stated that Thibodaux PD plans on continue their seatbelt and DWI enforcement. He also informed the partners that they will be teaching two classes at the 2012 Traffic Safety Summit. J. Fontenot will be teaching Nighttime Seatbelt Checkpoints. He added that for Thibodaux PD, Nighttime Seatbelt Checkpoints have been successful. With NSU classes beginning, they also plan to continue with underage drinking initiative in the bars which takes place Wednesday through Saturday night.

LHSC

M. Beverly is leaving LHSC, but before he does, he reminds the Coalition that the "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" campaign is approaching and encourages all agencies to continue on with their safety efforts. Our new law enforcement liaison is B. McGlothren.

St. James SO

D. Poche stated that St. James SO will continue seatbelt efforts, the Sheriff would like to focus more on nighttime seatbelt enforcement. He explained to the partners that St. James has many issues with individuals speeding in school zones; therefore, they are planning to contact Troop C in order to combat this problem. He informed the Coalition that there is a big bash at Lake Verret on Labor Day. They plan on collaborating with other agencies; including East Bank, Ascension, and Livingston Parish in order to increase safety efforts.

ADAC

A. Toups informed everyone that ADAC had their fundraiser on June 23, 2012, in which they reached a record number of attendances. She stated that she received some feedback from Channel 6; they informed her that they would like to partner with ADAC next year. She informed the partners that she was asked by The Houma Courier to write a monthly column pertaining to safety and safety issues. She has completed two thus far and states that she would like others agencies input as she continues her monthly column.

MAC

A. Bonvillian stated that MAC participated in National Night Out. She informed the partners that on Saturday, August 18, 2012, the Harley Shop will be conducting Bayou Safety Day from 12pm to 3pm.

12. Safety Concerns to Refer to DOTD

13. Other Business

No other business. **Next meeting is on November 15, 2012.**

14. Adjournment

J. Fontenot made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by D. Poche. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting Minutes was approved during the SCSCP Quarterly Meeting on November 15, 2012 at LSP Troop C.