



SOUTH CENTRAL SAFE COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP Quarterly Partnership Meeting

Thursday, February 21, 2013 @ 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon
Pelican Room, South Central Planning and Development Commission
5058 West Main Street, Houma, LA 70360

Minutes of the Meeting

In Attendance (31)

Darrin Naquin, LSP-Troop C	James Sanders, NHTSA	Nicole Waldheim, Cambridge Sys.
Ray Traigle, APSO	Brad McGlothren, LHSC	Steve Tullis, NSU
Rudynah Capone, SCPDC	Mark Adams, LPSO	Molly Manning, NSU
Cassie Parker, SCPDC	Crystal Pichon, Lexlee's Kids	Heather Angelette, LOSGH
Leo Marretta, SCPDC	Tina Ledet, Houma PD	Judy Smart, Gazebo NHW
Josh Manning, SCPDC	Michael Toups, Houma PD	Gayle Feibel, Jacob's Ladder
Jamey Fontenot, Thibodaux PD	Alicia Toups, ADAC	Nicole Soudelier, OPH
Krista Goodin, Fenstermaker	Jim Chapman, LADOTD	Ava Fontenot, MADD
Dennis Bergeron, LSP-Troop C	Terri Monaghan, LADOTD	Greg Maurin, St. John DA
Evan Harrell, LSP-Troop C	Matt Trahan, LSP-Troop C	Ron Whittaker, LADOTD
Van Johnson, Foster Grandparents Program		

1. Call to Order

Captain Darrin Naquin, the new SCSCP Chairman, called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m. and welcomed everyone..

Opening Prayer /Pledge of Allegiance

Captain Ray Traigle, the new SCSCP Vice Chairman, said the Opening Prayer. Michael Toups then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Introductions

Everybody introduced themselves individually. A total of 31 partners attended.

Capt. Darrin Naquin recognized the efforts of the former Chairman, Greg Hood, Sr. (not present), He served for four years.

2. Approval of the Minutes from Previous Meetings (November 15 and December 11, 2012 Minutes)

Greg Maurin made a motion to approve both minutes, seconded by Jamey Fontenot. There being no further comments, motion passed.

D. Naquin mentioned that Rudynah Capone (who was selected at the November 15th meeting to attend the Lifesavers Conference) may have won the raffle for a free 3-night stay at the Hyatt Hotel where the conference will take place. So, there's a possibility of sending another delegate. This will be confirmed after verification.

3. FFY 2013 Mini-Grantees

Rudynah Capone announced the following agencies and amounts were approved for funding for FFY 2013:

ADAC	- Get in the Zone Program	\$3,000
St. John DA	- DWI/Substance Abuse Classes	\$3,000
LOSGH	- Safety Circus	\$3,000

She then added that last year, a Regional CPS Initiative was put together, and thru ADAC, the coalition would purchase child seats for distribution at various CPS events/outreach activities. For this year, an amount of \$3,440 was also approved to be spent for the child seats. The mini-grant total budget is \$13,440, but the total amount awarded is only \$12,440, which means there's a leftover of \$1,000. The members unanimously agreed to use this amount to buy more commodities, perhaps for the Safety Summit.

4. Previous Event Feedbacks

R. Capone facilitated sharing of feedbacks on the following events:

A. Zero for December Campaign

Troop C started this campaign in 2001. Sgt. Dennis Bergeron reported there were 3 fatalities in Troop C area within the campaign period. D. Naquin said despite these deaths, the region was actually fatality-free during Christmastime and New Year's Eve day itself, and that only one fatality was alcohol-related. "We didn't reach our goal of zero but it was below-average month, which was a good thing."

Capt. Jamey Fontenot shared that Thibodaux PD had 30 DWI arrests. He echoed D. Naquin's praises on our efforts not going unnoticed but put forth in a good fashion. During his 19 years as a cop, he could vouch that Christmas holiday is a deadly time especially in the Troop C area. He thanked all the officers who are out there protecting the community.

Tina Ledet told that Houma PD has increased DWI arrests in 2012.

Lt. Mark Adams shared that Lafourche SO had 404 DWI arrests for the entire 2012 and had 77 for the 2013 as of February 21.

B. Child Passenger Safety Technician's Course in Kenner and Baton Rouge

R. Capone said that SCSCP has sponsored Molly Manning (NSU Parking Services) and Jill Robichaux (DAC) to attend the CPS class in Kenner. M. Manning shared that the training was very informative and she didn't realize how different each situation for every seat and every child was. By far, she's had friends who asked her to check their kids' car seats, and she's also going to help the parents at the daycare where she brings her kids. R. Capone suggested that the coalition should tap the daycares in the area. She then asked M. Manning if NSU planned on being a CPS fitting station. She replied that it wasn't decided upon yet.

C. ADAC & Catholic Charities-Foster Grandparent Program's A Day of Service

Van Johnson of the Catholic Charities' Foster Grandparent Program shared that his group, along with ADAC and some of SCSCP's law enforcement partners, conducted two CPS events in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. They called such effort as "A Day of Service". The first CPS check was on January 11 at the Holy Rosary Church in Houma; the other one was on January 19 at the Sacred Heart Church in Morgan City. He referred to this effort as such a great opportunity to partner with law enforcement. R. Capone asked if they planned on expanding to other churches, perhaps somewhere in Lafourche. V. Johnson responded that his group talked about it, and yes, they hoped to spread the effort in Terrebonne, Lafourche and St. James. Discussion ensued on the possibility of doing an event at St. Bridget Church in Schriever. Van said he would try to get in touch with the priest and discuss it with him. Insurance issue was addressed by Van and he expressed that since the Foster Grandparent Program is part of the diocese, there's no need for event insurance.

D. We Have A Little Emergency (WHALE) Program

This WHALE program is initiated by the Alliance Safety Council. Alicia Toups shared that while doing the CPS events recently, she ran into this and got WHALE stickers. She said this program entails an ID sticker and a sheet that you put on the back of that car seat and it lists the information regarding the child in the event of a crash where the parent is unresponsive. Whoever is responding has the child's information and who to contact to take care of the child. The little WHALE window stickers indicate the program is in use. She thought this would be something that we could add to our efforts, so she told R. Capone about it. R. Capone later contacted Karen Ahmad of the ASC and gave her 200 WHALE ID kits. She thanked her for so.

Crystal Pichon said that Kohl's funds the program through the Children's Hospitals. She also said that she has WHALE kits as well, and added that the only loophole in this effort is that because a lot of the clientele is lower income, some seats are shared by two or more kids, so this might be an issue. They're very cautious and talk to the parents that they're aware of it. Discussion further ensued.

5. South Central Regional Transportation Safety Plan (SCRTSP) Annual Review

Nicole Waldheim from Cambridge Systematics (CS) facilitated the annual review of the SCRTSP. CS created a tracking tool to see how much progress has been achieved in our action plans that were adopted on October 26, 2011. The plan has to be updated every year. An open discussion ensued.

a. ACTION PLAN PROGRESS TRACKING by Emphasis Area

1. Alcohol EA (Team Leader: Matt Trahan)

Nicole presented the Tracking Tool and Evaluation spreadsheets. She showed crash data charts and maps. In 2011, our region averaged 33 alcohol-related fatalities. This was calculated by adding up the total fatalities in 2009, 2010 and 2011, and then getting between three years. In 2012, the fatalities dropped to 30,

The 3-year-average approach makes it easier to set the linear targets. **(Refer to the Attached Spreadsheets for full info)**

Open Discussion:

There are action items that have not started yet under Strategy 1 of Objective 1, as follows: to hold the Advanced Roadside Impairment Driving Enforcement (ARIDE) training for law enforcement officers (1.1.1); to evaluate the impact of DWI trainings (1.1.4); and to conduct a bi-annual workshop for DWI court reps to review DWI cases, issues and plans.

AL EA's Team Leader Matt Trahan reported that they're still looking at doing ARIDE and the only thing is that it's to be done in Baton Rouge. Availability and/or lack of trainers posed as an issue. He said this would be a great program, so it should stay in the plan. He added that the other law enforcement trainings and refresher courses are mostly offered in LSP HQ in Baton Rouge. Capt. Naquin shared that Troop C offers Intoxilyzer Recertification every 3 months. Sgt. Belanger later said that HPD provides 40-Hour SFST training to officers who are Intoxilyzer certified.

The number of DWI of arrests is up, so that in itself is a show of how DWI trainings affected our enforcement efforts. An idea was raised that this might be something to recommend to the Highway Safety Data Research Panel Team that they would look into. R. Capone said that there was an evaluation survey done after the impaired driving workshop. Check this.

A Regional Impaired Driving Workshop has been conducted by LTAP in October 2012, so this was decided to be a separate action item, completed at that. M. Trahan pointed out that the DA offices would be interested in the bi-annual workshop for DWI court reps. The SCSCP recommended that we apply for grant funding to make this happen.

Action Items Under Objective 2/Strategy 2.1:

Both No Refusal Weekends (2.1.1) and Get in the Zone Program (2.1.4) are ongoing efforts and they've had substantial progress. Evan Harrell said that promoting it through radio, TV and print is covered. A. Toups said that Get in the Zone encounters some issues but it gathers more and more people to the alcohol-and-drug free zone every year. This past Mardi Gras, some people came from Covington and Slidell. It's her agency's hope to expand this effort to another area in the region.

The programs that are Underway are: (2.1.2) Engaging PIO's in schools for impaired driving safety education efforts; (2.1.3) increasing the number of impaired driving related ride-alongs are both; (2.1.5) Think Before You Drink Program; and (2.1.6) DWI Substance Abuse Classes.

E. Harrell expressed his interest on doing some outreach at NSU; the group recommended that he get with Steve Tullis for further discussion.

Capt. Naquin said that the media come out for certain checkpoints and that Troop C also does ride-alongs from time to time. It's significant to keep this in the plan and find out how many ride-alongs have been conducted. As for "Think Before You Drink", S. Tullis said they're making progress with their fatal vision demos and safety presentations at NSU. It's been pretty successful. They try to do it at least twice per semester. It's a good opportunity for the officers to interact with the students. Greg Maurin of St. John DA said that they've added an Occupant Protection component to their usual DWI substance abuse classes in St. John Parish. E. Harrell suggested that if there's any little safety meetings by private companies that we can go to, he would be interested in doing a presentation. Sgt. Belanger suggested that the coalition needs to do more outreach to get into the schools during their orientations, perhaps tap the School Board reps.

A. Toups mentioned about the Life Skills Program being a potential group to work with in order to get some schools involved. C. Pichon made a comment on how partnering with the driving schools would be strategic as well.

Sudden Impact Program is on its early progress as far as ongoing negotiations with high schools as well as potential hospital partners in Houma and Thibodaux.

Action Items Under Objective 3/Strategy 3.1:

Conducting overtime DWI enforcement for extra saturated patrols during the 4th of July weekend is an ongoing effort. Ray Traigle raised the matter on how social media affects this effort. When the public learns that a checkpoint is taking place on LA 1, then they take LA 308 and spread the word to their family and friends. This brought them to gear more towards saturation patrols as opposed to checkpoints. A suggestion was made to make a separate action item for DWI checkpoints. Capt. Naquin said their agency does both tactics, even simultaneously at some occasions.

Action Items Under Objective 3/Strategy 3.2:

Earning a substantial progress is the conduct of regular and well-publicized DWI Checkpoints year-round. On its early progress is the effort on how to purchase DWI Van to increase police presence and process impaired driving incidents on the spot. R. Capone said that the grant application paperwork is being worked on. It's almost completed. Terri Monaghan made it clear that LADOTD doesn't approve the grant applications; a multi-agency steering committee will look at every proposal and decide for approval. It's not a LADOTD approval process. She added, though, that this proposal has LADOTD's vote.

Action Items Under Objective 3/Strategy 3.3

Underway is the expansion of Zero for December campaign high visibility enforcement program. Capt. Naquin said that this has already been done by holding it in conjunction with the No Refusal Policy and the MADD's Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony.

2. Occupant Protection EA (Team Leader: Jamey Fontenot)

On Action Items Under Objective 1/Strategy 1.1

Earning substantial progress are (1.1.1) hosting child passenger safety (CPS) inspection events and the tri-media promotion of occupant protection in general. Michael Toups pointed out the need for more certified CPS techs that can commit. There's an upcoming certification class on March 20-23, and there's only 5 people registered so far, otherwise, we would have to cancel. There aren't particular qualifications to get certified although agency support is vital. C. Pichon suggested that we invite stay-at-home moms. M. Toups has reached out to daycares and fire departments to promote this.

As far as media outreach, there's a need for more TV exposure though. Jamey Fontenot commended LSP Troop C for a great job in radio campaigns. The Thibodaux PD chief himself promotes OP on the radio/TV when he gets the chance. E. Harrell said that he does radio plugging on a regular basis. He also hoped to do spots on HTV 10 and this is something that he could start as soon as possible. James Sanders mentioned that New Orleans has a couple of TV station reps in their coalition. He suggested that we reached out to them.

The effort on promoting "Be A Hero" branding in Safety Circus, Safety Town and other safety expos is yet on its early progress. Jamey Fontenot commended the partners for doing a successful outreach at the circus every year.

On Action Items Under Objective 1/Strategy 1.2

As far as spreading "Buckle Up, America!" and other OP campaign branding in schools and local agencies, it's ongoing but needs to expand further. A number of law enforcement agencies have started their respective Facebook page to get the word out. The message branding doesn't have to be Buckle Up America. SCSCP distributes safety commodities to students and local residents where a safety event or enforcement activity takes place.

Incentivizing those who wear seatbelts and providing driver training discounts to teenagers have not been started yet. The coalition used to hand out T-shirts that said "I got caught wearing a seatbelt!" as well as iTunes cards as incentives to those who wear seatbelts. They would go to school parking lots and give them to students. Bringing this back would be great, but there's a need for more funding to purchase commodities. This incentive program can be integrated in CPS event.

It was suggested to reach out to State Farm to bring them on board with us and find out if they do actually provide training discounts.

On Action Item Under Objective 2/Strategy 2.1

With substantial progress is the integration of Click it or Ticket seatbelt enforcement campaign into the conduct of seatbelt checkpoints. The police agencies conduct regular seatbelt checkpoints and enforcement details. CIOT Mobilization takes place in May, around Memorial Day week. LHSC distributes marketing materials/PSA's to assist the implementation of this nationwide campaign. The SCSCP puts together a coalition-initiated OP/CPS event. It also uses most of its PR and marketing materials and customizes them to be added to the biweekly PR/community outreach at safety expos and the Regional Safety Summit as well.

On Action Items Under Objective 2/Strategy 2.2

The conduct of day and nighttime seatbelt checkpoints on downtown areas and high-traffic rural locations is underway. This was previously discussed with an emphasis on incentivizing the seatbelt wearers. Not only do we tap the schools for checkpoints but also do it in conjunction with other safety outreach somewhere else. There's a need for expansion of nighttime checkpoints.

Action Item Under Objective 2/Strategy 2.3

The plan to purchase a lift that may be used by police agencies to look down into cars at checkpoints may have to be changed into "getting portable light trailers" instead. Capt. Naquin the Troop C uses those to light up intersections or stretches the roadway for nighttime checks at dark locations. This is a low-cost approach. There's no additional strategy added to OP Action Plan.

3. Young Drivers EA (Team Leaders: Bryan Zeringue of Weatherford and Bobbie O'Bryan of Houma PD)

A quick snapshot on the statistics was given. On Action Item Under Objective 1/Strategy 1.1 The conduct of Sudden Impact Program is on its early progress. As soon as Terrebonne General gets on board, they'll get it kicking off. There are already two schools lined up to send their students to the program. If TG says no, then they would approach Thibodaux Regional Medical Center.

On Action Items Under Objective 1/Strategy 1.2

(1.2.1) Incorporating pre-breath tests (PBT's) on prom nights and (1.2.2) conducting parent-teen presentations during graduation month have both not been started yet. M. Trahan said that Vandebilt High School had a really good program before, but what happened was that the company that they used to do the breath tests increased their prices, and that cost them to cut back on what they're doing. The biggest thing would be having the school sign off on this effort. It was brought up that using breath strips would be cheaper to use, not necessarily PBT's. Find out the costs and figure out a couple of schools where to do this.

On parent-teen presentations, they don't have to be around graduation months. A mock crash used to be done. APSO did one last year in coordination with Assumption High School's Student Government and Drama Club. Some high schools even bring their students to court houses for a mock trial with the DA's. Acadian Ambulance did a mock crash at the Houma Civic Center. They get a school every two years and get the juniors or seniors involved. Not all schools have football fields, so location can be an issue. Having it at the civic center is quite pricey. It's also been quite a challenge to get the schools accommodate because of time constraint. Contact Sue Szush with Acadian Ambulance and know more details.

On Action Items Under Objective 1/Strategy 1.3

Underway are the (1.3.1) fatal vision driving course and teen driver death prevention awareness efforts in schools and (1.3.2) social media campaigns such as TXT+DRV=RIP using Facebook. These are to increase awareness among 15-20 year olds about the costs and consequences of dangerous driving behaviors. NSU does the TXT+DRV=RIP program in partnership with their Mass Communication Department. Find out how this works and perhaps be expanded in other schools.

The plan on hosting a safety video and photo contest for all high schools hasn't started yet. There's a suggestion to ask the School Board representatives if they're interested.

On Action Items Under Objective 2/Strategy 2.1

On its early progress is the "I Refuse" Program at NSU which challenges the students to take a stand against drinking. Find out the effectiveness of this before deciding to continue or expand.

The plan to establish a Think First chapter in our region hasn't been done yet. This effort hopes to expand young driver media campaigns in colleges and universities. Coordinate with Donna Cavanaugh on how to make this happen. J. Sanders told that there's an upcoming ThinkFirst National Conference sometime in April this year. Find out about it.

4. Infrastructure & Operations EA

To review the action items on IO EA, the coalition agreed to have a separate meeting with the IO members. T. Monaghan, however, reported on behalf of LTAP that Action Item 2.1.1 (which is in regards to assisting us in conducting curve analysis on roads identified as Top 10 Hot Spots based on gathered crash data) has already been completed. As far as 2.1.2 (implementation of LRSP safety projects), it's underway. Funding has already been allocated for this. They're just waiting on the paperwork that would move us up to the process and get it completed. R. Capone will follow up with City of Thibodaux and Lafourche Parish.

There are 250 curves identified as hot spots and this can be narrowed down to half of them or 100. It's up to our coalition and local jurisdictions how to go with ball banking these curves. Depending on manpower, ball banking can be done locally or regionally.

R. Capone suggested that we add DDACTS as an action item in AL EA, since we're doing the DDACTS workshop on June 26-28, 2013 anyway, and some of our local law enforcement agencies are implementing this initiative already. N. Waldheim concluded the SCRTSP annual review. She commended how much progress has been done in the plan.

b. Grant application discussion / DOTD & LHSC Safety funding

R. Capone announced that LADOTD just released a funding process for us all to benefit from. She referred all to Tab 5B in the meeting packet. T. Monaghan told that the application must come up through the coalition. Everything ought to be synchronized and coordinated to get the bang for buck. The SCSCP Chairman has to sign off on it first before it goes to the SHSP Steering Committee. N. Waldheim suggested that the agency reps should coordinate with R. Capone if they intend to apply for the grant. She offered her assistance in determining evaluation components and performance measures.

L. Marretta suggested that all Team Leaders of four EA's can give a summarized report/update at quarterly meetings so that we're not missing out on any aspect of the progress tracking. This is the first time that we've used this tracking tool and works well by far.

A question was raised about the reimbursable aspect of the grant. This means the applicant has to front the money first in implementing the project, and be reimbursed later. Meanwhile, in LRSP funding, the agencies just need to submit the invoice, and then they get the funding. There's a suggestion to verify if this is how SHSP funding process works as well

R. Capone also announced the availability of LHSC's traffic safety grants for FFY 2014, both for law enforcement and non-law enforcement efforts. Application deadline is on March 19th. The SCPDC usually applies for the Safe Communities Grant to support the coalition's safety efforts in the region.

T. Monaghan added that Marie Walsh had asked her to encourage us to apply for funding for any seatbelt related program that could use some additional resources to get it completed. J. Sanders told that LHSC has tried to simplify the application process, and it's going to be one-year grant this time. If unable to get the whole-year grant, the agencies can get the Click it or Ticket, or the Drive Sober grants.

6. Planning for Regional Traffic Safety Summit 2013

R. Capone shared that at a previous meeting, the SCSCP Executive Board Committee and the rest of the coalition members agreed that we hold the summit sooner than September. There was a back-and-forth discussion as to where to conduct it---whether go back to NSU or hold it again at the Houma Civic Center, or maybe at the Thibodaux Civic Center, or possibly somewhere else in the region. Finally, the decision was to go back to NSU. Tentative date is May 15, 2013. It's going to be shortened, from 8 AM to 2:30 P.M., not until 4 P.M. anymore as agreed by everyone during the November 15th meeting.

R. Capone presented the proposed themes: Theme 1 "Safer Roads, Safer Communities" and Theme 2 "One Team, One Vision Towards Zero Deaths". She asked everyone to raise their hands to show a vote for either. Theme 1 got 7 votes while Theme 2 had 10 votes, therefore, the latter was decided to be this year's summit theme. She proceeded by showing the different proposed topics for the plenary and breakout sessions. For opening plenary, the topics are on SHSP; Think Statewide, Act Local, Regional Safety Plan Progress, Crash Data Quality Improvement and latest Map 21 Updates. L. Marretta said the last one would be an important matter to discuss. A suggestion on new vehicle safety technologies was brought up. M. Trahan mentioned about how he went to a class by LTAP in Baton Rouge. They had a speaker from Indiana, and they talked about safety improvements in vehicles. T. Monaghan to get with M. Walsh and find out about it.

R. Capone presented the first set of breakout session topics--DUI Apprehension and Prosecution Techniques, Innovations in Road Safety, and Enhanced Seatbelt Enforcement. T. Monaghan asked how this year's breakout sessions would be done because last year's one-hour breakouts seemed to be too long. R. Capone said that last year's attendance was affected by the outdoor safety demos going on almost all day long. So, to address this, we're doing it for about an hour this year. Narrowing the sessions to just two sets at a time instead, and just for 40 minutes, would be more strategic.

M. Toups suggested that we do a session on distracted driving focused on texting while behind the wheel. The state has a Distracted Driving Task Force that supports this area. Capt. Naquin thought it might be better to incorporate this into the next set of proposed breakout session on Teaching Safety to Teen Drivers in a More Engaging Way.

Other topics are DWI BAT Mobile Unit: A Time-saver and a Lifesaver, and Changing the Public Perception on CPS and Tapping the Untapped, and a CPS Refresher for CPS Techs.

C. Pichon asked if we could reach out to the high schools to send a group of teens to attend the session. The coalition has successfully brought in 15 students last year, and it is SCSCP's hope to double or triple that number. Discussion further ensued. Judy Smart asked if we could indicate on the program/brochure if it was just a law enforcement or non-law enforcement, and that if the public was invited to any of these sessions because it wasn't clearly implied in last year's itinerary. L. Marretta made a comment on how we could a tracking mechanism for this.

As for outdoor safety demos, E. Harrell said he could set up the seatbelt rollover simulator again. Capt. Naquin suggested that we ask NSU to do the fatal vision driving course. R. Capone thanked Chief Craig Jaccuzzo for helping us get the NSU President's approval to waive the rental fees to use the Cotillion Ballroom. She also thanked Molly Manning for helping us with parking space reservation. A. Touns expressed interest in doing the CPS checkup again this year but more outreach might be necessary to get better attendance. L. Marretta said that it might help to put out signs on the highway or by the daycare that a seat inspection is conducted. E. Harrell would get the radio stations to promote it.

Mark Adams asked if we could get T-shirts using the leftover mini-grant money (\$1,000) to incorporate into this effort, and perhaps give them as incentives at the summit's outdoor event itself. R. Capone made it clear that a local agency has to step up to make this happen because SCPDC cannot do the direct purchase using mini-grant budget. It's not the same policy as the commodity budget where SCPDC can do the purchase directly.

Since SCPDC just released the Regional Bike and Pedestrian Plan, there's a proposal to incorporate bike and pedestrian safety as an add-on breakout session topic. T. Monaghan suggested that we talk about Complete Streets Policy. For the Closing Plenary, suggested topics are Safety Outreach: Think outside the Box, FHWA's View on Pedestrian Safety: Creating Livable Communities, and Varying Angles on Traffic Safety. There being no additional comments and suggestions, the discussion on planning for the Traffic Safety Summit 2013 was closed.

Planning for Bayou Region Safety Expo 2013

Captain Naquin said that they're looking at either April 13 or 20 to do this. The first time they did this expo at NSU, it was quite successful. Last year, they decided to do it in Houma Civic Center to try to get both communities, it wasn't quite successful because the weather was terrible. He said he's leaning back towards NSU for this year's expo, but he certainly encouraged everyone's suggestion. Around 35 to 40 agencies participated in the last two years. The setup will be more or less the same; the agencies are more or less are aware of what to do. R. Capone raised a comment on how the CPS checkup in the 2011 expo was situated far from where the main expo event was. Capt. Naquin said they're looking into it to make it more accessible to the public. Everyone agreed to conduct the event at NSU.

7. Other Upcoming Events and Media Campaigns

Captain Naquin suggested that these will just be incorporated into Agenda Item 9 - Parish/Agency Reports.

Assumption SO - R. Traigle reported that the Mardi Gras Parade went fairly well. They ended up with DWI arrest, which was odd. Sinkhole issue is still there. His agency got a DWI Awards for their population size—both agency and individual awards. They're doing the vehicle inspection certification course on March 21, 2013 at 12 noon to 4 p.m. at the new Assumption Community Center.

St. John SO/DA - Greg Maurin said the Parish did two Mardi Gras Parades. They remain proactive.

Lafourche SO - Mark Adams said their agency is continuing their DWI efforts and enforcement on LA3235. They started to repave the roadway.

Office of Public Health-Thibodaux - Nicole Soudelier shared how she's trying to reorganize the whole committee on Child Death Review Program. She hoped to expand her network of contacts in the coalition and looked forward to the CPS class she's attending on March 20-23 at SCPDC.

ADAC - A. Toups said that their “Get in the Zone” Program was another success this year. The challenge was that the parades took so long before they reached the designated alcohol-and-drug-free zone. They hoped to continue doing the program.

NHTSA - Region 6 - James Sanders encouraged law enforcement agencies to attend the DDACTS Course scheduled for June 26-28, 2013 at SCPDC. The organizers hope to have at least 6-8 agencies to attend. He shared some CD’s and literature for the coalition to freely distribute. R. Capone shared that five agencies expressed interest in attend but none of them has turned in the agency inventory form to register yet.

LHSC - Brad McGlothren shared LHSC’s calendar to everyone. He announced the availability of traffic safety grants, with the new addition of Distracted Driving grant opportunity. He encouraged that applicants should include a budget allocation to send someone to the Lifesavers Conference as well some amount to purchase equipment. He also mentioned about the DWI Awards on March 5th and appreciated all the agencies have done. This is a good opportunity to acknowledge not only the police agencies but the individual officers for the great job they’re doing in their DWI arrests.

Houma PD - Daniel Belanger referred back to ADAC’s issue on crowd control during the Get in the Zone Program. Interaction ensued. He further reported that they did pretty well with Mardi Gras Parade enforcement. Houma ended up with one fatality which was alcohol-related. HPD is doing the saturation patrols and checkpoints for seatbelt enforcement.

LADOTD - T. Monaghan talked about the RSA’s that our coalition has conducted on six local roads (3 in Thibodaux and 3 in Lafourche). Safety improvements on these roads are to be funded through the Local Road Safety Program. Paperwork needs to be submitted though.

Jacob’s Ladder- Gayle Feibel said that she worked with the local citizens. She mentioned about the 12 Steps Program. She’s interested in being part of our safety education efforts especially on the bike and pedestrian safety.

LSP-Troop C- Dennis Bergeron thanked the partners for their support for the Super Bowl, Sugar Bowl and Mardi Gras Parade impaired driving enforcement. Troop C did one checkpoint during Mardi Gras that prevented impaired driving. There were six fatalities this year. Captain Naquin mentioned about multiple fatalities taking place, for instance on LA 182 which is a dangerous highway. They’re seeing what pattern or random factor to address. An RSA would be a possibility for this road. Ron Whittaker shared that when they analyze the data, they look at critical injury and fatal crash numbers. Discussion ensued.

R. Whittaker further commended everyone for the great work and it’s good for him to come in.

Regional Child Passenger Safety Initiative - Michael Toups announced the various CPS events coming up at various health units as follows: March 15 in Vacherie, March 25th in Galliano, March 27th in Thibodaux and April 10th in Houma. All are from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. There’s a CPS Class on March 20-23, 2013 and he encouraged agencies to send in participants. Discussion ensued on how to recruit more participants.

8. Parish/Agency Reports - Already done in Agenda Item 8

9. Safety Concerns/Other Business

Tina Ledet referred to traffic lighting issue on West Side of the Tunnel. T. Monaghan redirected them how to bring this issue up following protocol. Captain Naquin reminded all to fill out the yellow forms to express a safety concern. He also reminded the agency reps to pick up the safety commodities to be distributed.

10. NHTSA Events Calendar

R. Capone referred all to NHTSA’s communication calendar that SCSCP follows in conducting enforcement and education campaigns.

11. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:57 a.m. was made by Michael Toups, seconded by Dennis Bergeron. Motion carried. Lunch was served. *These minutes were approved at the August 15, 2013 Meeting.*