



# SOUTH CENTRAL SAFE COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

## Quarterly Partnership Meeting

**Thursday, June 19, 2014 @ 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM**

*South Central Planning and Development Commission, 5058 West Main St., Houma LA 70360*

### Minutes of the Meeting

**In Attendance (28)**

Darrin Naquin, LSP-C	Ted Calligan, LERN	Marilyn Harris, SCLHSA
Leo Marretta, SCPDC	Brandy Picou, LOSGH	Earl Geason, St. James SO
Cassie Parker, SCPDC	Mark Adams, LPSO	Craig Poche, St. James SO
Alicia Toups, ADAC	Dennis Bergeron, LSP-C	Greg Maurin, St. John DA
Judy Smart, Gazebo NHW	Troy Leonard, LSP-C	Keith Faul, TPSO
Jody Orcheneaux, Gramercy PD	Debbie Guidry, MAC	James Newton, Thibodaux PD
Michael Toups, HPD – LPSTF	Antionette Bonvillain, MAC	Jamey Fontenot, Thibodaux PD
Bobbie O’Bryan, HPD	Ava Fontenot, MADD	Morris Beverly, LHSC
Michael Toups, HPD	Tricia Keffer, NORPC	James Sanders, NHTSA
Ron Whittaker, DOTD		

**Part I**

**1. Call to Order**

Chairman D. Naquin called the meeting to order at approximately 10:00 AM.

**2. Opening Prayer /Pledge of Allegiance**

Alicia Toups said the opening prayer and Lt. Mark Adams led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. Introductions**

Introductions took place. Chairman D. Naquin announced Cassie Parker’s promotion to Regional Safety Coordinator after Rudynah Capone’s departure to LTRC. He commended R. Capone for her dedication to the Safe Community Partnership. D. Naquin congratulated R. Capone and C. Parker on their promotions.

**4. Approval of the South Central Safe Community Partnership Meeting Minutes from *February 20, 2014***

***Craig Poche made a motion to approve the minutes from the quarterly meeting on February 20, 2014. It was seconded by M. Toups. Motion passed.***

**5. Feedback and Next Steps**

Safety Circus on May 3, 2014

B. Picou stated that there was an increase in children attendance at the Safety Circus. She commented

that there was also a great amount of community participation and the Child Passenger Seat Check went well.

#### 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Bayou Region Public Safety Expo on May 10, 2014

D. Naquin stated that Troop C held their annual Bayou Region Public Safety Expo at the Houma-Terrebonne Civic Center. He mentioned that there were 30 plus agencies that participated in the event. He stated that the expo has been held in Houma and at Nicholls State University in Thibodaux and commented that there was greater attendance when the event was held at Nicholls State University. J. Fontenot stated that Thibodaux Police Department was not able to participate due to the fair. He suggested that, if the event is held in Thibodaux next year that it does not fall the same weekend as the fair. D. Naquin stated that it was difficult scheduling the event this year. He added that Nicholls State University was booked, and the only available day at the Houma Civic Center, unfortunately, fell on the same day as the fair. L. Marretta suggested the creation of a Coalition Calendar to keep the partners informed of events, plans, and etcetera.

#### 2014 South Central Traffic Safety Summit on May 13<sup>th</sup>

C. Parker informed the partners that there were 85 attendees at this year's Traffic Safety Summit. She stated that she reviewed the evaluations and provided a list of the attendees' remarks and suggestions in the meeting packet. She read through the following list of remarks with the partners:

- I think that South Central Planning Traffic Safety Summit is the flagship of safety summits and is the best in the state of Louisiana.
- Glad to see the efforts being made for the cycling community
- Get the judges to enforce the laws with harsh sentencing for drunk driving
- Enjoyed the length of 10-15 minutes per speaker/ Make sure all speakers remain on schedule
- Motorcycle related topic
- Get the 911 operators and law enforcement dispatch involved
- More diversification participants and increase meal budget
- More outdoor demos/ Demonstration of training tools: Rollover simulator, radar, safety related tools
- Introduce field work samples, teamwork exercises
- Would be beneficial for the panel to engage in a discussion of related topic between them which would hopefully engage the audience to ask questions. A moderator could assist and tee up questions.
- We need some of our local and state politicians to discuss areas that need to be changed or any progress made

C. Parker stated that topics suggested by attendees included: bringing the legal side to the table, have a high school session to allow the students to give feedback about safety programs, include a session that offers case studies for safety enhancement projects, statistics on crashes and fatalities, high crash roads to be aware of, traffic technology and uses, motorcycle safety, underage drinking, and proposed legislation or changes. C. Parker commented that numerous high schools were invited to participate, but only Assumption High School students attended. She then reviewed the suggested improvements to the event with the partners. It was recommended that handouts and materials be provided to attendees, as well as a list of websites partners should visit. It was also commented that two important topics were discussed at breakout sessions that ran simultaneously, and the attendee needed to attend both but could not. Other items that attendees felt needed improvement was the meal, relevance of and content of breakout sessions and plenary presentations, attendance, involvement of school principals, superintendents and other stakeholders. D. Naquin questioned if there are funds budgeted that could be used to pay speakers to attend the summit. L. Marretta

explained that all speakers come on a volunteer basis.

C. Parker asked the partners for suggestions with regards to getting more participation from the schools, superintendents and hospitals throughout the region. M. Toups stated that Nicole Souldier could be a contact for Chabert Medical Center. J. Smart commented that she has been in contact with Stacy Solet whom oversees elementary education. She suggested that flyers be distributed at monthly meetings that take place with the school principals. It was also recommended to contact the Office of Catholic Schools and request that the information be distributed amongst their feeder schools. B. O'Bryan suggested that events be scheduled when students are on break in order to increase attendance.

#### Click It Or Ticket Mobilization May 19<sup>th</sup> - June 1st

D. Naquin stated that Troop C utilized approximately 150 hours of grant overtime for seatbelt and child restraint enforcement. J. Fontenot reported that Thibodaux Police Department had two officers working every day of the mobilization period enforcing seatbelt use. He stated that his agency conducted a checkpoint and assisted Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office with a checkpoint. During the Thibodaux Police Department's checkpoint, thank you flyers, commodities and shirts were given to individuals wearing their seatbelt. The agency also advertised the mobilization more this year and used social media as a way to reach out to the public. M. Toups informed the partners that Houma Police Department conducted a Child Passenger Seat Check on May 30, 2014, fourteen seats were checked and five were replaced. B. O'Bryan stated that the department also had two officers on shift, a seatbelt checkpoint was conducted, and the HPD app was utilized to advertise. C. Parker thanked Trooper Evan Harrell for representing the Safe Community Partnership during a radio interview with Gumbo promoting the Click It Or Ticket mobilization.

#### 2015 Capturing Safety through the Lens teen safety photo & video contest

D. Naquin enunciated the success of the 2014 Capturing Safety through the Lens teen safety photo & video contest. He commended the school organizations on their videos and photos. C. Parker enquired if there was a partner interested in applying for a mini-grant to expand the program, as well as overseeing the 2015 contest. She added that State Farm has awarded funding to assist with the implementation the 2015 program, just as they did for the 2014 program. R. Whittaker asked what prizes were given to the winning schools. C. Parker stated that a trophy was presented to the organization and the students were given a shirt, rescue me tool, iTunes card, and other goodies. The grand winners were also presented a check for their student organization. M. Toups offered to assist by reaching out to the schools. B. O'Bryan asked if the agencies could receive a copy of the videos. D. Naquin stated that the videos can be downloaded from Facebook.

## **6. Agency Activity Reports**

### LSP - Troop C

Sgt. D. Bergeron informed the partners that there has been an increase in property and injury crashes, between one and three percent. He stated that there have been a decrease in fatalities in the Troop C area. The agency has scheduled a DWI checkpoint in conjunction with the Independence Day "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" wave.

### Thibodaux PD

Captain J. Fontenot stated that Thibodaux Police Department is preparing for the Independence Day "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" wave. He stated that a large festival is held annually at Peltier Park to celebrate the Fourth of July. The department will have an officer concentrating on DWI the entire

wave. During July 4th, two specific officers will be focused on DWI enforcement. A saturation patrol will take place on the night of June 21<sup>st</sup> and a checkpoint is scheduled for June 27<sup>th</sup>. He stated that the department is still conducting Underage Juvenile enforcement. Annually, Thibodaux Police Department visits the local bars, approximately 25, to check bar cards liquor licenses, and state permits and to remind the staff of the underage drinking problem.

#### Gramercy PD

Lt. J. Orcheneaux informed the partners that his department participated in the Click It Or Ticket mobilization using 100 hours. Approximately 200 citations were given. He stated that his department also has plans to participate in the August "Drive Sober Or Get Pulled Over" wave. Social media will be utilized to promote the waves.

#### St. John DA

G. Maurin informed the partners that his agency is maintaining speed enforcement on I-10.

#### New Orleans MPO

T. Keffer stated that she came to observe in order to gather ideas for New Orleans MPO.

#### Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office

M. Adams stated that LPSO continues to conduct routine checkpoints and enforcement on LA 3235.

#### Houma PD

Lt. B. O'Bryan informed the Coalition that HPD is in preparation for a DWI operation for the Fourth of July. Two officers will be focused on DWI enforcement. He stated that HPD also conducts underage drinking bar card checks every two weeks. The department implemented a program, P3 Pinpoint Problems, to assist with catching individuals that by-pass checkpoints on the main highways by detouring through neighborhoods. He informed the partners that the program is very effective and over 200 citations were given over six weeks. B' O'Bryan reminded everyone that Teen Cert LAHEAT will take place June 23<sup>rd</sup> to June 27<sup>th</sup>. He stated that there are approximately 30-40 available if anyone knows of a group interested. The program takes place in Bunkie, Louisiana and is designed for teens, ages fourteen to seventeen years of age. He informed the partners that funding for 2014 and 2015 has been secured for this particular program. A smaller version of the LAHEAT program is being developed at this time. The pilot program scheduled to take place in July. Houma Police Department and Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government collaborated in the development of a Driver's Education Program which focuses on defensive driving. He informed the partners that, eventually, if an individual is involved in an accident while using a parish vehicle, he/she will be required to complete the Driver's Education Program. Due to the tragedies involving ATV's in recent years, Chief Duplantis is executing a media campaign to educate the public. The P3 Program will also be used to conduct go cart and ATV enforcement.

#### LADOTD

L. Leblanc stated that LADOTD is working on maintenance projects, overlays, and in the process of completing the downtown Houma signal and ITS project.

#### St. James Sheriff's Office

C. Poche enunciated that approximately 110 homes were flooded and LA 3125 had to be closed due to the rain. The agency plans to patrol using boats for the Fourth of July.

### MAC

A. Bonvillian informed the partners that MAC participated in a Thibodaux Ville and Maple's Park "Night of Awareness" campaign.

### Gazebo Neighborhood Watch (NHW)

J. Smart encouraged the partners to attend the National Night Out event on October 7, 2014.

### Lady of the Sea General Hospital

B. Picou reiterated the success of LOSGH Safety Circus.

### ADAC

A. Toups stated that ADAC held their "Race for a Drug Free Community" on June 14<sup>th</sup> in Houma in connection with the Bourg and Fontenot families, who both lost children to an impaired driver. Although it was difficult to get participation, she proclaimed the event was a success.

### MADD

A. Fontenot is in the beginning stages of planning MADD's 5K walk, it is undecided if it will be held in Houma or Thibodaux. She stated that the victim impact panel numbers have decreased in Terrebonne and Lafourche.

### MAC

D. Guidry informed the partners that she and Marilyn Harris are involved in the Team Spirit program. She thanked everyone that participated in the fundraisers held to earn money that will be used to send children to the Lumen Christi camp that would otherwise not be able to afford it.

### SCLHSA

M. Harris indicated that there is still room available for children, grades 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup>, in Terrebonne Parish to attend the Lumen Christi Camp from July 7<sup>th</sup> until July 10<sup>th</sup>. The cost to attend is \$75.00 per child. Applications are available at Bayou Cane Fire Department.

### LERN

T. Calligan stated that he oversees regions 2, 4, and 5. He informed the partners that the TRCC Traffic Records Division has been compiling crash data from the state, while LERN was tasked to gather trauma data from the trauma centers and other major hospitals. He explained that a partnership was created to combine crash data and trauma data in order to record the outcomes of individuals involved in traffic crashes. LERN also partners with Bridget Gardner, LSU Interim, on the Sudden Impact Program.

### Terrebonne Sheriff's Office

K. Faul enunciated that TPSO has one to three patrolman conducting DWI enforcement on weekends. He stated that his agency tries to conduct a seatbelt checkpoint monthly and also assists LSP Troop C and Houma Police Department with checkpoints.

### Child Passenger Safety

M. Toups informed the partners that Houma Police Department is in preparation for Fourth of July parade that will take place within the city limits. He stated that a Child Passenger Safety (CPS) Technician course was held in May and another one is scheduled for next week. The CPS Conference will be held June 20, 2014 in Baton Rouge. He reminded the partners that the AMC Palace CPS Event

will take place on August 9, 2014, and encouraged all partners to participate. M. Toups and A. Toups are collaborating with the region's health units in order to conduct annual CPS Checks on infant exam days at each location. He requested the partners support in employing the "Saved by the Belt" program and requested that the agencies submit names of individuals that are eligible. In order to be eligible, the person involved in the crash survived as a direct result of wearing his/her seatbelt, cannot be the at fault vehicle, and cannot be impaired at the time of crash. He informed the Coalition that HPD is a fitting station.

## **Part II**

### **7. DWI Breath Alcohol Testing (BAT) Mobile Update (Sgt. Troy Leonard)**

Sgt. T. Leonard informed the partners that the specs have been completed for the DWI BAT Mobile. He briefly reviewed the specs with the partners. Troop C is working with South Central Planning and Development Commission (SCPDC) on the bid process.

### **8. Ongoing/Upcoming Media Campaigns/Events**

The partners discussed upcoming events and media campaigns during the agency reports.

### **9. Safety Concerns Update by LADOTD**

Chairman D. Naquin reminded the partners that if he/she has a safety concern, complete a Yellow Safety Concern Form. M. Toups stated that he has a safety concern regarding the tunnel, Main Street and Park Avenue.

### **10. LHSC – South Central Safe Community Partnership**

#### **a. FY 2015 Mini-Grants**

C. Parker informed the Coalition that LHSC awarded \$12,000.00 for Impaired Driving mini-grants and \$12,000.00 for Occupant Protection mini-grants. While LHSC will continue to fund mini-grant programs, they will no longer fund the Safe Community Partnership. She explained that LHSC will no longer fund meetings, safety summits, commodities, and meals, etcetera. She informed the partners that SCPDC is in communication with DOTD in an attempt to bridge the gap in funding in order to continue the Coalition's efforts. C. Parker encouraged the agencies to think about eligible programs that qualify for mini-grant funding and bring the details to the next meeting on August 21, 2014.

### **11. Other Business / Adjournment**

***Dennis Bergeron made a motion to approve the minutes from the quarterly meeting on February 20, 2014. It was seconded by Craig Poche. Motion passed.***