



MISSION STATEMENT

To develop creative and innovative approaches designed to address and reduce the serious issue of speeding and reckless driving to protect all citizens of our community.

Safety Over Speed Coalition Meeting Minutes July 25, 2007

Mr. Dale Iman, City Manager, called the meeting to order at 4:05 PM

Mr. Iman introduced SGT Canady with the State Highway Patrol and thanked him for attending the meeting today on such short notice.

Mr. Iman asked the group to consider the logo suggested. After discussion on additional ideas a vote was taken on:

Stomp/Stamp Out Speed
Save Our Streets
Safety Over Speed – Claimed the most votes

Mr. Iman deferred to SGT Dow who provided an update on programs discussed in the last meeting that can be implemented most immediately. Those programs are:

Please Drive Safely – Where citizens may contact the Police Department directly to report speeders and reckless drivers. SGT Dow stated he is working to get the program fully implemented so that citizens may contact by phone, website, or postcard.

I Drive the Limit Every Day (IDLE) – Citizens commit to driving safely by signing a statement.

Citizens Radar Group – Citizens are trained to use radar equipment to track and generate speeding data. No citations can be issued, but will act as deterrent.

Chief Bergamine instructed SGT Dow to provide dates when the programs will be implemented.

There was a brief discussion on if there will be enough volunteers to staff these programs and CPT Searce noted there are ample volunteers from the community and with more Citizen on Patrol graduates in August, there should be enough.

Mr. Grammer remarked that it would be important to announce these programs in conjunction with Driver's Ed, Fort Bragg and Cumberland County Schools. Mr. Iman noted it would also be important to focus attention on the Public Safety Day September 29, 2007. Fire Chief Nichols remarked he would like to see the "Keep Child Alive Drive 25" signs posted in school zones or at school entrances and exits. Ms. Lemings also remarked she has seen large yellow cones used at school crossings in other cities.

Chief Bergamine remarked that he has been speaking with Representative Rick Glazier's Assistant regarding drafting legislation related to speeding and reckless driving but there is no time frame for completion yet.

SGT Dow continued his update with information regarding the placement of the 8 speed sentry signs. SGT Dow stated the signs are placed in areas where speeding is known to occur or when there are numerous calls from particular areas. SGT Dow stated these signs are better on up to four lane roads and collect data that can then be used to determine patterns in those areas.

It was suggested that the locations of these signs be posted on the website along with the results of the data collected.

Mr. Iman asked the group to consider and discuss the need for committees. The consensus of those present was there is a need for at least two committees, Legislative and Marketing. Mr. Iman suggested the group consider these two committees and at the next meeting be prepared to appoint a chair, assign members to serve on each committee, establish the goals and objectives of the committees, and decide how often the committees will meet. Mr. Iman stated any committees established would have the assistance of the appropriate city staff.

Mr. Grammer suggested program implementation information presented today by SGT Dow could be shared through the Police Department website, community watch programs, Pastoral committees and churches.

Mr. Iman thanked all those present for attending and adjourned the meeting at 5:15pm.

The next meeting was scheduled for **August 8th at 4:00 PM** in the Human Resource Development Training Room on the 1st floor of City Hall.

ACTION ITEMS

SGT DOW

- Provide status and timeline for implementing safety programs discussed July 25, 2007
- Post speed sentry sign locations and data on website

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- Consider committees needed. Be prepared to appoint Committee Chairs, assign members, establish goals and objectives and how often to meet