



SAFETY OVER SPEED

COMMUNITY COMMITMENT TO TRAFFIC SAFETY

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

April 8, 2009

Sergeant Dow called the meeting to order at 4:09 p.m.

Attendance: Jackie Blue, Advisory Council for People with Disabilities
Sergeant Dow, Police, City of Fayetteville
Dianne Grumelot, Cumberland County Schools
Joe Hafner, Fort Bragg
Sergeant A. L. Hill, NC State Highway Patrol
Rebecca Lemings, Citizen
Kathleen Ruppert, Police, City of Fayetteville
Captain Roger Sullivan, Fire, City of Fayetteville
Jackie Tuckey, Communications Officer, City of Fayetteville
Charles H. Yates, Advisory Council for People with Disabilities

Sergeant Dow distributed a copy of the traffic statistics update for January through March 2008 vs. 2009. Morganton Road bridge is definitely impacting the traffic in the mall area.

Sergeant Dow also updated the committee on the following: Traffic Unit continues to make safety presentations at Fort Bragg (four scheduled in April – one per week); “Ghost Out” program has been scheduled for Westover High School for May 14 and date pending for Cape Fear High School. Cumberland County Sheriff’s Office, NCSHP, EMS and the Fire Department will be participating in these events; Public Information Officer at the Police Department is currently working to add the minutes to the website.

Legislative Committee: No one available to provide an update.

Marketing/Promotions Committee: Jackie Tuckey reported for the committee. Jackie Tuckey and Kathleen Ruppert confirmed that there will be a City of Fayetteville booth at the Dogwood Festival (April 25 & 26). Ideas for the booth include: seatbelt demonstrator, IDLE sign up, SOS postcards, and aggressive driving pamphlets. It was suggested that a brochure needs to be created for the SOS committee providing information to the public about the mission and purpose of the committee.

City/Military Relations: Mr. Hafner indicated that two brigades will be deploying within the next 90 days.

New Business:

Sergeant Hill, NCSHP, pointed out some upcoming activities in the coming months, to include: Operation Drive Smart, Operation Slow Down, "Safe Kids Week" from April 26 – May 4, 2009. Fire Department will be checking child safety seats at Target on April 30 and May 30. "Click It or Ticket" from May 18 – May 31, 2009. "Booze It & Lose It" from June 29 – July 5, 2009 to coincide with 4th of July holiday.

There was some discussion regarding upcoming classes for certification for child safety seats. Fire Department currently has 9 checking stations. Captain Sullivan will email the dates for upcoming classes to Sergeant Dow.

Sergeant Hill also mentioned the need to educate the public regarding motorcycle safety. With the weather warming up, more opportunities for riding. Crime Prevention Specialist Kathleen Ruppert indicated that motorcycle thefts have started; however, Sergeant Dow pointed out that thankfully, we've not experienced any fatalities.

Mr. Yates, Fayetteville-Cumberland Advisory Council for People with Disabilities (non-profit organization) indicated that he appreciates the support of this committee and feels that our groups compliment each other in the common goal of "public awareness". He also indicated that he's talking with Mr. Jimmy Teal regarding getting involved in the Planning Phase of City planning.

There being no further business, Sergeant Dow adjourned the meeting at 4:40 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, **May 20, 2009 at 4:00 PM** in the LaFayette Room on the 1st floor of City Hall.

ACTION ITEMS

POLICE DEPARTMENT

- Continue progress on programs and provide updates
- "Ghost Out" programs at Westover and Cape Fear High Schools
- Information Booth at Dogwood Festival

ALL

- Committees continue to meet to pursue action plans to support overall goals and objectives.

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