



## **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**

**May 20, 2008**

Mr. Iman called the meeting to order at 4:05 PM.

Mr. Iman noted some new participants and asked everyone to introduce themselves. After the introductions, Mr. Iman thanked everyone for attending and stated that this committee has been active for one year now and has made very good progress by setting goals, created sub-committees, working closely with Fort Bragg/Pope AFB during reintegration training as well as working closely with Cumberland County Schools.

Mr. Iman stated that it is noteworthy that the Police and Sheriff's departments have almost doubled speeding citations compared to last year. It is also noteworthy that this committee has worked to introduce legislation to increase fines for speeding in school zones.

Chief Bergamine deferred to SGT Dow who stated there has been an increase in the Fort Bragg/Pope AFB requests for presentations this month. The PD provides 30-60 minute presentations covering DUI/Safety/North Carolina Law. A PSA (Public Service Announcement) video is also available.

SGT Dow reported the Police Department now has three SAM (Speed Abatement Mannequins) in use in neighborhoods which are used in conjunction with unmarked patrol cars to assist with reducing speeding.

Chief Bergamine noted there has been reduction in speeding in some school zones but Reilly Road is still a challenge. SGT Dow stated he will be working with Mr. Rusty Thompson, City Traffic Engineer, to discuss a resolution to the early morning Fort Bragg traffic in the school zone area.

SGT Dow provided the following traffic statistics:

	<u>Jan – Apr 07</u>	<u>Jan – Apr 08</u>	
Crashes	4323	4231	down by 2%
Citations	10,986	11,687	up by 5%
Fatalities	10	6	

Mr. Iman noted that since the inception of this committee citizen complaints/comments have gone from speeding on major thoroughfares to speeding within neighborhoods.

Chief Bergamine stated that in keeping with the City Council's goal to increase community watch groups, this would be a good issue to have these same groups assist in resolving.

Mr. Iman deferred to Mr. Doug Hewett for the **Legislative Committee** Report. Mr. Hewett stated the group worked to achieve placement of the pedestrian actuated signal at the Westover school crossing and has also worked to present legislation that would bring parity between speeding citations in construction zones which is currently \$250 and speeding in school zones which is currently \$50. This proposed legislation has been unanimously endorsed by the City Council and is now moving forward for legislative consideration.

In the absence of Ms. Jackie Tuckey, Mr. Hewett also provided the **Marketing/Promotions Committee** update. Mr. Hewett shared examples of marketing ideas/designs for bus wraps. Mr. Hewett also shared branding initiatives that can be tied in to efforts that are already in place. 4 designs were presented and 2 were selected.

Mr. Iman requested work be done to get something in place by the next meeting.

Mr. Iman deferred to Mr. Joe Hafner, Fort Bragg Safety Office, who reported on **City/Military Relations**. Mr. Hafner stated that at the completion of All American Week many approximately 4200 soldiers will be going on block leave.

Mr. Iman stated that as the committee has been meeting for one year, it is time to appoint a new chair and Mr. Iman appointed Chief Bergamine effective with the next meeting.

There being no further business, Chief Bergamine adjourned the meeting at 5:05 p.m.

The next meeting is **July 16, 2008 at 4:00 PM** in the LaFayette Room on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of City Hall.

### ACTION ITEMS

#### **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

- Continue progress on programs and provide updates
- Add monthly City and County school zone citation statistics to the website
- Create database for I.D.L.E. enrollment form
- Get branding initiatives underway

#### **ALL**

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