



## **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 September 23, 2009**

Chief Bergamine called the meeting to order at 4:07 pm. This meeting was conducted in the First Floor Assembly Room at the Police Department.

Attendance: Sergeant Dow, Police, City of Fayetteville  
Joe Hafner, Fort Bragg  
Mercedes Rodriguez, Region 6 Coordinator for Nuestra Seguridad  
Kathleen Ruppert, Police, City of Fayetteville  
Captain Tom Salmon, Fire, City of Fayetteville  
Captain Roger Sullivan, Fire, City of Fayetteville  
Jackie Tuckey, Communications Officer, City of Fayetteville  
Charles Yates, Advisory Council for People with Disabilities

Chief Bergamine started the meeting by asking Sergeant Dow to discuss the latest statistics. Sergeant Dow stated that there was a fatality last night, arrest to be made soon (alcohol involved, victim stepped off the curb). Sergeant Dow discussed a new initiative called Collision Avoidance Program (CAP). This is a national program, and through grant funding, we have been selected to participate. It targets teen drivers. Training includes 4 hours of class room instruction, and 8 hours of road driving. First training session is scheduled for the week-end of October 9<sup>th</sup>. A minimal fee is charged for participants. Sergeant Dow stated that he will be presenting a revised Wrecker Ordinance at the City Council work session on October 5. He reported that results of speed sentry signs are still being posted on the website. He also reported that the SBI interface with DCI has been approved and IT is working to link that with the License Plate Readers; we currently have 2; and another allocated in the budget. This will provide information to help with Amber Alerts and Silver Alerts.

Chief Bergamine mentioned that the media is interested in the rise of fatalities. Many have been attributed to intoxication levels, and involve pedestrians and bicycles. He's working with staff to encourage strict enforcement for bicycles and pedestrians. Some commonalities: night time, multi-lane roads, alcohol.

Sergeant Dow commented on the combined efforts between FPD and CCSO to alternate school zones and many citations have been issued since school started. We have received positive feedback regarding school zones in the Westover area (4 schools).

**Legislative Committee:** No one available to comment.

**Marketing/Promotions Committee:** Jackie Tuckey mentioned the upcoming Fall Safety Day on Saturday, October 10, 2009. A booth will be set up at that event for IDLE & ATAC registration. This event will be located in the Sears/Jason's Deli parking lot area. She also mentioned the International Folk Festival taking place this week-end.

**City/Military Relations:** Mr. Hafner shared that Fort Bragg experiences similar issues regarding people not crossing the roads in designated crosswalks. Fort Bragg enforces and educates that "you will be cited if hit and not crossing in designated crosswalk".

This led to some discussion amongst the group regarding educating the public about safe crossing. Jackie Tuckey suggested a media campaign. Mr. Hafner stated that he would send copy of their flyer to Sergeant Dow. Chief Bergamine discussed that a couple of years ago, we focused on this same topic, and the numbers came down; however, enforcement alone won't solve the issue.

**New Business:**

Fire Department announced that there will be a "Car Seat Clinic" in the parking lot at Target on Saturday, September 26, 2009 from noon to 4 pm. These are conducted quarterly and this is the last one this year. Usually, at least 4 stations are available. They also announced a Safe Kids meeting on September 24 at 4 pm. DSS publicizes these events.

Bridge is now open on Morganton Road. Ironically enough, no accidents have been reported in that area since the bridge has been opened again.

Traffic plan is being worked up now for the upcoming holiday season.

Meeting scheduled for December 16 has been cancelled. Will resume meetings in 2010.

Sergeant Dow adjourned the meeting at 5:05 p.m.

Meetings scheduled for the remainder of 2009:

Wednesday	<b>September 23</b>	First Floor Assembly Room at Police Department at 4 pm
Wednesday	<b>November 4</b>	LaFayette Room at City Hall at 4 pm

**ACTION ITEMS**

**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

- Continue progress on programs and provide updates
- Contact 2 high schools for “Ghost Out”
- New policy for Police Department Employees to prohibit cell phone and computer use while driving

**ALL**

- Committees continue to meet to pursue action plans to support overall goals and objectives
- Brainstorm for ideas to educate community and remind them of “safety in the school zones”

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