

# NORTH SHORE REGIONAL SAFETY COALITION

St. Helena • St. Tammany • Tangipahoa • Washington

July, 5, 2018

10:00 am-11:15pm

Madisonville Red Cross Building



## Agenda

### 10:00 Full Coalition meeting

- *Introductions*
- *SHSP Dashboard Update- David Whitchurch, Business Analytics Manager, Highway Safety Research Group*
- *Emphasis Area Implementation Updates and Next Steps*
  - Young Drivers – Tyler Brignac (North Oaks Hospital), Trooper Kevin Cefalu (LSP-L)
    - Ford Grant Update
    - Sudden Impact Update
    - TRACC Update
    - Young Driver Events
      - St. Tammany Sheriff's Parish Office Back to School Event
      - Survive the Drive
  - Distracted Driving – Kevin Cefalu (LSP-L), Taylor Addison (TRACC, TPG)
    - Regional Action Plan Adoption
    - Back to school enforcement campaign
  - Impaired Driving – Bridget Bailey (TPG TRACC), Kenneth LaMulle (LSP-L)
    - LHSC Coalition Grant Endorsement
    - No refusal
      - Tangipahoa
      - St. Tammany Parish
    - Law enforcement training
  - Occupant Protection – Sgt. Kevin Allen (LSP-L), Kace Nielsen (Hammond Fire Prevention)
    - Rural Outreach
    - CPS Classes
    - Diversion program
    - Saved by the belt
  - Infrastructure and Operations – Cristine Gowland (DOTD 62), Sgt. Russell Mayfield (LSP-L)
    - Local Road Safety Update
    - LA40 RSA
    - I-12 Safety Update
- *Stakeholder updates, upcoming events, needs, etc.*
- *Upcoming Campaigns/waves*
  - *June 29 – July 5, Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over #DriveSober*
  - *July 8 - 14 LA Move It Campaign #MoveIt*

- July 31, National Heatstroke Prevention Day #Heatstroke Kills
- August, Back to School Safety Month
- August 15 – September 3, Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over (Labor Day) #DriveSober

### 11:15 Adjourn

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Next meeting: **August 2<sup>nd</sup>, Young Drivers and Impaired Drivers meeting**

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## Introductions

- Nelson Hollings (NORPC) explained that the coalition will no longer be able to provide lunches during full coalition meetings. As a result, the meetings will be moved to earlier in the morning to allow coalition members to get lunch after the meeting. Nelson added that if you know anyone or a business that might be interested in sponsoring a coalition meeting, to please let him know.
- Nelson added that one of the suggestions from the recent SHSP implementation meeting was to keep meetings short and concise. As a result, he will be working on keeping the meetings as quick and efficient as possible.

## Emphasis area implementation updates and next steps

### Young Drivers: Kevin Cefalu (LSP-L), Tyler Brignac (North Oaks Hospital)

- Ford Grant Update
  - Nelson mentioned that since the last full coalition meeting, the coordinators got together with Johnathan Hill (LHSC) to brainstorm ideas for a potential \$15,000 grant. The grant will be in conjunction with the other regional traffic safety coalitions, and provide teens the opportunity to produce traffic safety videos tailored to their region. Winners of the competition will receive a mini-grant to develop a peer-to-peer training model, and a campaign utilizing their video. LHSC recently found out that they were awarded the grant, and in the coming months LHSC will be working with all the coalition coordinators to help pull off the implementation of the grant.
- Sudden Impact Update
  - Annual meeting
    - Tyler Brignac (North Oaks Hospital) updated the coalition that they will be attending their yearly sudden impact meeting in August to go over any updates or changes to the sudden impact program.
  - Summer Sessions
    - Kevin Cefalu (LSP-L) mentioned that they have conducted three Sudden Impact summer sessions, one at Lakeview Regional Medical Center, and two at St. Tammany Parish Hospital. The summer program is intended for hospital employee's children, and students from schools that do not participate in the Sudden Impact Program.
  - Parent Conference



Casnave (STPSO) to potentially have a child safety seat fitting available as well.

### **Distracted Driving: Taylor Addison (TPG/TRACC), Kevin Cefalu (LSP-L)**

- Distracted Driving Action Plan
  - Nelson mentioned that on 6/25/18 the North Shore Regional Safety Coalition held its first distracted driving emphasis area meeting. During the meeting, coalition members with the help of Jessica Bedwell (LHSC) and Ron Whittaker (DOTD), (Both state leaders for distracted driving) developed a draft for the regional distracted driving action plan. In order to formalize the action plan.
  - The coalition **voted to adopt the distracted driving plan.**
- Back to School enforcement campaign
  - Ron Whittaker (DOTD) mentioned that one of the action items on the new distracted driving action plan is to coordinate a one week distracted driving enforcement campaign with local agencies in school zones. The event should involve partnership with as many local agencies as possible. Ron mentioned that currently all school zones are hand free zones, so this will be one particular area where agencies will be able to easily enforce the distracted driving laws.
  - Aaron Chabaud (LHSC) mentioned that he will be reaching out to as many agencies as he can to begin to drum up support for the initiative.
  - Bridget mentioned it might be effective to do the enforcement at elementary schools since carpool drop off, and pick up lines can present a safety hazard to children if parents are distracted.
  - Nelson mentioned one of the ideas was to do educational outreach and messaging about hands free zones the first week, and enforcement the second week.

### **Impaired Driving: Bridget Bailey (TPG, TRACC), Kenneth LaMulle (LSP-L)**

- LHSC Coalition Grant Endorsement
  - Nelson mentioned that the coalition's FFY 2018 LHSC SBIRT grant was not able to be processed as a result of the change in leadership at LHSC. As a result, Nelson resubmitted the grant to LHSC for FFY 2019 funding. As a part of the application process, coalition grants need to be voted on and approved by the coalition prior to the final award of the grant. Nelson asked for a vote to approve the grant.
  - **The coalition voted to approve the grant "North Shore Regional Safety Coalition University SBIRT Training" for LHSC FFY2019.**
- No Refusal
  - Tangipahoa Parish
    - Bridget Bailey (TPG/TRACC) mentioned that TRACC has been in discussion with the Tangipahoa Parish Jail to amend their medical contract to allow their staff nurses conduct blood draws for No Refusal. She mentioned that she is still waiting to hear back from them on whether it got included in their contract. She added that

if it does, this would mean that Tangipahoa Parish would go from a part time no refusal parish to a 24/7 no refusal parish.

- Bridget added that because of the uncertainty surrounding the adoption of the blood draws in their medical contract, TRACC reapplied for a blood draw grant from LHSC. If the jail does change their contract, this will also provide flexibility and allow TRACC to continue to schedule blood draws in the southern half of the parish for some of the larger events that take place in Hammond and Ponchatoula.
- St. Tammany Parish
  - Bridget mentioned that Slidell's no refusal initiative is ongoing, however, based on Judge Lamz schedule they are only able to conduct no refusal one weekend a month.
  - Aaron mentioned that Slidell PD applied to LHSC to take over the blood draw grant which was previously being handled by TRACC.
  - Aaron added that from a judicial standpoint, Judge Lamz has spoken to the judges at the 22<sup>nd</sup> JDC, and they are now all in support of No Refusal. This will help expand no refusal within Slidell, as now other judges can sign blood draw warrants when Judge Lamz is not on call.
  - Aaron added that he has also been in discussion with St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's Office, and they also use the same medical provider as Tangipahoa Parish prison. They are potentially interested in amending their medical contract in the future to allow for 24/7 no refusal in St. Tammany Parish.
  - Nelson added that the 22<sup>nd</sup> JDC also covers Washington Parish, so this could in the future open up No Refusal in Washington Parish if the blood draw issue was resolved.
- Law Enforcement Training
  - Aaron mentioned that TRACC and State Police held an Intoxilyzer 9000 class for the North Shore Region. There were 37 officers in the class, and 34 of them were from the North Shore Region. Aaron added they also successfully conducted an SFST course in June.
  - Nelson encouraged all agencies to always check the LSP training site for any upcoming training that their agency might need. The link to the website is → <http://www.lsp.org/training.html>
    - The following trainings are coming up
      - Intoxilyzer 9000 Recertification
        - Troop L
          - July 9, 2018
            - 0800-1200
            - 1300-1700
          - July 10, 2018

- 0800-1200
    - 1300-1700
  - October 08, 2018
    - 0800-1200
    - 1300-1700
- SFST Practitioners Course
  - Troop A Area, LSP Training Academy
    - September 5-7, 2018
      - 0800-1700
- Kenny LaMulle (LSP-L) mentioned that there is an upcoming DRE school that will be taking place July 17-27.

## **Occupant Protection: Sgt. Kevin Allen (LSP-L), Kace Nielsen (Hammond Fire Prevention Bureau)**

- CPS Classes
  - Sgt. Allen mentioned that the North Shore Region will be having a CPS Technician Class on August 1-4 in Mandeville. He added that currently there are 30 registered students and the class is closed.
- Rural Outreach
  - Sgt. Allen mentioned that as a part of the enhanced emphasis on rural outreach, they have been able to get some individuals from Washington Parish signed up for the CPS technician crash.
- Diversion Program
  - Sgt. Allen mentioned that he is working on getting the diversion program up and running, and now has a scheduled meeting with the district attorney association on August 22nd. The goal is to set up a program that directs individuals to the CPS fitting stations for education, and prevent them from entering the driving under suspension cycle.
  - Aaron mentioned that in the FAST Act there is funding for child safety seats from NHTSA. He mentioned that perhaps they could make a grant application straight to NHTSA to help fund child safety seats for this statewide diversion program.
- Saved by the belt
  - Sgt. Allen mentioned that they recently submitted a crash for a saved by the belt award. He added, if you work or see a crash which you think might be eligible for the award, please reach out to him or Nelson.
- CPS Heroes
  - Sgt. Allen mentioned that they recently held their CPS conference, and during the conference Deputy Patrick Casnave, and Trooper Kevin Cefalu were named CPS heroes.
- Standardized DZD Polices
  - Nelson mentioned that one of the action items on our state occupant protection action plan was to develop a model seat belt policy, and encourage companies to adopt it. Nelson mentioned that Dynah Capone has been working on the policy,



and it was recently completed and is ready to be pushed out. The policy is attached to the meeting minutes email.

- Click it or Ticket
  - Aaron mentioned that we had 10 agencies on the North Shore participate in the recent click it or ticket campaign.

## **Infrastructure and Operations: Cristine Gowland (DOTD-62), Sgt. Russell Mayfield (LSP-L)**

- Local Road Safety Update
  - Crash Data Class II
    - Nelson mentioned that on April 17<sup>th</sup> the North Shore Regional Safety Coalition in conjunction with LTAP hosted the second crash data class. The class was attended by 17 individuals, and we had representation from every parish except St. Helena.
  - Local Road Safety Plans
    - Nelson mentioned that RPC and DOTD just amended the safety coalition coordinators contract to allow them to start assisting member parishes and municipalities with the development of Local Road Safety Plans.
  - Northshore Blvd.
    - Nelson mentioned that as a result of the crash data II class, Eric Lundin (City of Slidell) reached out to figure out next steps for addressing Northshore Blvd. which is the number one crash generating local road within St. Tammany Parish. To address this issue, the I&O emphasis area recommended conducting a corridor study, or an RSA.
  - Tangipahoa Parish Local Road Safety Application
    - Ron mentioned that Tangipahoa Parish has submitted three applications to the Local Road Safety program to address the safety concerns on all of the parish roads identified within their parish profile.
  - St. Tammany Parish
    - Lacey McCaskill (DOTD-62) mentioned that St. Tammany Parish was just awarded two projects for signing and striping.
- LA40 RSA
  - Cristine Gowland (DOTD-62) mentioned they conducted a RSA on LA40. Cristine mentioned that the RSA was a part of the larger Stop the Knock Program in Tangipahoa Parish. She mentioned that she has received feedback from members of the RSA team, and is in the process of finalizing the report. She added they have already begun implementing some of the short term improvements which were identified during the RSA.
  - She mentioned that for the next RSA, she plans on doing one in St. Tammany parish. She mentioned she will again use the HPSI (High potential for safety improvement) to select the roadway.
- I-12 Safety Update

- Cristine mentioned that they have scheduled a meeting to discuss some potential safety countermeasures that they can deploy to improve the safety of I-12. She added that St. Tammany Parish is currently working on a federal BUILD application to widen I-12.
- Ron mentioned that all the agencies that responded to the I-12 crash handled the situation in a textbook fashion for traffic incident management. Ron reminded the coalition that if any agency needs training in Traffic Incident Management to please reach out to him.
- **Contraflow Preparedness**
  - Cristine added that they are in the process of inventorying and verifying all their equipment and processes for contraflow. She added that they have a contraflow planning meeting scheduled with state police in the next few weeks.

## **SHSP Dashboard Update: David Whitchurch, Business Analytics Manager, Highway Safety Research Group**

- David Whitchurch (HSRG) presented crash data trends for the North Shore Region, and walked through the new SHSP dashboards he has been improving. David added if you have any suggestions about added features for the dashboards please reach out to him. The presentation is attached to the meeting minutes email. To view the SHSP dashboards, please visit → <http://crashdata.lsu.edu/shsps.aspx>

## **Stakeholder Update**

- Claude Maher (Operation Lifesaver) mentioned that September 23-29 is Rail Safety Week. Operation Lifesaver is looking for law enforcement agencies to participate in the second annual “Operation Clear Track”, which will take place on Tuesday, September 25. The goal is for three hours of law enforcement participation at two rail grade crossings of the agencies choice. If you have any questions about the event please reach out to Claude Maher.