

NEW ORLEANS TRAFFIC SAFETY COALITION

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Data Presentations: Pedestrian/Bicycle and Infrastructure/Operations

Jeff Dickey and Bethany Campbell of the Highway Safety Research Group presented regional crash data related to pedestrians and bicyclist, including demographic trends and hot spot maps; and infrastructure/operations maps, specifically intersection crashes and roadway departures. This data will be used to inform future updates to our region's Strategic Highway Safety Plans for those emphasis areas.

Presentation of AAA study on teen distracted driving

Donald Redman of AAA presented on a new study that found some of the major causes of crashes involving young drivers are other teen passengers and cell phone use. The full study can be found at <https://www.aaafoundation.org/using-naturalistic-data-assess-teen-driver-crashes>.

In light of this presentation, Bridget Gardner suggested the coalition establish a plan to disseminate the information we discuss at meetings so we can educate not just ourselves but the people we work with, clients, etc.

Bicycle safety education videos

Dan Jatres, team leader of the Pedestrian and Bicycle emphasis area, showed videos produced by NORPC to educate road users on riding bicycles and driving around people on bicycles safely. He welcomes any distribution suggestions or contacts. Ideas included the OMV, hotels, and trauma centers.

Member/agency updates

- Bobby Breland (LHSC): There is legislation being prepared involving impaired driving—more information on these will be available at next month's meeting
- Jeff Dickey (HSRG): Highway Safety Research Group is working on cleaning and preparing 2014 crash data retrieved from police crash reports
- Mike Watson (Text Guardian app) will be looking for potential government or corporation funding for his app—because the app runs in the background and isn't often opened, it's difficult to financially support it through ad sponsorship. He welcomes any suggestions the coalition may have.
- Capt. Donovan Archote and Maj. Carl Saizan (LSP)
 - Working to get judicial support for No Refusal. Subpoenas have decreased from fifteen a month to one since its implementation. So far, 3 of the 4 judges in the 34th JDC have agreed, and an upcoming meeting is planned for discussion in New Orleans as well.
 - LSP is also partnering with the OMV to be certain all driving schools are in compliance with Title 55; after the program is fully in place, hopefully in the next month, they expect to visit each driving school yearly to check compliance.
- Officer Jon Cryer (Kenner PD):

- There have been no fatal or critical injury crashes in the past month.
 - Kenner PD has also recently trained their first round of officers on Intoxilyzers and electronic DWI reporting.
- Scott Boyle (DOTD) reported that speed detectors have been placed on Gravier and Baratavia; these are available for state routes and will be moved periodically. DOTD will also begin restriping West Bank and Pontchartrain Expressways soon.
- Aaron Chabaud (LHSC):
 - Grant applications for seatbelt and DWI waves through the summer have closed, but applications for yearly funding for 2016 is expected to open soon.
 - LA Drive is up and running, and is allowing most agencies to reduce arrest times from 3-4 to 1-2 hours.
 - North Shore region agencies are working toward more No Refusals, but are having difficulty getting judges on board and be on call 24/7; at most, an agency may conduct a few per week.
- Bridget Gardner (LSU Trauma Center):
 - A free Occupant Protection course is available to any agency that requests it; it last 4-6 hours and includes child passenger safety, adult use, regular enforcement, night-time enforcement, and agency policy. It's important for officers to be educated on this topic and comply by the law, because they are just as at risk of being involved in a crash as anyone else, as a recent fatal crash involving a potential future student of the class proves.
 - Buckle Up Louisiana is a resource on Facebook for proper restraint information: www.facebook.com/BuckleUpLouisiana
 - A young mother and 6-year-old child were recently killed when their car overturned into a Jefferson Parish canal; the child was properly restrained, but the mother was not. Bridget is concerned that this may cause some to blame booster seats on the child's death; if questions arise that any coalition members are unable to answer surrounding this incident and booster seat safety, you may refer them to Bridget: bgardn@lsuhsc.edu
- Bill Triay (MMAC): There is an ITE convention in Biloxi where Bill and Scott Boyle will present on the possibility that yellow light timing may be increasing intersection crashes
- Beth Inbau (NSC):
 - There is a class newly available in New Orleans called Attitudinal Dynamics of Driving, which is a behavior-based advanced course for problem drivers, and is an option for someone who has received a DWI. The course is 8 hours long and is available on most Saturdays. For more information, visit http://metrosafety.org/training%20brochures/2015training/2015_ADD_NOLA.pdf
 - Alive at 25 is a course to teach young drivers safe driving practices, but there isn't an incentive to participate; NSC is currently working with New Orleans schools to make taking the course a requirement of all students with parking passes. Visit http://metrosafety.org/traffic/driver_improvement/aa25_schedule.htm for more details.
 - NSC is working with Operation Lifesaver to provide a safety class for people given a citation at a railroad crossing; for more information, please contact Claude Maher at operationlifesaver@la.gov.
- Chris Laborde (NORPC):
 - The date for Zephyrs safety night has not been set, but Chris has verified with stadium management that it will occur, probably at a Thursday night game. In the meantime, all coalition members are encouraged to participate and plan what exhibits or information they would like to display.

- Chris is working with owners of electronic billboards to display safety or emergency preparedness messaging; if anyone knows the location of an electronic billboard in our region, please email him at claborde@norpc.org so he can contact the owner to discuss.
- Chris suggested we set up regular press conferences during the holidays in July and December to get out messages and report on coalition activities.
- If there are any messages coalition members would like reported to partners in Emergency Preparedness, let Chris know.
- Dan Favre (Bike Easy): The major events of Bike to Work Week, including Bike to Work Day, were pushed back by one week due to weather. Dan is the new executive director of Bike Easy.
- A Saved By the Belt awards ceremony is scheduled for next month's safety coalition; all enforcement agency partners are asked to submit a nominee for consideration. Please contact Bridget Gardner at bgardn@lsuhsc.edu with nominees.

Adjourn

Next meeting:

Wednesday, May 20, 2015

Regional emphasis area data presentations will conclude with data on Young Drivers

Please contact us if you have questions, comments, or corrections to these notes.

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