

Safe Communities Executive Committee Meeting
Otter Tail County Courthouse
January 11, 2012 10:30 – Noon
Minutes

- 1) Jane Patrick welcomed the group. Attending were partners Steve Adams (Fergus Falls Police Department-2); Ryan Cheshire (OTC Attorney's Office-3); Kristin Erickson & Sabina Shrestha (OTC Public Health); Judy Bradow (Victim Advocate); Mary Matteson (Fergus Falls ISD #544-2); Jake Grabow (OTC Sheriff's Department-2); Tria Mann (OTC Probation DWI Court Program-2); and Jane Patrick, Project Coordinator.

- 2) Updates:
 - December Traffic Safety Partner award luncheon – It went very well. Jane will look in the Daily Journal to see if an article or picture was published on the event. In the future it would be good to invite the supervisors to come for those being recognized.
 - Safe ride updates – hoping to transfer all service to Wayne's City Taxi.
 - Motorcycle Group ride - A meeting was held in December. Legislation is being proposed to legalize private road guards who have been trained by the state and who have high visibility equipment. Rep. Bud Nornes is introducing this into legislation in January. ABATE is working with him to draft language. Jane will share updates with the coalition as they become available.
 - Fatality reviews – were held on December 16th. Summary results will be forthcoming from this for 2010 as all fatals have now been reviewed. There are still a few to review for 2011. A total of 14 fatals were reported for 2010; and preliminary numbers show in 2011 that 10 fatals occurred.
 - Social Host Ordinance – hopeful to have it adopted by county; then adopted by each individual city in the county. Judy mentioned that WDAY reported Minnesota ranks #2 in the nation for highest binge drinking; also concerns about senior citizens;
 - The group discussed the activity for the May Safe and Sober Seatbelt wave. They will again ask local schools to partner with us for the drawing contest. The winner(s) will have their artwork made into posters, a billboard and other media forms. Jane submitted a grant request to AAA to see if they will support this activity. FFPD would like to do drawing contest but we will enhance the rules to indicate we need a lot of color and/or the color can be modified; booklets which we have received from AAA will be used; LE may also partner with us by going in the classroom and/or hallways handing out info.

- 3) FY12 Work Plan:
 - Articles – Feb (Ryan); March (Mary M.-Youth Health Day); (Steve - April-prom, mock crashes, students); May (sheriff-graduation);

- Youth Health Day – Hidden in Plain Sight – Ryan can help line up confiscated items from the county; school is on board; issues from LE perspective are that items may come up missing so the area has to be closely monitored; Steve agreed to help organize law enforcement to be on site. We can ask the Sheriff's Department to assist if needed.
 - information/stickers/awareness about seatbelts; squad car out on the playground
 - Server trainings – Jane will talk to Jon about having time @ the training and/or having the display board there; Jake talked about a training that he would like to have money to send someone to train the trainer;
 - Annual licensing “events” – October/November the applications come in for the first of the year; city of FF will be requesting a reduction in the number of alcohol compliance checks per year to make their own determination of how many are needed; Sheriff's Office didn't do any compliance checks in 2011 but will probably do them in 2012.
 - Controlled drink – could the Collaborative/Chem Health pay for this about \$1000 annually- ask Susan Kay if the radio station could sponsor; or city of ff liquor store; community groups; LRHC; do the controlled drink demonstration at the college ask them to get on board with hosting it in early September at the start of the new school year; have a speaker on behaviors and choices;
- 4) DWI Court updates – Tria has it on the February team meeting agenda to solicit graduates/volunteers to help out with various events. They will host another graduation this week, and just had two new participants start. Currently there are 18 participants and 23 graduates to date. Tria will share some stats when they are available. Their grant was renewed for \$90K, plus enhancement grant.
- 5) Partner sharing:
- Heroin is making a big come back so lots going on at county attorney's office
 - Prescription Drugs haven't really settled down and is probably still the most frequent
 - Discussion of “bath salts” and “controlled substances” and how they came to be and why/how they are initially legal and then become illegal
- 6) **Next meetings:** Safe Communities Coalition – February 8th from 10:30 – noon in Dead Lake Room at Government Service Center.

All are welcome and encouraged to attend any and all meetings of each group!!!