

State Safety Coordinating Committee  
January 25, 2007

In attendance:

Chair, Representative Jim McClendon  
Director of Dept. of Public Safety, Col. Chris Murphy represented by  
Sgt. James Patterson  
Director of Dept. of Transportation, Joe McInnes  
Dept. of Transportation, Don Arkle  
AOC, Mike Carroll represented by Jack Doane  
House, Representative Pat Moore  
Governor's Appointee, James L. Jones  
ADECA representative, Bobby Pruitt represented by Terry Henderson

The meeting began with a presentation of the new "Safe Home Alabama" web portal. The presentation was given by Dr. David Brown of the University of Alabama CARE Research and Development Laboratory. The purpose of this portal is to provide a platform where all traffic safety related information can be collected and disseminated.

The minutes from the October 5, 2006 meeting, a Preliminary Draft of the Five Year Strategic Plan, and a list of all purposed traffic safety legislation were distributed to the committee members.

Terry Henderson took roll and sufficient personnel were present to constitute a quorum. Chairman Jim McClendon called the meeting to order.

James L. Jones made a motion to accept the minute as presented. The motion was seconded by Joe McInnes. It passed unanimously.

Rep. McClendon welcomed Rep. Pat Moore as our newest member and welcomed the Legislative Task Force for the State Highway Safety Plan.

Rep. McClendon postponed Executive Committee appointments and also asked committee members to review the Preliminary Draft of the Five Year Strategic Plan for future discussion and/or adoption.

Discussion: Rep. McClendon began discussing which proposed legislation would be supported by both the SSCC and the Legislative Task Force. Waymon Benifield distributed a revised list of legislation including three new proposals and an in-depth description for each entitled "Title Changes to be submitted to the Legislature". He also distributed Chapter 3 Legislative Component from the Draft of Alabama Strategic Highway Safety Plan, September 30, 2006 which gives an overview of their recommended legislation and course of action. Upon receipt of these resources, the joint committee began to evaluate each of the proposed

legislation. Of the forty legislation topics, these were selected to introduce to the Legislature:

1. Prior alcohol, out of state
2. No previous DL, close loophole
6. Attempting to allude
10. Cities under 19,000 inhabitants
11. Arrest for misdemeanor if not seen by officer
13. Aggravated DUI >.15 BAC
- 14/26. Increase seat belt from \$25 to \$50 combined with Seatbelt all passengers
19. Strengthen GDL
23. Teen cell phone prohibition

Additional legislation recommended for support, if introduced, is:  
16. Red light camera.

A Memorandum from NHTSA was distributed to show the findings of a recent review of Alabama's child restraint law which concluded that it does not comply with Section 2011 of the SAFETEA-LU standards. This was reserved for future legislative sessions.

Discussion: After a consensus was met for the legislative topics list, Rep. McClendon began to take volunteers to develop and support these legislative topics and charged individuals with the responsibility to get their legislation sponsored in the House and Senate. The following volunteered to support the respective legislation:

Legislative Topic 1- Brandon Hughes with support from MADD  
Legislative Topic 2- DPS- Sgt. James Patterson  
Legislative Topic 6- Dothan PD- Sgt. Tim Ward & Cpl. Scott Heath & DPS  
Legislative Topic 10- James L. Jones & DPS  
Legislative Topic 11- Dothan PD- Sgt. Tim Ward & Cpl. Scott Heath  
Legislative Topic 13- Brandon Hughes with support from MADD  
Legislative Topic 14/26- Rep. Pat Moore, Maxie Thomas, DPS, and ALDOT  
Legislative Topic 19- Carlos Kimbrough, Terry Henderson, JVarra McCall  
Legislative Topic 23- Rep. Jim McClendon

Rep. McClendon provided a list of the Public Safety Committee for members to identify a sponsor. All proposed legislation must be to Legislative Research Service (LRS) before March 6.

A meeting was set for Friday February 9, 2007 from 10-12 in the ALDOT Teleconference Room to review results. This will be a joint meeting of the SSCC and the Legislative Task Force.

The next regular SSCC meeting will be February 23, 2007 from 10-12 in the ALDOT Teleconference Room. This will be a joint meeting of the SSCC and the Legislative Task Force.

Signed: *Jeremy Darabaris*