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Santa Clara County Safe Community Meeting January 9, 1997

Attendees:

Dr. Joe Cindrich, NHTSA Region 9
Jack Champlin, NHTSA Region 9
Jim Beall, Chairman, Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors
Jennifer Simmons, Administrative Assistant, Santa Clara County
Board of Supervisors
Dr. Guadalupe S. Olivas, Director, Santa Clara County Public Health Department
Dena Dickinson, Santa Clara County Public Health Department
Julie Grisham, Director, Santa Clara County MCAH Division
Bobbie Wuncsh, Health Care Consulting

The meeting was held in the Santa Clara County Department of Education Building to explore the possibility of developing a regional approach to implementing the concept of "Safe Community" in Santa Clara County.

Dr. Cindrich and Jack Champlin explained the regional approach to safe communities and how this approach would be more effective than the single city approach in reducing traffic related injuries and fatalities in various traffic modes.

Dr. Cindrich stated at the outset that his office does not generate federal funding, and any DOT 402 funds would require grant submission and approval by the California Office Traffic Safety. Dr. Cindrich stated that NHTSA Administrator Dr. Ricardo Martinez strongly supports Safe Communities as well as California Office Traffic Safety Director Arthur Anderson.

Mr. Beall, also serves as a member of the Bay Area Metropolitan Transportation Commission and stated that these could be additional funds available for these efforts.

- In summary, 1) Santa Clara expressed a strong interest to pursue the safe community concept.
- 2) Dr. Cindrich will brief California Office Traffic Safety of the meeting and Santa Clara's decision to pursue a grant proposal. (Done 01/10/97)
- 3) Dr. Cindrich ensured that his office would provide technical assistance upon request.
- 4) NHTSA Region 9 staff would meet to outline some possible proposal objectives, activities and best practices which would assist Santa Clara County in preparing a proposal.

