

Fairfax Families for Safe Streets (“Ffx FSS”)

10 January 2022: 6:30 pm to 8 pm

Location: Zoom

Meeting Notes

Introductions – 14 people in attendance including Mike Doyle, Sonya Breehey, Christine Mayeur, Lauren Delmare, Sally Smallwood, Max Jenkins, Hannah Neagle, Phil Kemelor, Chris French, Bob Jordan, Karen McClusky, Colleen Cranna, 2nd Lt. Jason Long, Norm Lisy

Old Business

- FCPD – Jason Long
 - December was a busy month for the crash reconstruction unit.
 - ***In 2021, there were 14 pedestrian fatalities and 3 bicyclist fatalities.*** This is the same number of pedestrian fatalities as 2020 but fewer than 2019. These are the first bicyclist fatalities in the county since 2015.
 - As of this morning in ***TREDS, there were 131 pedestrian crashes in Virginia during 2021.*** This number will increase when reports and numbers are finalized. We won't have finalized numbers around March.
 - On November 2, a pedestrian was struck, and the driver was charged with causing injury to a vulnerable road user.
 - The FCPD news website is a good place to look up reports of fatal crashes:
<https://fcpdnews.wordpress.com/category/fatal-crashes/>
 - Fairfax FSS may use this information and highlight crashes on the website.
- Treasurer's Report - **Norm**
 - The current bank balance is \$16,141.38. We had a big boost from Giving Tuesday and end-of-year donations.
 - Donor contributions will be credited to each individual chapter and expenses will be separated by chapter.
 - We will be moving to a new 501.c3 called NoVA Families for Safe Streets rather than Alexandria Families for Safe Streets which will better to incorporate the 3 NoVA chapters. We are working with the IRS to complete this change. We will also be chartered/incorporated through the Virginia Corporation Commission.
 - Between Giving Tuesday and the end of the year, **Ffx FSS received 11 donations totaling \$1,100 specifically for the Fairfax chapter.**
 - Donations go toward blinkers, giveaways, advertising, and promotional material. We have very low overhead b/c FSS is an all-volunteer organization.
- Update on FFX FSS's Near Miss Survey data – **Karen**
 - There were 151 individual incidents reported (collection starting June 2021)
 - 90% of reported incidents relate to driver behavior
 - 10% of reported incidents relate to pedestrian behavior
 - Reports received from a broad range of community participants – including pedestrians, drivers, cyclists, and witnesses.

Fairfax Families for Safe Streets (“Ffx FSS”)

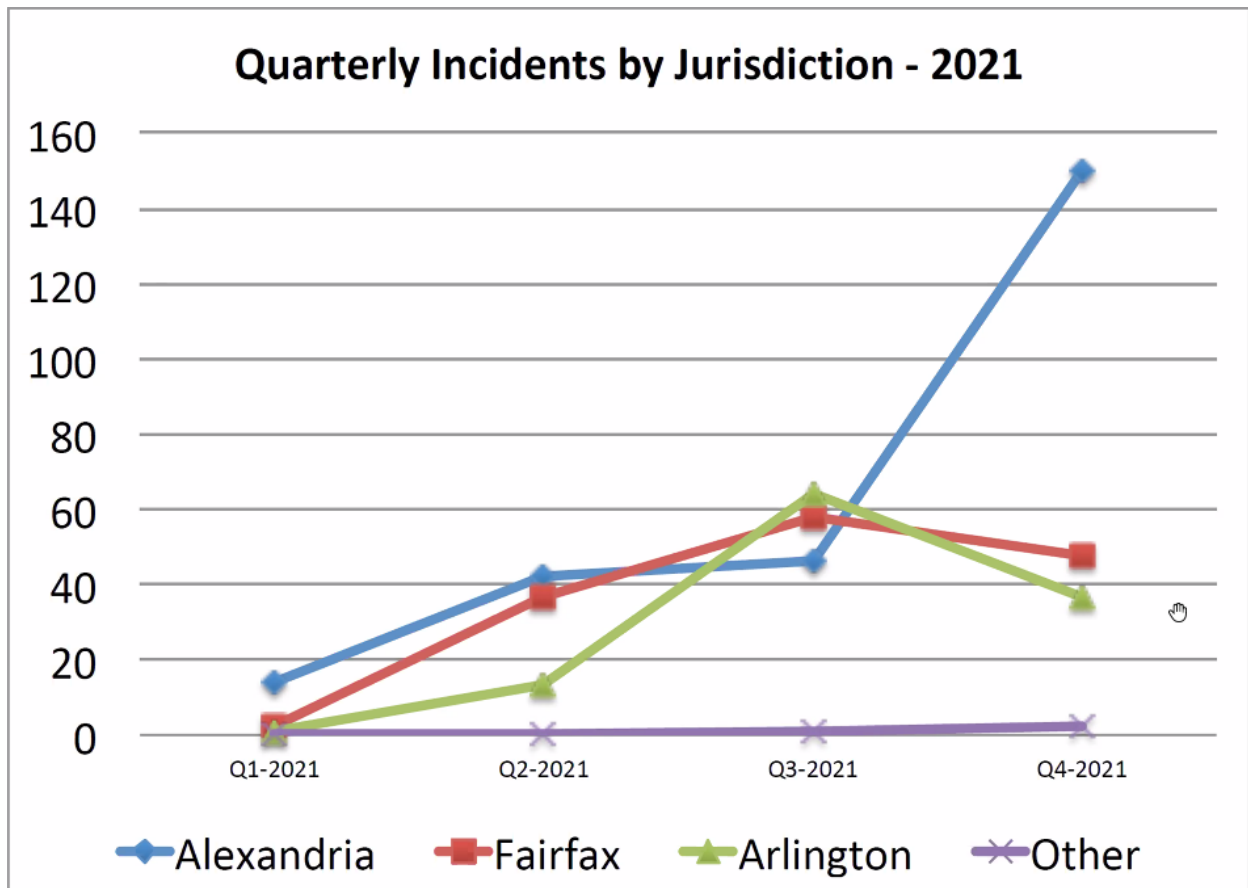
- Nature of Incident
 - Failure to Yield to People and Speeding were reported by almost 50% of respondents.
 - Distracted driving and Stop Sign Running trended above 10% during 4Q21

Nature or Incident	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
	2021	2021	4Q21	4Q21
Failure to yield to people in a crosswalk or on a sidewalk	87	31%	29	34%
Speeding	47	16%	13	15%
Poor Visibility	26	9%	7	8%
Distracted driver	23	8%	10	12%
Turning into an active crosswalk or bike lane	19	7%	4	5%
Passing too close	18	6%	6	7%
Red light running	17	6%	6	7%
Not enough time to cross	15	5%	7	8%
Stop sign running	15	5%	10	12%
Parking Hazard	9	3%	4	5%
Jaywalking	4	1%	2	2%
Trail Blocked	3	2%	0	0%
Sidewalk blocked	2	2%	1	1%
Bike lane blocked	1	0%	0	0%
Crosswalk blocked	0	0%	0	0%
Opening door into active bike lane	0	0%	0	0%
Total	286		99	

- Incident Location
 - 70% of respondents reported Crosswalks, Traffic Lights, and Right Turns as the incident location in 2021
 - There was an uptick in Stop Sign as the incident location during 4Q21

Incident Location	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
	2021	2021	4Q21	4Q21
Crosswalk	90	39%	30	34%
Traffic Light	45	19%	19	22%
Right Turn	29	12%	11	13%
Stop Sign	20	9%	13	15%
Mid-Block	16	7%	7	8%
Left Turn	11	5%	5	6%
Trail	8	3%	0	0%
On Street Parking	6	3%	1	1%
Sidewalk	4	2%	1	1%
Bike Lane (not protected)	3	1%	0	0%
Bike Lane (protected)	1	0%	0	0%
Total	233		87	

Fairfax Families for Safe Streets (“Ffx FSS”)



- We may be able to include EMT data to expand the depth of the Near Miss survey data. EMT has its own data set, and it can be distinctly different from the data we currently have from VDOT.
- We would like to make sure we are reaching out to underserved communities and sharing the Near Miss survey with them. This will include translation and popup events.
- High Schools may be able to help develop PSA-style videos to help promote the NM survey. **Sally may be able to help identify a High School video club** that might help.
- Fairfax FSS’s recent marketing plus public outreach plans – **Phil**
 - Updating NoVA FSS and all three FSS chapters web pages
 - There was recently a regional FSS marketing meeting to evaluate how we can make the NoVA FSS websites more effective. Committee members will be looking at other similar nonprofit websites and will reconvene to discuss design elements that we can incorporate into the NoVA FSS sites. These recommendations will be shared with the web developer to get a sense of the level of effort. We would also like to make the website easier for non-web developers to maintain.
 - Community outreach
 - In Nov-Dec, we were able to distribute a lot of blinkers in the Mason District. We attracted the attention of 3 community groups that were happy to take and distribute these blinkers to at-risk populations who live along highly trafficked corridors. Mike will be purchasing more blinkers.

Fairfax Families for Safe Streets (“Ffx FSS”)

- Letter regarding Leesburg Pike Pedestrian Fatality
 - **Sonya** went to the location of a recent pedestrian fatal crash on Leesburg Pike. She took photos and wrote about the location and infrastructure. **Christine** added information about how the crash could have been prevented through infrastructure. **Phil authored a letter incorporating Sonya’s and Christine’s work.** The letter will be sent to VDOT, FCPD, FCDOT, Fairfax Board of Supervisors, etc.
- Regulation advocacy priorities re: 2022 GA - **Mike**
 - Del Kaye Kory is working on a state-wide vision zero/zero traffic fatalities plan along with a Bike Box bill.
 - Currently, there is a national zero traffic fatalities resolution in the works.
 - We would like to advocate for a state-wide vision zero program.
 - Del Danica Roem (13th Dist.)-Transportation Safety Fund
 - We received a request from Del Roem to help provide input on the transportation safety fund. She is trying to have surplus funds routed to the transportation safety fund.
 - **Christine** – The bill is to dedicate 10% of the general fund surplus to the transportation safety fund. Jurisdictions would be able to apply for money from the fund. Questions exists about requirements for applications and how much money it will be. The amount of money will determine the scope of potential projects.

New Business

- TPB Grant Update - **Mike**
 - We received \$45,000 through a grant from the Transportation Planning Board (TPB). This grant will help run analytics on the data generated from the survey and expand usability through translation and the creation of a mobile app.
 - The money would go directly to the consultants who will help us with the improvements to the survey. *Ffx FSS / NoVA FSS will not directly see a penny of the money.*
 - We will be releasing a press release to announce the award shortly.
- CSG/CASA Safe Streets for Baileys Campaign - **Sonya**
 - The Coalition for Smarter Growth and CASA are working together on a campaign for safer streets in Baily. This is a community-based effort to improve safety for walking, biking, and accessing public transportation.
 - The campaign is still in the beginning stages now that they have been notified that they have been awarded funding through a grant. CSG and CASA will be partnering with FABB and Fairfax FSS. A formal announcement and more information is coming soon.

Upcoming Events

- **Fairfax FSS meeting – 1st Monday of the Month, February 7, 2022**