



WAUKESHA COUNTY

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MINUTES

Wednesday, August 10th 2022

Waukesha County Administrative Building

In Attendance:

Lieutenant Chadwick Niles; Chairman Traffic Safety Coordinator, Waukesha County Sheriff's Department Representative

Sergeant Peter Lynkiewicz; City of Muskego Police Department Representative

Sergeant Matthew Noah; Wisconsin State Patrol Representative

Captain Steve Thompson; City of New Berlin Police Department Representative

Captain Dave Rocklewitz; City of New Berlin Police Department Representative

Sergeant Jeff Mohns; City of Brookfield Police Department Representative

Officer JT Stone; Town of Oconomowoc Police Department Representative

Lieutenant Brian Debarge; Village of Hartland Police Department Representative

Lieutenant Natalie Riley; Village of Elm Grove Police Department Representative

Sergeant Lemar Brooks; Village of Menomonee Falls Police Department Representative

Detective Charlene Craft; Waukesha County Sheriff's Department Representative

Mr. Jarrett Gates; State of Wisconsin Department of Transportation Representative

Mr. Matthew Cowap; Waukesha County Public Works Representative

Ms. Lisa Heinz; Aurora Hospital Representative

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Traffic Safety Commission Chairman, Lieutenant Chadwick Niles at 1:00 pm at the Waukesha County Administrative Building. Introductions were made of those in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Everyone in attendance reviewed the minutes from the May 2022 meeting.

Ms. Heinz made a motion to approve the minutes. Sergeant Lynkiewicz seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

CITIZEN COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Lieutenant Niles advised that the Sheriff's Department received a letter from a concerned citizen regarding the intersection of State Highway 67 and County Highway CW. The letter was read to those in attendance.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

BUREAU OF TRANSPORTATION SAFETY

Lieutenant Niles reviewed recent crash data, countywide and statewide.

Currently Wisconsin has 335 fatal crashes year to date.

Additional flags have been added to crash reports such as aggressive driver, motorcycle helmet usage, school bus involvement.

August 29-31, 2022 Governor's Conference that will be held in Wisconsin Dells, WI

August 17-September 5, 2022 Drive Sober Get Pulled Over

September 19-25, 2022 Child Passenger Safety Week

October 2022 Pedestrian Safety Month

December 14 2022-January 1, 2023 Drive Sober Get Pulled Over

Waukesha County Sheriff was awarded a 2022 Grant for the purchase of the Fatal Vision Marijuana ACG Custom Kit & Fatal Vision Opioid Program Kit.

Waukesha County Sheriff's Department reports that six deployments were held in April handling 164 traffic stops resulting in 195 citations and 9 warnings issued.

HIGH CRASH LOCATIONS / FATALS

➤ **Officer Stone reported the Town of Oconomowoc Police Department had the following fatal:**

- **4-18-22**
- **State Highway 67/County Highway CW**

A SUV operated by a 28-year-old male travelling eastbound on County Highway CW attempted to stop for the stop sign and stated the road was slippery causing him to skid thru the intersection hitting a mini van operated by a 38-year-old-female. Due to the impact, the mini van rolled into the ditch and the driver was ejected and pronounced deceased at the scene. Unknown if she was wearing her seatbelt. The two minor passengers in the minivan were seated in their car seats and were not hurt.

It has been determined that the operator of the SUV was distracted by his cell phone at the time of the crash. Toxicology reports are still pending. Wisconsin State Patrol is handling the reconstruction.

Rumple strips have been approved to be installed on County Highway CW. The Waukesha County Public Works is trying to make improvements at the intersection.

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation has been requested to improve signage on State Highway 67.

A roundabout would need to be installed by the State of Wisconsin and would be a huge capital investment. The Town of Oconomowoc Police Department is also monitoring the intersection. Data is showing drivers are stopping at the stop sign however they are not yielding to oncoming traffic.

➤ **Sergeant Mohns reported the City of Brookfield Police Department had the following fatal:**

- **5-14-22**
- **Pilgrim Road/City of Brookfield**

A 4-door vehicle operated by a 79-year-old female was travelling south on Pilgrim Road when she failed to yield to oncoming traffic which was a motorcycle operated by a 42-year-old male who was travelling north on Pilgrim Road. The yellow flashing light was flashing for southbound traffic. Both riders of the motorcycle were thrown from the motorcycle and transported to hospitals where the driver succumbed to his injuries. The driver was not wearing a helmet, his minor passenger was wearing a full-face helmet. Speed is not a factor. Toxicology reports are pending. Wisconsin State Patrol is handling the reconstruction.

➤ **Lieutenant Niles reports that the Waukesha County Sheriff's Department had the following fatal:**

- **5-20-22**
- **Lisbon Road/Town of Lisbon**

A SUV operated by a 27-year-old male was travelling eastbound on Lisbon Road when he left the roadway striking a utility pole, rolled and struck a tree on its roof before coming to a rest on the passenger side. The driver was pronounced deceased on scene. Driver was not wearing his seatbelt. Alcohol and marijuana usage has been confirmed.

➤ **Lieutenant Niles reports that the Waukesha County Sheriff's Department had the following fatal:**

- **5-26-22**
- **Lisbon Road/Town of Lisbon**

A dump truck operated by a 54-year-old male was travelling westbound on Lisbon Road when a motorcycle operated by a 55-year-old male disregarded the stop sign on Maple Avenue and drove straight into traffic on Lisbon Road. The driver of the dump truck driver attempted to stop and was unsuccessful in time. The motorcyclist was pronounced deceased on scene. No alcohol or drug usage is suspected. Wisconsin State Patrol is handling the reconstruction.

➤ **Sergeant Brooks reports that the Menomonee Falls Police Department had the following fatal:**

- **7-3-22**
- **Pick-N-Save parking lot on Appleton Ave/Village of Menomonee Falls**

A SUV operated by an 18-year-old female was travelling in a highly populated parking lot due to the fireworks when she lost control due to a dog jumping around inside and onto the floorboard hitting the gas pedal causing the vehicle to accelerate, the vehicle struck the curb and hit two people (24-year-old male and 25-year-old female) that were sitting on the opposite side. The vehicle continued north hitting trees and bushes where it overturned. The male was pronounced deceased at the scene and the female was transported to the hospital. Toxicology is still pending. Menomonee Falls Police Department is handling the reconstruction.

➤ **Sergeant Noah reports that the Wisconsin State Patrol had the following fatal:**

- **7-5-22**
- **Interstate 94 and State Highway 83/City of Delafield**

Three units were travelling eastbound on Interstate 94 when traffic started to slow, unit 1 was a heavy-duty pick-up truck operated by a 45-year-old female who failed to stop in time and struck the rear of unit 2 a 4-door car operated by a 41-year-old male. Unit 2 was then pushed into the rear of unit 3 which was operated by a 43-year-old male.

An 88-year-old male was the back seat passenger of unit 2 was pronounced deceased at the scene, the other two occupants were transported to the hospital. All three vehicles had disabling damage. Speed and distracted driving of unit 1 is suspected. Toxicology reports are pending. Wisconsin State Patrol is handling the reconstruction.

➤ **Lieutenant Niles reports that the Waukesha County Sheriff's Office had the following fatal:**

- **7-17-22**
- **State Highway 59 and Rockwood Trail/Town of Genesee**

A pickup truck operated by a 34-year-old female was travelling westbound on highway 59 crossed the center line and struck a mini van operated by an 84-year-old male. The passenger in the mini van was transported to the hospital as well as the two occupants in the pickup truck. The driver of the minivan was pronounced deceased the scene.

Toxicology report is pending, and criminal charges are also pending as impairment is suspected for the 34-year-old female.

Wisconsin State Patrol is handling the reconstruction.

➤ **Sergeant Brooks reports that the Menomonee Falls Police Department had the following fatal:**

- **7-22-22**
- **Lannon Road/Village of Menomonee Falls**

A SUV operated by a 34-year-old male was travelling southbound when he drove off the roadway striking a huge tree. The driver was pronounced deceased at the scene. He was not wearing seatbelt and alcohol use is suspected. Toxicology is still pending. Wisconsin State Patrol is handling the reconstruction.

NEW BUSINESS

The area of State Highway 164 and Interstate 43 has been proposed to have a “diamond intersection” installed. The earliest this will be constructed is in 2025-26.

State Highway 18 in Wales will be closed long term for a resurfacing project. Projected to last until late October.

2022 MEETING SCHEDULED

Our next meeting is Wednesday, November 9th 2022 at 1:00 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Captain Thompson. Sergeant Noah seconded the motion to adjourn. Motion was passed to adjourn the meeting.

Traffic Safety Commission Chairman, Lieutenant Chadwick Niles adjourned the meeting at 2:55 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bobbi Jo Hinkley, TSC Assistant
Waukesha County Sheriff's Department