



WAUKESHA COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MINUTES

**Wednesday, August 8, 2018, at 1:00 p.m.
Waukesha County Courthouse, Room G55**

In Attendance:

Mr. Bruce Barnes; Waukesha County Traffic Engineer, Highway Commissioner Representative
Sergeant Chris DeMotto; Village of Mukwonago Police Department Representative
Officer Spencer Kranz; Town of Oconomowoc Police Department Representative
Sergeant Ben Langer; City of New Berlin Police Department Representative
Ms. Shana Lebanowski; Injury Prevention Coordinator, Aurora Medical Center, Summit
Lieutenant Michelle Leffler, Chairperson Traffic Safety Coordinator, Waukesha Sheriff's Department
Ms. Deena Liska, Teen Driving Coordinator, Children's Hospital of Wisconsin
Mr. Rick Olig; Wisconsin Department Of Transportation, BOTS
Ms. Kathleen Roe; Vice-Chairperson, Education Representative
Mr. Derrin Wolford; WIS DOT, Highway Engineering Representative
Supervisor Chuck Wood; Waukesha County Board

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Traffic Safety Coordinator Lieutenant Michelle Leffler, from the Waukesha County Sheriff's Department, at 1:00 p.m., at the Waukesha County Courthouse in Room G55. Introductions were made.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Officer Spencer Kranz, from the Town of Oconomowoc Police Department, made a motion to approve the minutes from 05-09-18. Vice-Chairperson Kathleen Roe, seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. The minutes were then approved.

BUREAU OF TRANSPORTATION SAFETY

- ❖ Mr. Rick Olig, from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, Bureau of Transportation Safety, stated we are down in numbers from last year for fatalities. There have been 312 fatal crashes so far this year as compared to 327 last year at this time, and 341 fatalities as compared to 357 last year.

The Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over mobilization runs from 08-17-2018 through 09-03-2018.

The Governor's Conference on highway safety will be at the Grand Geneva Resort, in Lake Geneva, from 08-21-2018 through 08-23-2018, along with the annual law enforcement luncheon on 08-23-2018.

He then gave a presentation on Community Maps, which is an online interface for mapping crash data, and located on the map the fatalities that occurred in 2018. He demonstrated how to access the accidents, showing their locations on the map, and how to obtain the Crash Report. There is a lot of information that is available from Community Maps, and the program does include a user guide. If anyone would like training on the program, they can contact him.

COMMISSION MEMBER REPORTS

- ❖ Children's Hospital of Wisconsin
Deena Liska stated that she will be forwarding reference cards on teen driving safety and also child passenger safety which they created for law enforcement. They will be handing out the cards at the Governor's Conference later this month.
- ❖ Education
Vice-Chairperson Kathleen Roe stated any law enforcement agencies or anyone else would be welcome to contact her let her know if there are any issues or if there is anything that driver's education teachers could be doing to better help assist in their classes. She would like to be sure that they are teaching the problems that others are seeing. Rick Olig stated that perhaps more information through public service announcements/videos could be sent to the committee with valuable driving information that, in turn, could be passed along to others.
- ❖ Highway Engineering Representative
Mr. Derrin Wolford, from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, stated that Stacey Pierce, who is the Southeast Region Safety Engineer, will be taking a new position. Dan Dedrick will be the new Safety Engineer for the Wisconsin Department of Transportation in the southeast region.

HIGH CRASH LOCATIONS / FATALS

➡ Chairman Lieutenant Michelle Leffler reported that the Waukesha Sheriff's Department had three fatalities, as follows:

- Date of Accident: 06-14-2018, 1705 hours

Location: Golf Road, .31 Mile West of Maple Avenue,
Town of Delafield

This fatality involves a car and bicycle. A 2003 Honda Civic, driven by a 71-year-old male, was traveling eastbound on Golf Road, west of Maple Avenue, when it left the roadway and traveled onto the gravel shoulder striking a bicyclist also traveling eastbound. The bicyclist, a 57-year-old male, was thrown from the bicycle, went onto the hood, into the windshield, and onto the roof of the vehicle. The bicyclist then came to rest in the eastbound lane of Golf Road. CPR was performed by a passerby, and an officer from the City of Delafield Police Department utilized an AED in an attempt to render aid to the subject. The bicyclist later passed away at the hospital. Crash reconstruction was completed by the Wisconsin State Patrol.

- Date of Accident: 07-15-2018, 0549 hours

Location: CTH SS/Prospect Avenue and Rocky Point Road,
City of Pewaukee

This was a single vehicle accident where a 2016 Chevrolet Cruze was eastbound on CTH SS when it crossed the centerline and crashed into a tree on the northeast corner of CTH SS and Rocky Point Road. The 25-year-old male driver and his fiancée, a 24-year-old female who was the front seat passenger, were injured. The rear seat passenger, a three-year-old male juvenile and the son of the two other occupants, suffered fatal injuries.

- Date of Accident: 08-07-2018, 1000 hours

Location: I-94 W/B, .41 mile East of Calhoun Road,
City of Brookfield

A 1999 red GM Jimmy hauling a trailer behind it was westbound on I-94 in the right lane and suddenly swerved right, then did a hard left, which caused the trailer and the tow vehicle to separate. The tow vehicle went left across all lanes of traffic head-on into the median wall, causing total damage to the truck. The trailer, which did not have safety chains attached, went off the road to the right, coming to rest in the ditch line on the right shoulder. The passenger, a 47-year-old male suffered minor injuries and was transported to a local hospital. The driver, a 49-year-old male was pronounced dead at the scene.

➡ It was also reported that the Town of Oconomowoc had one fatality, as follows:

- Date of Accident: 06-10-2018, 1742 hours

Location: North Lake Road and Lac LaBelle Drive, Town of Oconomowoc

A single vehicle accident where a 26-year-old male hit the gravel on the shoulder of the road and over-corrected. Reckless driving and speed may have been a factor. The vehicle was rolled, and the driver was ejected, who was pronounced dead at the scene.

NEXT QUARTERLY MEETING SCHEDULED

The next meeting of the Waukesha County Traffic Safety Commission is scheduled for Wednesday, November 14, 2018, at 1:00 p.m., at the Waukesha County Courthouse.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Chairperson Kathleen Roe made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Sergeant Chris DeMotto, from the Village of Mukwonago Police Department. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 1:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Gregesich, TSC Assistant
Waukesha County Sheriff's Department

(Meeting Minutes approved on 11/14/18)