



## WAUKESHA COUNTY

### TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MINUTES

Wednesday, November 10<sup>th</sup> 2021

Waukesha County Administrative Building

#### **In Attendance:**

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

Mr. Dan Kontos; Law Enforcement Liaison Wisconsin Department of Transportation (BOTS)

Dr. Lynda Biedrzycki; Waukesha County Medical Examiner's Office Representative

Sergeant Lemar Brooks; Village of Menomonee Falls Representative

Assistant Chief Chris DeMotto; Village of Mukwonago Representative

Sergeant Peter Lynkiewicz; City of Muskego Police Department Representative

Captain Steven Thompson; City of New Berlin Police Department Representative

Sergeant Adam Nelson; Village of Chenequa Police Department Representative

Supervisor Darlene Johnson; Waukesha County Board

Sergeant Matthew Noah; Wisconsin State Patrol Representative

Trooper Nicholas Lorenzen; Wisconsin State Patrol Representative

Captain Steve Schroeder; Village of Summit Police Department Representative

Lieutenant Brian DeBarge; Village of Hartland Police Department Representative

Ms. Lisa Heinz; Trauma Program Coordinator Aurora Hospital – Summit

Mr. Ryan Hilgendorf; Waukesha County Civil Engineer

Mr. Derrin Wolford; Wisconsin DOT Signal Ops Engineer

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Traffic Safety Commission Chairman, Lieutenant Chadwick Niles at 1:01 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 August 2021 meeting. Sergeant Lynkiewicz made a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Darlene Johnson seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

## **CITIZEN COMMENTS AND REPORTS**

None.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

## **BUREAU OF TRANSPORTATION SAFETY**

Mr. Dan Kontos reviewed year to date crash data. Waukesha County has had 18 fatal crashes and there has been 526 fatal crashes year to date statewide. Crashes are on an upward trend now that drivers are returning to the workplace and travelling again.

Dan reviewed percentages of crashes that involve teen drivers, 65 and older, seat belt, alcohol/drug.

Top two factors for crashes in Waukesha County is speeding and distracted driving.

In 2020, the state did a seat belt usage survey and found that 89.2% of drivers wear seat belts. In 2021, seat belt usage has dropped 88.1%

Year to Date crashes is about 30,000 statewide.

November 8-14 is Crash Responder Safety Week.

December is Impaired Driving Prevention month.

December 17-January 1 is Drive Sober, Get Pulled Over Campaign.

Senate passed the SB311 and SB364 bills and are on their way to the Governor's Desk.

An updated Traffic Safety Guidelines has been updated on the Community Maps website.

The Northern Waukesha County Task Force reported their traffic stops for this past summer for Operating While Under The Influence, Seat belt, and speed Traffic Grants.

The Southern Waukesha County Task Force did not participate due to staffing issues. New Berlin Police Department will be taking over the Southeast area.

Waukesha County Sheriff's Department did not participate in traffic grants due to staffing issues.

## HIGH CRASH LOCATIONS / FATALS

- **Lieutenant Niles reported that the Waukesha County Sheriff's Department had the following fatal:**

- **8-3-21**
- **County Highway K/Town of Lisbon**

An 85-year-old male was travelling westbound on Highway K where the speed limit is 45 miles per hour. Driver is believed to of had a medical emergency causing him to leave the roadway and struck a tree. The airbag was deployed, and driver was wearing his seatbelt.

Driver was pronounced deceased at the hospital due to multiple injuries and blunt force trauma. Toxicology report was negative.

- **Lieutenant Niles reported that the Brookfield Police Department had the following fatal:**

- **8-18-21**
- **Capitol Drive and Yukon Road/City of Brookfield**

A 94-year-old female entered Capitol Drive from Yukon Road, after stopping at the stop sign, proceeded onto Capitol Drive, and stopped in eastbound lanes causing a 32-year-old male travelling eastbound to strike her in the driver's side door.

Speed limit on Capitol Drive is 45 miles per hour. After impact the unit 1's vehicle was pushed into a traffic sign. Both drivers were wearing their seatbelts. Driver of unit 1 pronounced deceased at the hospital. Toxicology report was negative.

- **Lieutenant Niles reported that the Waukesha County Sheriff's Department had the following fatal:**

- **9-17-21**
- **Center Road/Village of Vernon**

A 41-year-old male traveling south on Center Rd lost control in a sharp right curve, went across the corner, struck a tree, and rolled down an embankment where the car came to rest on its roof. Driver was pronounced deceased at the crash scene. Speed limit is 45 miles per hour. Speed is a factor, and the driver was not wearing his seat belt.

No suspicion of impairment however toxicology results are still pending.

- **Lieutenant Niles reported that the Waukesha County Sheriff's Department had the following fatal:**

- **9-19-21**
- **State Highway 83 onramp to Interstate 94 City of Delafield**

A 65-year-old male was operating his older model motorcycle on the onramp to Interstate 94 when the brakes locked up causing him to drop his motorcycle. Rider declined medical attention at the scene and a family member picked him up from the tow company's place of business. Rider was not wearing a helmet and passed away from internal injuries and fractures at the hospital after being admitted two days later.

- **Lieutenant Niles reported that the Waukesha County Sheriff's Department had the following fatal:**

- **9-27-21**
- **State Highway 18 Town of Delafield**

A 33-year-old female was travelling westbound when she crossed the centerline striking a dump truck driven by a 58-year-old male who was travelling eastbound. The driver of unit 2 was wearing his seat, stated the driver of unit 1 crossed the center line and made no effort to correct back to her lane. Driver of unit 1 was not wearing her seat belt and was pronounced deceased at the scene. State Patrol is handing the reconstruction. Toxicology is still pending.

- **Lieutenant Niles reported that the Waukesha Police Department had the following fatal:**

- **10-17-21**
- **State Highway 59 and Racine Ave/City of Brookfield**

A four-vehicle crash occurred in the busy intersection of highway 164/59 and Racine Ave.

Unit 1 was a pickup truck operated by a 75-year-old male who was travelling southbound, had a flashing yellow arrow when he failed to yield to the right of way of two other vehicles.

Unit 2 was a motorcycle operated by a 21-year-old male who was travelling northbound, struck the pickup truck on the passenger side causing the motorcycle to catch on fire. Unit 3 driven by a 55-year-old male also travelling northbound then struck unit 1 causing its direction to turn 90 degrees, who hit unit 4 driven by a 30-year-old male that was stopped for the red light.

The motorcyclist was wearing riding gear including a full-face helmet and was pronounced deceased at the scene. All three operators of the vehicles were wearing their seat belts.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Sergeant Adam Nelson reports that the Village of Chenequa is experiencing issues with commercial motor vehicles (dump trucks) due to a gravel pit located in North Lake. Dump trucks are travelling on State Highway 83 very frequently during the week. This past June a crash occurred with two dump trucks after one of the drivers started choking on food and crossed the center line, this closed the road for many hours to allow for cleanup. The highway is not built for this high volume of traffic. Chenequa did request assistance from State Patrol to have a commercial truck inspector in their area during the week. Chenequa is hoping to have more law enforcement presence to make commercial vehicle drivers more aware to drive safely. Another concern is drivers not being properly licensed to operate dump trucks. It was suggested to send a Chenequa officer to a commercial truck school that is offered by State Patrol. Deputies can assist in patrolling North Lake.

Chenequa is requesting Wisconsin Department of Transportation install motion lighted arrows on the sharp curve of State Highway 83.

## **2022 MEETING SCHEDULED**

Our next meeting is Wednesday, February 9<sup>th</sup> 2022 at 1:00 pm.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Sergeant Lynkiewicz. 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 2:50 pm.

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