



WAUKESHA COUNTY

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MINUTES

Wednesday, February 8th 2023

Waukesha County Administrative Building

In Attendance:

Lieutenant Michelle Larsuel; Chairperson Traffic Safety Coordinator, Waukesha County Sheriff's Department Representative

Mr. Rick Olig; Law Enforcement Liaison Wisconsin Department of Transportation (BOTS)

Sergeant Peter Lynkiewicz; City of Muskego Police Department Representative

Sergeant Matthew Noah; Wisconsin State Patrol Representative

Lieutenant Conrad Soboniak; Village of Hartland Police Department Representative

Lieutenant Michael Kubiak; Village of Mukwonago Representative

Sergeant Lemar Brooks; Village of Menomonee Falls Police Department Representative

Sergeant Adam Nelson; Village of Chenequa Police Department Representative

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

Supervisor Darlene Johnson; Waukesha County Board Representative

Ms. Lisa Heinz; Aurora Hospital Summit Representative

Mr. Derrin Wolford, Traffic Engineer; City Of Waukesha Representative

Mr. Matthew Cowap, Traffic Engineer; Waukesha County Representative

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Traffic Safety Commission Chairperson, Lieutenant Larsuel at 1:02 pm at the Waukesha County Administrative Building. Introductions were made of those in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mr. Olig made a motion to approve the minutes. 2nd motion was made by Sergeant Lynkiewicz. Minutes were approved.

CITIZEN COMMENTS AND REPORTS

A presentation was given by Mr. Wayne Wise with AARP. AARP is a not-for-profit organization that relies on volunteer participation. There are 29 different volunteer opportunities for people to choose from. He talked about the programs that AARP has to offer.

The four driver safety programs they offer are AARP Smart Driver Course, CarFit, We Need To Talk and Smart Driver TEK. It's the nation's largest classroom and online driver safety course and it's designed especially for drivers ages 50 and older. For more information on the classes, they offer or to become a volunteer visit www.aarp.org/drive

OLD BUSINESS

None.

BUREAU OF TRANSPORTATION SAFETY

Lieutenant Larsuel reported that the Sheriff's Department participated in a traffic grant in the month of December. 14 citations and 1 warning were issued from 16 traffic stops.

Mr. Rick Olig reports that Wisconsin currently has 38 fatal crashes in 2023.

There were 598 fatal crashes statewide and 21 fatal crashes in Waukesha County in 2022.

Reviewed the changes to Predictive Analytics. We compared the 2021-2022 crash data.

April is Distracted Driving Awareness Month. May is Motorcycle Safety Month.

Drug Recognition Expert classes will be offered in April, July, and October. July is primarily for Wisconsin State Patrol, but they will take other agencies if there are openings.

Reviewed proposed legislation introduced in the State Assembly and Senate.

HIGH CRASH LOCATIONS / FATALS

- **Lieutenant Larsuel reports that the Waukesha County Sheriff's Department had the following fatal:**
 - **11-4-22**
 - **Interstate 94/City of Delafield**

A pickup truck operated by a 27-year-old male was driving in the right lane of westbound I-94 hydroplanes and loses control, striking a 4-door SUV operated by a 71-year-old male. The SUV collides with median cable barrier, then crosses thru the emergency turnaround, heads into the eastbound lanes of I-94 colliding with the guardrail. The 71-year-old driver passed away from his injuries three weeks later. Speed is a suspected factor. No reconstruction was done.

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

- **1-10-23**
- **County Highway NN/Town of Eagle**

A minivan operated by a 70-year-old male was traveling westbound on County Highway NN and was behind another minivan operated by a 68-year-old male. The 70-year-old driver was travelling at a high rate of speed, hit the van in front of him, then proceeded into the ditch and struck a tree and came to a rest after spinning around.

The 70-year-old driver was transported to the hospital and passed away the next day. Wisconsin State Patrol is handling the reconstruction.

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

- **1-18-23**
- **Townline Road/Town of Lisbon**

A 4-door SUV was operated by a 24-year-old male was driving northbound in the southbound lane, when he tried to correct his vehicle fishtailed, struck a large 4-door SUV and a utility pole. The 21-year-old male passenger in the 4-door SUV was pronounced deceased at the scene. Speed and alcohol are factors.

The toxicology report is pending. Wisconsin State Patrol is handling the reconstruction. Criminal charges are being referred for the 24-year-old driver. A speed study has been requested and will be conducted in this area.

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

- **1-14-23**
- **Interstate 41 and State Highway 100/Village of Menomonee Falls**

A 4-door vehicle operated by a 31-year-old male was exiting Interstate 41 when he lost control while attempting to negotiate the exit ramp at speeds at 120+ speed. The vehicle flipped and came to rest on the overpass of Main Street. He was ejected from the vehicle and pronounced deceased at the scene. He was seen on DOT cameras to be operating erratically before the crash occurred. Toxicology report is pending.

➤ **Lieutenant Larsuel reports that the City of Brookfield Police Department has the following fatal:**

- **11-17-22**
- **Brookfield Road/City of Brookfield**

A vehicle operated by a 61-year-old male was travelling southbound on Brookfield Road when he disregarded the railroad crossing barriers, going around them, and was hit by an Amtrack train travelling westbound. Witnesses state that the barricades were fully functioning with the lights and barricades were down.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

2022 MEETING SCHEDULED

Our next meeting is Wednesday, May 10th 2023 at 1:00 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Supervisor Johnson. 2nd motion was made by Sergeant Brooks. The meeting was adjourned at 2:47 pm.

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