



## WAUKESHA COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MINUTES

Wednesday, February 8, 2017, at 1:00 p.m.

Waukesha County Courthouse, Room G55

In Attendance:

Mr. Bruce Barnes; Waukesha County Traffic Engineer, Highway Commissioner Representative  
Sergeant Andy Birler; Menomonee Falls Police Department Representative  
Michael Borck; WIS DOT, Traffic Regulations Engineer  
Mr. Joseph Davis; Regional Program Manager, DOT Bureau of Transportation Safety  
Sergeant Chris DeMotto; Village of Mukwonago Police Department Representative  
Justin Effinger; WIS DOT, Traffic Engineering Representative  
Lieutenant Mark Garry; Village of Pewaukee Police Department Representative  
Lieutenant Michael Goldmann, Chairman Traffic Safety Coordinator, Waukesha Sheriff's Department  
Sergeant Nakia Guyton; Wisconsin State Patrol Representative  
Sergeant Peter Lynkiewicz; City of Muskego Police Department Representative  
Sergeant Mark Tushaus; City of Brookfield Police Department Representative  
Randy Wiessinger; Consultant, BOTS Law Enforcement Liaison  
Supervisor Chuck Wood; Waukesha County Board

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Traffic Safety Commission Chairman Lieutenant Michael Goldmann at 1:05 p.m., at the Waukesha County Courthouse in Room G55. Introductions were made.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Supervisor Chuck Wood, representing the Waukesha County Board, made a motion to approve the minutes from 11-16-16. Sergeant Mark Tushaus, from the City of Brookfield Police Department, seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. The minutes were then approved.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Sergeant Mark Tushaus addressed Bruce Barnes, the Waukesha County Highway Commissioner representative, a concern from the last Traffic Safety Commission meeting in November of 2016 reference the westbound I-94 off-ramp going southbound onto Moorland Road. There is a lack of demarcation/lines, and cars are stopping at the end of the ramp. As a result, they are creating an increase in rear-end collisions. Bruce Barnes stated that he did forward it to the Department Of Transportation, and they stated they would be looking into it.

### COMMUNITY MAPS PRESENTATION

Randy Wiessinger, Bureau Of Transportation Safety Law Enforcement Liaison and Consultant, gave a demonstration of Community Maps. Each Traffic Safety Commission is required by statute to maintain a spot map of all of their crashes. Community Maps is a resource tool and Google Earth-based program that the Bureau Of Transportation Safety has developed and is available to counties have a way to display their crash spot maps. Community Maps provides Wisconsin's local law enforcement and county Traffic Safety Commissions with an online interface for mapping crash data. He stated the system is able to plot crashes, show trends, speed related crashes in relation to speed enforcement, perform predictive policing, etc. He indicated if there is an interest in the program, to contact him.

### TRAFFIC SAFETY LEGISLATION REPORT

Mr. Joseph Davis, Sr., the Regional Program Manager for the DOT Bureau of Transportation Safety representative, passed out a booklet titled, "Anatomy of Traffic Safety – Waukesha Co. Bureau of Transportation Safety", which included characteristics of the county and the road network, municipalities and population, emergency medical services, economic profile, licensed liquor establishments, crash statistics, fatalities, and grant participation. He stated the local roads are receiving most of the crashes as opposed to the Interstate and State Highways. Only inattentive driving crashes show the percentages higher on the Interstate and State Highways. Driver's behavior is more of a contributing circumstance in crashes and fatalities than highway engineering. Also, fatalities and injuries are highest in the 15 – 24 years-of-age group.

He also spoke reference BOTS funding. There are three Task Force groups in Waukesha County: Waukesha County North, Waukesha County Central, and Waukesha County South. They are funded in all three categories: OWI, Seat Belt, and Speed Grants.

Task Force coordinators are now able to use a Google Docs template for members of their Task Force to attach to the grants, which is much quicker and easier.

Bruce Barnes stated that they are getting more requests from the public for reducing the speed limit, and complaints regarding traffic on county highways in the eastern part of the county. As a result, one of the biggest concerns for engineering is enforcement and realizing the restricted funds. He also stated that he has received a request to reduce the speed on CTH NN in the vicinity of the high school, and they are working with Mukwonago High School to make changes on the highway contingent on the school starting an education program/announcement program for the students to make them aware of the collision rate in front of the school, due to the fact that the majority of the crashes involve students. Joseph Davis stated that area would be a perfect example for using Community Maps. He stated he would be glad to help in any way.

Joseph Davis also sent an e-mail reference DT4000 Help Desk information cards to coordinators of law enforcement agencies listing telephone numbers and an e-mail to contact with support questions and for help in navigating DT4000 Form.

### COMMISSION MEMBER REPORTS

❖ Highway Commissioner Representative

Bruce Barnes stated on Watertown Plank Road/CTH M and Redford Blvd./CTH F they were getting a misreading on the protected and permitted left turn movements. The flashing yellow was being read incorrectly. The protected permitted left turn was discontinued and made a protected only. This resulted in delays and concerns for rear-end collisions. If there are any concerns such as this in other areas, he requested to let him know.

❖ Highway Engineering Representative

Mr. Justin Effinger is the new Department Of Transportation Highway Engineering Representative who is replacing Derrin Wolford.

### HIGH CRASH LOCATIONS / FATALS

➡ Chairman Lieutenant Michael Goldmann reported that the Waukesha Sheriff's Department had two fatalities, as follows:

● Date of Accident: 11-21-2016, 0303 hours

Location: Capitol Drive and Ishnala Trail, City of Pewaukee

A 2010 silver Ford Taurus was traveling east on Capitol Drive when it traveled into the ditch area approximately 420 feet and struck a telephone pole on the front passenger side, and then struck a tree forcing the driver's side front and rear doors to be pushed into the passenger compartment of the vehicle. It came to a stop west of Ishnala Trail. The driver of the Ford Taurus, a 17-year-old female, was pronounced deceased at the scene. Passengers in the vehicle included a 17-year-old female and a 20-year-old male. Both passengers were transported to Summit Aurora Hospital by ambulance for non-life threatening injuries.

● Date of Accident: 12-29-2016, 2315 hours

Location: National Avenue, 277 feet east of Edgewood Avenue, Town of Vernon

A 2001 Buick Century was eastbound on National Avenue (Highway ES). The vehicle lost control on the icy road. The roads were snow-covered and extremely slippery. The vehicle crossed the center lane into the westbound lane, where it was struck in the passenger side by a 2003 Dodge Durango. Both vehicles came to rest in the ditch on the north side of National Avenue. The male driver of the Buick had a minor hand injury. His wife, who was the passenger of the Buick, was unconscious and had labored breathing. A short time later while still on the scene, Vernon Fire advised that the passenger of the Buick had passed away due to her injuries.

### HIGH CRASH LOCATIONS / FATALS CONTINUED

➡ Sergeant Mark Tushaus reported that the City of Brookfield Police Department had one fatality, as follows:

● Date of Accident: 01-03-2017, 2003 hours

Location: Capitol Drive and Springdale Road, City of Brookfield

A two vehicle crash involving a 58-year-old female operator who was stopped for a red light on northbound Springdale Road in the right turn lane, and was intending upon going east on Capitol. Another vehicle driven by a 16-year-old male was eastbound on Capitol in the southernmost lane approaching Springdale, deviated from its lane, and they crashed. The female was taken by Flight For Life to Froedtert Hospital where she was pronounced deceased. The male was not injured.

### NEXT QUARTERLY MEETING SCHEDULED

The next meeting of the Waukesha County Traffic Safety Commission is scheduled for Wednesday, May 10, 2017, at 1:00 p.m., at the Waukesha County Courthouse.

### ADJOURNMENT

Lieutenant Mark Garry, from the Village of Pewaukee Police Department, 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 1:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Gregesich, TSC Assistant  
Waukesha County Sheriff's Department

**(There was one amendment to the above minutes from 02-08-2017, as indicated by Bruce Barnes in the meeting which was held on 05-10-2017. The amendment is on Page 2, in the fourth paragraph under the section "Traffic Safety Legislation Report", in the first sentence. The sentence currently reads: "*Bruce Barnes stated that they are getting more requests from the public for reducing the speed limit, and complaints regarding traffic on county highways in the eastern part of the county.*" It should be changed to read as follows: "*Bruce Barnes stated they are getting more requests from the public for reducing the speed limit, and complaints regarding traffic on county highways in the western part of the county.*" The correction, therefore, changes the word from "eastern" to "western".)**

**(THE MINUTES WERE THEN APPROVED ON 05-10-17.)**