



## WAUKESHA COUNTY

### TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MINUTES

Wednesday, June 10<sup>th</sup> 2020

Waukesha County Courthouse

#### **In Attendance:**

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

Ms. Kathleen Roe; Vice-Chairperson, Education Representative

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

Lieutenant Chris DeMotto; Village of Mukwonago Representative

Sergeant Peter Lynkiewicz; City of Muskego Police Department Representative

Captain Steve Thompson; City Of New Berlin Representative

Mr. Derrin Wolford; Signals Operations Engineer, Wisconsin Department of Transportation

Supervisor Darlene Johnson; Waukesha County Board

Supervisor Christine Mommaerts; Waukesha County Board

Captain Stacy Kelsey; Village of Hartland Representative

Lieutenant Steven Schroeder; Village of Summit Representative

Mr. Bruce Barnes; Waukesha County Traffic Engineer

Sergeant Matthew Noah; Wisconsin State Patrol Representative

Trooper Schopp; Wisconsin State Patrol Representative

Lieutenant Marc Moonen; City of Pewaukee/Waukesha County Sheriff Representative

Ms. Andrea Sorce; Deputy Medical Examiner, Waukesha County

Ms. Magdelene Wagner; Director of Public Works for City of Pewaukee

Ms. Shana Lebanowski; Injury Prevention/Registered Nurse for Aurora Summit

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Traffic Safety Commission Chairman, Lieutenant Chadwick Niles at 1:05 pm at the Waukesha County Administrative Building.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Everyone in attendance reviewed the minutes from the February 13<sup>th</sup> 2020 meeting. Supervisor Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes. Sergeant Lynkiewicz seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

## OLD BUSINESS

None.

## CITIZEN COMMENTS AND REPORTS

None.

## BUREAU OF TRANSPORTATION SAFETY

Mr. Olig; Law Enforcement Liaison Wisconsin Department of Transportation reviewed year to date fatal crashes. Waukesha County has had six fatal crashes and 190 fatal crashes have occurred statewide in 2020. Significant drop in recent crashes due to the Safer At Home Order. Alcohol and speed have been factors in many crashes that have occurred.

Governor's Conference has been cancelled due to COVID regulations.

There is a new format and website address for Community Maps. Changes are made every month. An option to search crash reports written by specific agencies is an available tool.

Click Or Ticket mobilization has a new date of June 22 - July 5, 2020. Drive Sober will be August 21 - September 7 and December 18 – January 1.

Agencies should have received a survey regarding a survey for the Wisconsin Highway Safety Plan. The process of reviewing and updating the plan is currently taking place.

Lieutenant Niles reported the sheriff's department and other local agencies suspended their traffic grants due to Safer At Home Orders and concerns with Covid.

## HIGH CRASH LOCATIONS / FATALS

- **Lieutenant Niles reported that the Waukesha County Sheriff's Department had the following fatal:**
  - **2-16-19**
  - **Interstate 94 Westbound/Town of Brookfield**

A male pedestrian walked into oncoming traffic on Interstate 94 and was hit by a semi-truck travelling westbound. The victim did have negative toxicology results. This was ruled a suicide.

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

- **4-14-20**
- **Interstate 94 Eastbound/City of Pewaukee**

A 24-year old female was travelling on Interstate 94, when she was hit head on by a wrong way 30-year old male driver travelling westbound. The male driver got on and off the interstate travelling the wrong way twice. The female driver was pronounced deceased the scene. The male driver was transported to the hospital with non-life threatening injuries. Two Waukesha County Highway employees in large work trucks did try to stop the wrong way driver beforehand.

Criminal charges have been filed against the male driver for first degree recklessly endangering safety. Toxicology reports are negative.

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

- **4-26-20**
- **County Highway C/Town of Delafield**

A 31-year old female was driving southbound on County Road C when she crossed over the centerline due to distracted driving. She did try to correct the vehicle causing her to enter the ditch, hit a tree then return to the roadway. Bystanders did render aide before the vehicle started on fire. They were able to get to safety the front seat male passenger and two children that were in car seats. The driver was pronounced deceased the scene and the Medical Examiner's Officer reported the driver did have fentanyl in her system at the time of the crash.

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

- **4-28-20**
- **Oakdale Road /Village of Waukesha**

A 43 year old-male travelling northbound when he crossed the center line and was stuck by a vehicle operated by a 72 year-old male who was travelling southbound. The vehicle rolled once before coming to a rest. The driver was pronounced deceased at the scene and was not wearing his seatbelt at the time of the crash. Weather seems to be a factor in this crash as it was raining that night. Initial tests show negative results of alcohol or drugs.

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

- **5-7-20**
- **National Avenue/Village of Vernon**

A 73-year old male travelling eastbound on National Avenue turned in front of a motorcycle operated by a 24-year old male. The motorcyclist was wearing a helmet, not travelling at a high speed. He was pronounced deceased at the scene of the crash. The driver of the vehicle stated he did not see the motorcycle before attempting to turn left onto Hillview Avenue.

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

- **5-22-20**
- **State Highway 83/Town of Mukwonago**

A 70 year-old male was driving northbound on State Highway 83 when he turned in front of a motorcycle operated by a 23 year-old male. The motorcyclist was travelling at a high rate of speed, not wearing a helmet and was pronounced deceased at the scene of the crash. The driver of the vehicle stated he did not see the motorcycle before attempting to turn onto Sugden Road. Wisconsin State Patrol did complete a crash reconstruction. Initial tests show negative results of alcohol or drugs.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Magdelene Wagner is requesting our recommendation about the intersection of County Highway F and Lyndsay Road in Pewaukee. She gave a presentation on why the City of Pewaukee thinks traffic signals should be installed. There have been citizen complaints regarding the intersection. At this time, there is not traffic signals installed and Pewaukee would like to have them present at this intersection. County Highway F is a high volume, higher speed road. A Traffic Study was conducted in 2019 for this intersection and the volume of traffic is not high enough to have traffic lights installed at this time. There is another study scheduled in the near future. A lot commercial and residential development in this area has occurred and will keep occurring in the near future. Their City Council does feel the need for traffic signals will be warranted due to the developments. Currently, Bruce Barnes has stated that Waukesha County has recommended installing Restricted Crossing U-Turn (RCUT) intersection and that they are concerned with rear-end crashes at the intersection if traffic lights were to be installed. Their city council does not like the suggestion of the RCUT intersection.

In the interim, Pewaukee is requesting the speed limit be lowered in the area between County Highway K and south of Green Road to 45 miles per hour as opposed to the

current 55 miles per hour. The reduction in speed will need the Waukesha County Board approval and will need to be highly enforced by the Sheriff's Department. Lieutenant Niles suggested that this topic be addressed again at our next meeting for more discussion. A motion was made by Lieutenant Schroeder and seconded by Sergeant Noah to discuss this matter at our next meeting. It was approved by unanimous vote.

Lieutenant Niles spoke about citizen concerns regarding vehicles speeding in the area of County Highway ES (National Avenue) from the Fox River Bridge to Hillview Drive. Waukesha County Sheriff's Department and Waukesha County have both conducted speed studies in the past. He presented recent data that was collected by the speed trailer that was put there by the Sheriff's Department. The trailer was out there for a total of seven days facing each direction. The data is showing that most drivers are being complaint with the speed limit. Mr. Barnes did advise that the county is aware of the concerns and some improvements in the area may be possible. Supervisor Johnson stated she has been receiving citizen complaints for over three years. The Sheriff's Department and the Town of Mukwonago Police Department will be doing patrol enforcement in this area.

#### **NEXT QUARTELY MEETING SCHEDULED**

The next meeting of the Waukesha County Traffic Safety Commission is scheduled for Wednesday, August 12<sup>th</sup> 2020.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Supervisor Johnson and Mr. Olig seconded the motion to adjourn. Motion was passed to adjourn the meeting.

Traffic Safety Commission Chairman, Lieutenant Chadwick Niles adjourned the meeting.

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