



WAUKESHA COUNTY

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MINUTES

Wednesday, August 9th 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

Sergeant Lemar Brooks; Village of Menomonee Falls Police Department Representative

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

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

Supervisor Darlene Johnson; Waukesha County Board 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

Supervisor Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes. 2nd motion was made by Mr. Rick Olig. Minutes were approved.

CITIZEN COMMENTS AND REPORTS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

BUREAU OF TRANSPORTATION SAFETY

Lieutenant Larsuel reported that the Sheriff's Department participated in the Click It Or Ticket traffic grant. 193 citations, 30 warnings were issued during 174 traffic stops in 7 days.

Mr. Rick Olig reports that Wisconsin currently has 324 fatal crashes. Waukesha County has 16 fatal crashes.

Law Enforcement agencies need to work on filling out the contributing factors on crash reports. It was suggested to have more online training on how to properly complete a DT400 crash report in Tracs. Completing a detailed report helps the state gather data. Documenting work zone crashes help to evaluate the effectiveness of the work zone mitigation. Also helps set future policies to make work zones safer.

The 2023 Governor's Conference on Highway Safety is August 28-30th 2023. September is Child Passenger Safety month; October is Teen Driver and School Bus Safety Month.

Reviewed the Wisconsin Legislative updates signed into law and introduced.

HIGH CRASH LOCATIONS / FATALS

- **Lieutenant Larsuel reports that the Town of Oconomowoc Police Department had the following fatal:**
 - **5-11-23**
 - **County Highways P and K/Town of Oconomowoc**

A garbage truck being operated by a 28-year-old male was in the left turn lane on eastbound Hwy K to turn north onto Brown St. (County Highway P) A motorcycle operated by a 20-year-old male was traveling westbound on Hwy K, when the garbage truck proceeded to turn northbound onto Brown St. The operator of the garbage truck turned in front of the motorcycle due to having an obstructed view by a pickup truck that was also turning to go southbound. The motorcycle rider was wearing protective gear including a full-face helmet. Toxicology report is pending. The 20-year-old male was pronounced deceased at the scene.

➤ **Lieutenant Michelle Larsuel reports that the City of Waukesha Police Department had the following fatal:**

- **6-4-23**
- **State Highways 18 and 59/City of Waukesha**

A pickup truck being operated by a 29-year-old female travelling westbound was approaching St Paul with a green light when a 4-door compact car operated by a 76-year-old male travelling northbound entered the intersection on a solid red light disregarded the red light. The driver of the car was pronounced deceased at the scene.

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

- **6-27-23**
- **Megal Drive/Village of Menomonee Falls**

A motorcycle operated by a 59-year-old male was traveling westbound on Megal Dr. more than posted speed limit. A work van operated by an 18-year-old male was traveling eastbound on Megal Dr, making a left turn. The operator of the motorcycle attempted to avoid the work van and laid the motorcycle on the right side. The operator of the motorcycle came to a rest under the work van and was not wearing proper riding gear and was not wearing a helmet. The operator of the motorcycle was fatally injured. The toxicology report for the 18-year-old is pending. Speed and drug use by the 59-year-old male are factors.

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

- **7-2-23**
- **Silver Spring Drive/Village of Menomonee Falls**

A SUV operated by a 76-year-old male was traveling east on Silver Spring Dr. when he left the roadway, rolled, and hit a pole before coming to a rest on the vehicle's passenger side. The female passenger was transported to the hospital by Flight for Life and the operator was pronounced deceased at the scene. The crash occurred a small distance east of the intersection of Silver Spring Dr and Town Line Rd.

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

- **7-27-23**
- **Bluemound Road and Calhoun Road/City of Brookfield**

A four-door sedan operated by a 74-year-old male was traveling eastbound on W Bluemound Rd when he disregarded the red light and was hit by a minivan that was operated by a 22-year-old female who was travelling westbound and turning to travel southbound on Calhoun Rd. The sedan was overturned and came to rest on its roof. The driver of the sedan was pronounced deceased at the hospital a few days later.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

2023 MEETING SCHEDULED

Our next meeting is Wednesday, November 8th 2023 at 1:00 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Supervisor Johnson. 2nd motion was made by Sergeant Noah. The meeting was adjourned at 2:17 pm.

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