



WAUKESHA COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MINUTES

Wednesday, November 16, 2016, at 1:00 p.m.

Waukesha County Courthouse, Room 355

In Attendance:

Mr. Bruce Barnes; Waukesha County Traffic Engineer, Highway Commissioner Representative
Mr. Joseph Davis; Regional Program Manager, DOT Bureau of Transportation Safety
Sergeant Chris DeMotto; Village of Mukwonago Police Department Representative
Lieutenant Mark Garry; Village of Pewaukee Police Department Representative
Lieutenant Michael Goldmann, Chairman Traffic Safety Coordinator, Waukesha Sheriff's Department
Sergeant Marek Kotrly; City of Brookfield Police Department Representative
Sergeant Peter Lynkiewicz; City of Muskego Police Department Representative
Mr. Derrin Wolford; WIS DOT, Highway Engineering Representative
Ms. Kathleen Roe; Vice-Chairperson, Education Representative
Sergeant Mark Tushaus; City of Brookfield Police Department Representative
Sergeant Rob Wiercyski; Town of Oconomowoc Police Department Representative
Supervisor Chuck Wood; Waukesha County Board

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Traffic Safety Commission Chairman Lieutenant Michael Goldmann at 1:00 p.m., at the Waukesha County Courthouse in Room 355. Introductions were made.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Sergeant Rob Wiercyski, from the Town of Oconomowoc Police Department, made a motion to approve the minutes from 08-09-16. Vice-Chairperson Kathleen Roe, seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. The minutes were then approved.

OLD BUSINESS

None to report from the last meeting.

TRAFFIC SAFETY LEGISLATION REPORT

Mr. Joseph Davis, Sr., is the new Regional Program Manager for the DOT Bureau of Transportation Safety representative who is replacing Corey Foster. He gave a brief summary of his role in the Traffic Safety Commission and some of the programs he will be addressing in the future. He stated Waukesha County presently has three task forces, one being managed by the Village of Mukwonago, one being managed by the Waukesha County Sheriff's Department, and one being managed by the Village of Pewaukee. Joseph Davis handed out a new revised version of the Wisconsin County/City Traffic Safety Commission Guidelines. The commission guidelines will be reviewed at the next Traffic Safety Commission Meeting. Joseph Davis stated that in the future he will be giving a demonstration using Community Maps and how it plots crashes and fatalities by using Google Earth. He is also involved in the Southeastern Wisconsin OWI Multi-Jurisdictional Task Force. Each year there are three deployments: Drive Sober Or Get Pulled Over winter and summer deployment, and Click It Or Ticket.

COMMISSION MEMBER REPORTS

❖ Medical Representative

The Medical Examiner's Office was not represented at this meeting, however, they sent a handout to be distributed, "Waukesha County 2016 Motor Vehicle Fatalities", which shows all fatal accident information to date for this year. There were questions regarding the handout, especially referring to the "Toxicology" column. The City of Muskego also questioned as to why a fatality on 07-14-2016 was not included in the list. The Medical Examiner's Office will be contacted in regard to those concerns.

❖ City of Brookfield Police Department Representative

Sergeant Mark Tushaus stated he will be stepping down as the City of Brookfield Police Department Representative, and will most likely be replaced by Sergeant Marek Kotrly.

He also commented to Bruce Barnes that on westbound I-94 going south onto Moorland Road, cars are stopping at the end of the ramp and they are experiencing more rear-end collisions. He was asking if some pavement markings could help. Bruce Barnes stated that he will look into it. As this concern was being brought up, Joseph Davis brought up a picture of the intersection on Community Maps to show everyone.

❖ Waukesha County Board Supervisor Representative

County Board Supervisor Chuck Wood is a new member of the Waukesha County Traffic Safety Commission, and he stated that the County Board has approved in the current budget some remakes of intersections or locations where fatal accidents have occurred. As a member of the Traffic Safety Commission, he will be able to contribute to those areas of concern, whether it be engineering done, changes made such as a round-about or improving site lines, etc.

COMMISSION MEMBER REPORTS CONTINUED

❖ Village of Mukwonago Police Department Representative

Chairman Lieutenant Goldmann asked Sergeant Chris DeMotto how the progress on CTH ES was coming along. He stated there have been no accidents in the area, however, there is traffic congestion, which is now starting to ease up. He stated a future problem may be that Waukesha County may be redoing the bridge on CTH ES; and, if the bridge is taken out, that will require traffic to go on the Interstate, to Highway 164, then to CTH ES, and coming around to get to the other side of the community.

Also a concern on CTH NN near the high school was brought up. It was previously requested that the speed limit be dropped in front of the high school due to multiple crashes occurring. Bruce Barnes stated that a speed study has been conducted in the area, and the change in speed limit has not been approved as of yet. The problem in the area is more congestion of traffic rather than speed.

❖ Education Representative

Ms. Kathleen Roe brought up the exit from I-43 onto Highway 83 which has been repainted. It is now a solid white line across Highway 83, which she believes should be a dotted line. Derrin Wolford stated it should be a dotted white line, and that he could check into it.

❖ Town of Oconomowoc Police Department Representative

Sergeant Rob Wiercyski stated on Mapleton there is a problem with semi's going under the bridge and the trailer is damaged. Bruce Barnes stated that the county does not have jurisdictional control there. He stated there is a new laser device that senses vehicle height across the highway, however, it is very costly. Bruce Barnes stated their Director of Public Works may be in contact with them, however, Sergeant Wiercyski could submit a letter in the meantime regarding the issue.

❖ Highway Engineering Representative

Mr. Derrin Wolford is the new Department Of Transportation Highway Engineering Representative who is replacing Elizabeth Lloyd-Weis. He presented some handouts on Yellow Tags. It is a damage claim program and tagging system. The tags are to be used at a property damage crash site where there is damage to State property. It was found that most municipalities have already been using them. He also stated the MV4000 form will be changing to DT4000 on 01-01-2017.

HIGH CRASH LOCATIONS / FATALS

► Chairman Lieutenant Michael Goldmann reported that the Waukesha Sheriff's Department had one fatality, as follows:

● Date of Accident: 09-08-2016, 1656 hours

Location: Highway 59, 731 feet east of Road X; Town of Eagle

A 2001 Dodge Ram pick-up was traveling westbound on Highway 59, in the Town of Eagle, when it traveled into the shoulder on the westbound portion of the highway, corrected itself, re-entered the highway, crossed the eastbound traffic lane, traveled onto the shoulder on the eastbound portion of the highway, corrected itself, re-entered the highway, and struck a 2005 Kawasaki motorcycle head-on which was traveling eastbound on Highway 59. A third vehicle, a 2009 Chevrolet Aveo, pulled over and stopped on the eastbound shoulder of the road in hopes of avoiding a collision. The Chevrolet Aveo stopped approximately 15 feet off the roadway; however, was subsequently also struck by the Dodge pick-up as the Dodge pick-up came to a stop. The driver of the motorcycle, a 21-year-old male, was ejected from his motorcycle, landed in the ditch approximately 10 feet north of Highway 59, and was pronounced deceased on the scene. The only sole occupant of the Dodge pick-up, a 28-year-old female, was transported to Waukesha Memorial Hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

NEXT QUARTERLY MEETING SCHEDULED

The next meeting of the Waukesha County Traffic Safety Commission is scheduled for Wednesday, February 8, 2017, at 1:00 p.m., in Room G55 of 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 Mark Tushaus, from the City of Brookfield Police Department. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Gregesich, TSC Assistant
Waukesha County Sheriff's Department

(MINUTES APPROVED ON 02-08-17)