



WAUKESHA COUNTY
TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MINUTES
Wednesday, May 10, 2017, at 1:00 p.m.
Waukesha County Courthouse, Room 155

In Attendance:

Mr. Bruce Barnes; Waukesha County Traffic Engineer, Highway Commissioner Representative
Sergeant Andy Birler; Menomonee Falls Police Department Representative
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
Mr. Dale Halloway; CIREN Program Manager, Medical College of Wisconsin
Supervisor Darlene Johnson; Waukesha County Board
Mr. Rick Olig; Wisconsin Department Of Transportation, BOTS
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

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 155. Introductions were made.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

There was one amendment to the above minutes from 02-08-2017, as indicated by Bruce Barnes. 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*".

Bruce Barnes, Highway Commissioner Representative, made a motion to approve the minutes from 02-08-17. Vice-Chairperson Kathleen Roe, Education Representative, seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. The minutes were then approved.

CONCERN REGARDING FATAL CRASHES INVOLVING GUARDRAILS

There were no representatives from the Medical Examiner's Office present, however, they had e-mailed a concern in reference to a subject who is doing studies on guardrail impalement resulting from construction defects on the Lindsay X-Lite terminal end system of guardrail. The inquiry was concerning fatalities involving guardrail piercings from January of 2015 through today's date, and was requesting statistical data relating to any fatal motor vehicle crash involving a guardrail, in particular a specific make and model of guardrail. If anyone has any information, please forward that to Lieutenant Goldmann.

TRAFFIC SAFETY LEGISLATION REPORT

Mr. Joseph Davis, Sr., the Regional Program Manager for the DOT Bureau of Transportation Safety representative, passed out information on the Click It or Ticket mobilization from May 22, 2017 to June 4, 2017, with one initiative being "Border to Border". Law enforcement agencies will join forces to provide increased seat belt enforcement at State borders, sending a zero tolerance message to the public: driving or riding unbuckled will result in a ticket, no matter what State. There will also be a media event on May 18, 2017 to kick off the event. He also passed out citation holders.

An event sponsored by the Ford Motor Company, the "Ford Driving Skills For Life", will be held at Miller Park in Milwaukee, with two half-day sessions on May 20, 2017, and two half-day sessions on May 21, 2017, which will provide a hands-on training clinic for young drivers who hold a permit or license. He also passed out a pamphlet on 2017 National Mobilizations & Crackdowns.

Joseph Davis also stated that he, along with and Rick Olig, will be presenting Community Maps, and will be plotting the traffic fatalities on the screen so everyone will be able to see how Community Maps actually works to create a discussion on why that fatality actually occurred.

Rick Olig encouraged agencies to use Community Maps, as it only takes 30 seconds to enter the crash data into the system. Let him know if there is any interest.

COMMISSION MEMBER REPORTS

❖ Highway Commissioner Representative

Bruce Barnes stated on CTH NN by Mukwonago High School there was a request for reduced speed from 40 to 35 miles per hour, due to the high amount of collisions, particularly rear-end collisions. A traffic review study was completed, and the numbers are hard to justify reducing the speed limit because the problem is during the school hours. Therefore, the county will agree to reducing the speed limit; however, the school needs to present a program of the problem with proposed steps for speed reduction. The speed reduction proposal will be presented to the Board of Supervisors. Collision data was researched with other high schools in Waukesha County, and the program may be worth pursuing at some of the other high schools if there is a collision problem.

COMMISSION MEMBER REPORTS CONTINUED❖ Highway Commissioner Representative Continued

Kathleen Roe, Vice-Chairperson and Education representative, stated that she believes the police liaison should be present in that area after school.

BOTS will be willing to work with the problem as well.

❖ Menomonee Falls Police Department

Sergeant Andy Birler, from the Menomonee Falls Police Department, stated the State will be starting a construction project the end of June/beginning of July on I-41 with the removal of a box culvert and installation of a new one. Speeds will be reduced from 70 to 60 miles per hour, and will most likely be down to two lanes.

❖ Village of Pewaukee Police Department

Lieutenant Mark Garry, from the Village of Pewaukee Police Department, there will be two street roll calls plotted out. One will be 05-26-2017 at Konkel Park in Greenfield. The second one will be on 08-18-2017, in the City of Muskego, at the Sindic Motorcars.

❖ Education

Kathleen Roe stated the question was brought up at a recent meeting she attended concerning if you need to signal your intention to leave a round-about. Discussion followed, and Sergeant Nakia Guyton, from the Wisconsin State Patrol stated he will check into this.

❖ Wisconsin State Patrol

Sergeant Nakia Guyton asked what was the outcome of the study into westbound I-94 going south onto Moorland Road where cars were stopping at the end of the ramp and experiencing rear-end collisions. Justin Effinger, from the Wisconsin DOT, stated that a right turn no stop sign had been knocked down and new signage was put up.

HIGH CRASH LOCATIONS / FATALS

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

● Date of Accident: 04-23-2017, 2255 hours

Location: Gebhardt Road west of Pilgrim Road, City of Brookfield

Single vehicle crash vs. tree. A 40-year-old female was the driver, and passed away due to internal injuries upon impact. Accident is still under investigation. The crash location was then plotted using Community Maps for those in attendance.

NEXT QUARTERLY MEETING SCHEDULED

The next meeting of the Waukesha County Traffic Safety Commission is scheduled for Wednesday, August 9, 2017, at 1:00 p.m., at the Waukesha County Courthouse.

ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor Darlene Johnson made a motion to , which was seconded by Lieutenant Mark Garry, from the Village of Pewaukee Police Department. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 1:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Gregesich, TSC Assistant
Waukesha County Sheriff's Department

(MINUTES APPROVED ON 08-09-17)