



## WAUKESHA COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MINUTES

Tuesday, August 9, 2016, at 1:00 p.m.  
Waukesha County Courthouse, Room 255

In Attendance:

Mr. Bruce Barnes; Waukesha County Traffic Engineer, Highway Commissioner Representative  
Sergeant Andy Birler; Menomonee Falls Police Department Representative  
Mr. Richard Bozek; Menomonee Falls Citizen  
Sergeant Chris DeMotto; Village of Mukwonago Police Department Representative  
Lieutenant Michael Goldmann, Chairman Traffic Safety Coordinator, Waukesha Sheriff's Department  
Officer Jason Gruszynske; Village of Menomonee Falls Police Department Representative  
Sergeant Nakia Guyton; Wisconsin State Patrol Representative  
Sergeant Peter Lynkiewicz; City of Muskego Police Department Representative  
Ms. Elizabeth Lloyd-Weis; WisDOT DTSD, 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

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Traffic Safety Commission Chairman Lieutenant Michael Goldmann at 1:01 p.m., at the Waukesha County Courthouse in Room 255. Introductions were made.

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

Sergeant Mark Tushaus, from the City of Brookfield Police Department, made a motion to approve the minutes from 05-10-16. Sergeant Peter Lynkiewicz, from the City of Muskego Police Department, seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. The minutes were then approved.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None to report from the last meeting.

### CITIZEN COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Mr. Richard Bozek, a citizen from Menomonee Falls, attended this meeting and stated he would like the speed limit lowered on Lannon Road/CTH Y, in Menomonee Falls. He passed around pictures taken of the area. Trucks coming over a hill on Lannon Road at times are unable to stop for school buses which are at the bottom of the hill. He stated there also is a concern when turning into his driveway where there is a newly installed “No U-Turn” sign, and he is unable to see the traffic. Sergeant Andy Birler, from the Menomonee Falls Police Department, stated they have taken traffic counting measures, including putting up a speed trailer and directed patrols, and will continue in those efforts. Sergeant Birler stated the road is in a dangerous location, especially at the top of the hill; and, with the speed limit being 40, there is not a lot of reaction time when entering or leaving that driveway. The engineering of the roadway is therefore the issue.

Sergeant Chris DeMotto, from the Village of Mukwonago Police Department, recently had concerns near the high school, and Mr. Bruce Barnes, Waukesha County Traffic Engineer, had authorized school bus stop ahead signs in that area. With the signs and enforcement, the school bus violations have declined. They still, however, would like a traffic survey done to determine if the speed limit could be dropped due to the new sidewalks on CTH NN that will be right up against the road.

Lieutenant Michael Goldmann, Chairman, stated the two areas of concern are similar. He asked if this would be a situation where the Village of Menomonee Falls would like to have a traffic survey to reduce the speed limit on that roadway, or would more proactive enforcement resolve the issue. Sergeant Andy Birler stated he would like both looked into.

Sergeant Mark Tushaus, from the City of Brookfield Police Department, stated perhaps they could possibly work with the school bus company in having a pickup site a few feet away, possibly before the hill. There is no sidewalk and very little shoulder on Lannon Road.

Mr. Bruce Barnes stated Mr. Bozek could request a “Hidden Driveway” sign, however, the use of those signs is very limited. A speed survey was taken two years ago, however, circumstances have changed since that time. Mr. Bozek was told to keep his pictures on file, in case the commission would want to view them in the future. He thanked the commission for their time and efforts.

### HIGH CRASH LOCATIONS / FATALS

➡ Chairman Lieutenant Michael Goldmann reported that the Waukesha Sheriff’s Department had seven crashes with nine fatalities, as follows:

- Date of Accident: 06-30-2016, 2345 hours  
Location: W240 N6859 Maple Avenue

A 2005 Subaru Impreza was traveling northbound on Maple Avenue when it lost control and crossed the southbound lane, left the roadway, and struck a large tree stump in front of a residence at W240 N6859 Maple Avenue. Speed may have been a factor, as well as wet pavement. The 27-year-old female driver and 24-year-old male passenger were found pinned in the vehicle, and both occupants were unresponsive upon the arrival of deputies and EMS.

**HIGH CRASH LOCATIONS / FATALS CONTINUED**

- Date of Accident: 07-11-2016, 1508 hours  
Location: Watertown Road and Redford Blvd., City of Pewaukee  
This fatality involved a semi-truck and bicycle. A 2013 Mack semi-truck was in the right lane on Watertown Road, and it was a right hand turn only lane. The driver of the semi, a 66 year old male, proceeded to make a right turn to go northbound on Redford Blvd. A 59-year-old male bicyclist was traveling westbound on Watertown Road, and traveled into the path of the semi-truck as it was making the right turn. The male operator of the bicycle was struck and received fatal injuries on the scene.
  
- Date of Accident: 07-19-2016, 0739 hours  
Location: Prospect Avenue and Apple Tree Lane, City of Pewaukee  
This fatality involved a passenger car vs. bicycle accident. A 2015 Honda Civic was traveling eastbound on Prospect Avenue as a bicycle was traveling northbound on Apple Tree Lane approaching the stop sign. The bicycle entered the intersection without stopping for the stop sign and was struck by the Honda Civic. The operator of the bicycle, a 12-year-old female, was ejected from the bicycle and came to rest in the north ditch line of the roadway. The female operator of the bicycle was not wearing a helmet, sustained severe injuries, and was transported by Flight For Life to Froedtert Hospital. The driver of the Honda Civic, a 34-year-old female, received no injuries. On 07-26-2016 the 12-year-old female operator of the bicycle had passed away as a result of the injuries she sustained in the crash on 07-19-2016.
  
- Date of Accident: 07-19-2016, 1730 hours  
Location: Eastbound I-94, west of Prospect Avenue, Town of Delafield  
A blue Chevrolet Cavalier traveling westbound on I-94 with two occupants when it crossed the grassy median into oncoming eastbound traffic and struck a red Honda Civic head-on which was occupied by one person. The driver of the Chevrolet Cavalier, an 18-year-old female, sustained serious injuries and was transported to Froedtert Hospital by Flight For Life. The passenger of the Chevrolet Cavalier, a 67-year-old female, was pulseless/non-breathing on the scene. CPR was performed on the passenger, and she was transported by Flight For Life to Froedtert Hospital where she was pronounced deceased. The 22-year-old female driver of the Honda Civic was transported to Aurora Medical Center in Summit and sustained minor injuries.

**HIGH CRASH LOCATIONS / FATALS CONTINUED**

- Date of Accident: 07-23-2016, 2343 hours

Location: Beaver Lake Road, 711 feet west of Irene Lane, Town of Merton

A 2014 black Mercedes Benz was operating westbound on Beaver Lake Road when it failed to negotiate a curve to the right and proceeded across the oncoming traffic lane and onto the shoulder on the south side of the road. The vehicle lost control on wet pavement, left the roadway, and traveled down a 30 foot embankment. The vehicle was airborne at that time. It traveled through dense brush and woods, and ultimately struck a tree, approximately ten feet up the tree. The impact caused the vehicle to turn around where it landed on the driver's side. The vehicle then caught fire. Due to the flames on the vehicle reaching 30 feet high, the vehicle was not approachable. Speed appeared to be a factor in the crash, wet pavement, and lack of familiarity of the curves in the roadway. A 21-year-old male right rear passenger was able to exit the vehicle as it left the roadway on the south side of the road. He was transported by ambulance to Waukesha Memorial Hospital for treatment. The 24-year-old driver and another 22-year-old passenger were pronounced deceased at the scene.

- Date of Accident: 07-30-2016, 1307 hours

Location: National Avenue at Prairieside Drive, Town of Vernon

A 2013 Honda Odyssey was traveling westbound on National Avenue when it signaled to make a left turn to go southbound on Prairieside Drive. A 2007 Harley Davidson motorcycle was traveling eastbound on National Avenue. The Honda Odyssey turned in front of the motorcycle, which caused the motorcycle to collide with the Honda Odyssey. The driver of the Honda Odyssey was a 41-year-old female. She was treated by emergency medical services on the scene and released. The driver of the motorcycle, a 55-year-old male, sustained serious injuries and was transported to Froedtert Hospital by ambulance. The passenger of the motorcycle, a 56-year-old female, was pronounced deceased at the scene despite lifesaving efforts by witnesses and EMS.

- Date of Accident: 08-05-2016, 2328 hours

Location: Highway NN, 1269 feet east of Jericho Drive

This crash involved three vehicles. The driver of a 2002 Pontiac GrandPrix, a 19-year-old female, was traveling westbound on CTH NN, attempting to pass a Mitsubishi. The Pontiac was operating in a "No Passing Zone". As two motorcycles were traveling eastbound on CTH NN, they came towards the Pontiac, and the Pontiac collided with the first motorcycle, a 2008 Honda. The second motorcycle, a 1995 Honda, hit debris in the roadway and laid the motorcycle down on the shoulder of the road. The vehicle that the Pontiac was passing, a 2003 Mitsubishi, was a no contact vehicle. The driver of the first motorcycle, the 2008 Honda, was a 52-year-old male, and he was deceased at the scene. The drivers of the other two vehicles involved in the crash were transported to Waukesha Memorial Hospital for medical treatment.

### HIGH CRASH LOCATIONS / FATALS CONTINUED

- Sergeant Chris DeMotto reported that the Village of Mukwonago Police Department had one fatality, as follows:

- Date of Accident: 05-15-2016; approximately 1900 hours

Location: Highway 83 at Black Bear Blvd.

A Harley Davidson motorcycle was traveling northbound on Highway 83 from CTH NN when a 2008 Mercury sedan pulled out from Black Bear Blvd. to head south on Highway 83. The motorcycle struck the rear of the sedan, and the driver of the motorcycle was ejected. The driver of the sedan was taken to Waukesha Memorial Hospital with minor injuries. The driver of the motorcycle sustained a serious head injury. He was not wearing a helmet when he was thrown from the motorcycle. From the scene in Mukwonago, the driver was taken by ambulance to Froedtert Hospital. His injuries were severe. On the way to the hospital, near 92nd and Oklahoma in Milwaukee, the ambulance carrying the driver was involved in a crash. It happened around 7:30 p.m. The driver later died at the hospital from injuries sustained in the crash in Mukwonago.

- Sergeant Mark Tushaus reported that the City of Brookfield Police Department had two fatalities, as follows:

- Date of Accident: 06-19-2016; 2111 hours

Location: Moorland Road and Greenfield Avenue

This crash involved one car vs. two pedestrians, and one of the pedestrians was the fatality. The two pedestrians were crossing the highway and walked against the "Do Not Walk" light. A driver stopped at the light. The light turned green; and, as she made the turn, she struck both pedestrians and they were transported to the hospital where one passed away from her injuries.

- Date of Accident: 07-03-2016; 0131 hours

Location: Greenfield and Barker

This crash involved one car which left Greenfield Avenue in the area of Barker Road. The 32-year-old male passenger was ejected from the vehicle as it was in motion. He passed away later that evening at Froedtert Hospital due to severe brain trauma.

- Sergeant Peter Lynkiewicz reported that the City of Muskego Police Department had one fatality, as follows:

- Date of Accident: 07-14-2016; 0300 hours

Location: Kelsey Drive and Muskego Dam Drive

This crash involved one motorcycle which failed to negotiate a curve going westbound, and left the road on the north side. It appeared to be leaning on its left side as it continued to go straight down a hill into a marshy ditch. Both occupants of the motorcycle, a male driver and female passenger, then left the scene with another driver, and the motorcycle was left at the scene lying in the mud. The next day, on 07-15-2016, calls were received of an abandoned motorcycle in the ditch; and, upon speaking to the occupants of the motorcycle, there were no apparent injuries. Later that day, at approximately 2400 hours, a call was received from Froedtert Hospital stating that the male driver had passed away. Both occupants were not wearing helmets.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- ❖ Bicycle Prompter on Moorland Road and Mayflower Drive, City of New Berlin  
Mr. Bruce Barnes stated that he wished to direct his concern to the City of New Berlin representative, but New Berlin was not represented at this meeting. He stated in response to a community request following a near fatality, a bicycle prompter has been added at Moorland Road and Mayflower Drive, in the City of New Berlin, for crossing Moorland Road. The concern is that the timer on the prompter does not allow enough time to cross all of the lanes of Moorland Road, especially if pedestrians use it for a crosswalk when not on bicycles.

**NEXT QUARTERLY MEETING SCHEDULED**

The next meeting of the Waukesha County Traffic Safety Commission is scheduled for Wednesday, November 16, 2016, at 1:00 p.m., in Room 355 of the Waukesha County Courthouse.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Kathleen Roe, Vice-Chairperson and Education Representative, 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 1:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Gregesich, TSC Assistant  
Waukesha County Sheriff's Department

**(MINUTES APPROVED ON 11-16-16)**