



WAUKESHA COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MINUTES

**Wednesday, November 8, 2017, at 1:00 p.m.
Waukesha County Courthouse, Room 155**

In Attendance:

Mr. Bruce Barnes; Waukesha County Traffic Engineer, Highway Commissioner Representative
Mr. Joseph Davis; Regional Program Manager, DOT Bureau of Transportation
Sergeant Chris DeMotto; Village of Mukwonago Police Department Representative
Lieutenant Michael Goldmann, Chairman Traffic Safety Coordinator, Waukesha Sheriff's Department
Ms. Deena Liska, Teen Driving Coordinator, Children's Hospital of Wisconsin
Sergeant Peter Lynkiewicz; City of Muskego Police Department Representative
Mr. Rick Olig; Wisconsin Department Of Transportation, BOTS
Lieutenant Steve Schroeder, Summit 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 1:02 p.m., at the Waukesha County Courthouse in Room 155. Introductions were made.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Sergeant Chris DeMotto, the Village of Mukwonago Police Department representative, made a motion to approve the minutes from 08-09-17. Sergeant Rob Wiercyski, the Town of Oconomowoc Police Department representative, seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. The minutes were then approved.

BUREAU OF TRANSPORTATION SAFETY

Mr. Rick Olig, from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, Bureau of Transportation Safety, stated there were 475 fatal crashes this year compared to 457 fatal crashes from last year, with 522 fatalities compared to 514 from last year, 52 being pedestrians, so the numbers are increasing. He stated the Governor's Conference next year will be in August at the Grand Geneva in Lake Geneva. On January 1, 2018, crash information from the DT4000 will automatically transfer directly to Community Maps, however, the TraCS Location Tool (TLT) must be used.

Mr. Joseph Davis, from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, Bureau of Transportation Safety, stated that the enforcement grants went out in October. The equipment grants from the Governor's Conference have not gone out yet, due to the fact that the system will not allow them until 2017 is closed out. New legislation includes the marijuana legislation and safe rides. Money has been set aside to pay special events for law enforcement agencies to offer safe rides home to individuals. The Governor's Conference will be held on August 22 and 23, 2018.

COMMISSION MEMBER REPORTS

- ❖ Children's Hospital of Wisconsin
Deena Liska introduced herself as a new member of the Traffic Safety Commission. She is with Children's Hospital Community Services representing teen driver safety. Her position is funded by the Department Of Health Services and the Bureau of Transportation Safety. She works across the state with connecting law enforcement, health departments, schools, medical facilities, etc., with technical assistance to help reduce the traffic safety burden in the state.
- ❖ Waukesha County Board Representative
Supervisor Chuck Wood stated that he serves on the Drug Free Communities Committee. Statistics are coming out of Colorado showing a 66 percent increase in impaired driving with the marijuana legislation, and also especially with youth drug and alcohol issues. They also have now set a standard for their blood tests.
- ❖ Village of Mukwonago Police Department
Sergeant Chris DeMotto, from the Village of Mukwonago Police Department, stated they have not had any further issues on the CTH NN traffic study. The entry and exit points for the high school have been changed. He also stated they have new apartments in the area of National Avenue and Edgewood Avenue, and are looking into slowing the speed down in the area due to higher vehicle and pedestrian traffic. Stop signs have been installed which have reduced traffic crashes.

Officer Steinbrenner, School Resource Officer from the Village of Mukwonago Police Department, has assisted the Mukwonago School District with implementing education efforts, such as a driving test in order to obtain a parking pass to park on the school grounds.

COMMISSION MEMBER REPORTS CONTINUED

❖ Highway Commissioner Representative

Bruce Barnes stated he is continuing to receive speed limit requests to lower speed limits. It is an ongoing process which requires studies and is time consuming, therefore, a consultant has been added on to help with his work load.

HIGH CRASH LOCATIONS / FATALS

➡ The City of Muskego Police Department had one fatality, as follows:

- Date of Accident: 11-04-2017, 0600 hours
Location: W13000 Block of STH 36, City of Muskego
A 46-year-old pedestrian was walking northbound on STH 36, and was struck by a female driving a 2008 Ford Taurus wagon. The crash is still under investigation.

➡ The Town of Oconomowoc Police Department had one fatality, as follows:

- Date of Accident: 09-04-2017
Location: Nelson Road and Colony Road, Town of Oconomowoc
A 38-year-old male was involved in a single motorcycle accident. Crash reconstruction was completed by State Patrol.

➡ Chairman Lieutenant Michael Goldmann reported that the Waukesha Sheriff's Department had seven fatalities, as follows:

- Date of Accident: 08-24-2017, 1129 hours
Location: Bluemound Road and Takoma Drive, City of Pewaukee
A 2007 Ford pick-up driven by a 33-year-old male was eastbound on Bluemound Road when a 2002 Subaru Legacy station wagon driven by a 72-year-old female proceeded from the stop sign into traffic in front of the Ford pick-up truck, causing a collision. No airbags were deployed on either of the vehicles. The female driver of the Subaru was pronounced deceased at 1310 hours.
- Date of Accident: 08-26-2017, 1906 hours
Location: Edgewood Avenue and Oakdale Drive, Town of Vernon
A 2000 Chevrolet pick-up driven by a 69-year-old male was traveling westbound on Edgewood Avenue reportedly under 45 miles per hour. A separate driver in a 2001 Dodge Ram pick-up truck passed the Chevrolet and shortly after he heard the Chevrolet accelerate. The operator of the Chevrolet spun its tires, lost control, veered off the roadway, struck a telephone pole, rotated 360 degrees, rolled over, and came to rest on all four tires. After the initial point of impact, the gas tank ruptured, engulfing the vehicle in flames. The driver was ejected, caught on fire in the process, and was pronounced deceased on the scene at 2230 hours by the Medical Examiner's Office. Crash reconstruction was completed by State Patrol.

HIGH CRASH LOCATIONS / FATALS CONTINUED

- Date of Accident: 08-29-2017, 1528 hours
Location: Morris Road and CTH C, Town of Genesee
This crash involved a single vehicle with a single occupant driving a custom-built racing dune buggy that appeared to have veered off the road and entered the tree line at an angle causing a side impact crash with the trees to the passenger side. At 1730 hours the 62-year-old male driver was pronounced deceased on the scene. Crash reconstruction was not completed.

- Date of Accident: 09-11-2017, 2320 hours
Location: Highway 164 and Jay Lane, Town of Lisbon
A 2003 Cadillac Escalade was traveling southbound in the northbound lane of Highway 164. A 2002 Mazda Protégé was traveling northbound on Highway 164 south of Jay Lane when it was struck head-on by the Cadillac. A 44-year-old female driver of the Mazda was pronounced deceased at the scene at 0515 hours. Crash Reconstruction was completed.

- Date of Accident: 09-24-2017, 2345 hours
Location: W. Bluemound Road and N. Barker Road, Town of Brookfield
While conducting a traffic stop, the driver of a 2009 black Hyundai fled the scene eastbound on Bluemound Road at a high rate of speed. A pursuit ensued, and the suspect vehicle lost control and crashed into a utility pole on Bluemound Road just west of Calhoun Road. The 24-year-old male driver was pronounced deceased on the scene. Crash reconstruction is being handled by the State Patrol.

- Date of Accident: 11-06-2017, 1156 hours
Location: Kilbourne Road, 278 feet east of Hartman Ct., RR Tracks, Town of Merton
This fatality involves a 2008 Chevrolet Colorado pick-up truck vs. train. A 74-year-old male was inside the Chevrolet pick-up truck when it was struck by a Union Pacific train. He was pronounced deceased on the scene. There were no witnesses to the accident. The train was traveling approximately 45 – 47 miles per hour, and the horn was activated. The vehicle was struck on the passenger side. The vehicle caught on fire, and the driver was ejected and flew into the signal house. He was pronounced deceased at 1350 hours.

- Date of Accident: 11-08-2017, 2050 hours
Location: Westbound I-94 and Pewaukee Road, City of Pewaukee
A 2009 Toyota Sienna was traveling westbound on I-94 in the far right lane when it struck a 31-year-old pedestrian that was on I-94. The male passenger who was in a disabled vehicle had attempted to walk across I-94 and was struck by the oncoming Toyota. The female driver of the Toyota was alone in the vehicle. The pedestrian was pronounced deceased on the scene.

NEXT QUARTERLY MEETING SCHEDULED

The next meeting of the Waukesha County Traffic Safety Commission is scheduled for Wednesday, February 14, 2018, at 1:00 p.m., at the Waukesha County Courthouse.

ADJOURNMENT

Sergeant Peter Lynkiewicz, the City of Muskego Police Department representative, made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Sergeant Chris DeMotto, from the Village of Mukwonago Police Department. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 1:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Gregesich, TSC Assistant
Waukesha County Sheriff's Department

(MINUTES APPROVED ON 02-14-18)