



WAUKESHA COUNTY

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MINUTES

Wednesday, May 11th 2022

Waukesha County Administrative Building

In Attendance:

Lieutenant Chadwick Niles; Chairman 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

Supervisor Chris Mommaerts; Waukesha County Board

Sergeant Matthew Noah; Wisconsin State Patrol Representative

Trooper Carlin Brien; Wisconsin State Patrol Representative

Captain Steve Thompson; City of New Berlin Police Department Representative

Officer Dan Klein; City of Waukesha Police Department Representative

Lieutenant Marek Kotrly; City of Brookfield Police Department Representative

Chief Kristen Wraalstad; Town of Oconomowoc Police Department Representative

Assistant Chief Chris DeMotto; Village of Mukwonago Police Department Representative

Mr. Thomas Volbrecht; Clemson University

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

Ms. Lisa Heinz; Aurora Hospital Representative

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Traffic Safety Commission Chairman, Lieutenant Chadwick Niles at 1:02 pm at the Waukesha County Administrative Building. Introductions were made of those in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Everyone in attendance reviewed the minutes from the February 2022 meeting.

Mr. Rick Olig made a motion to approve the minutes. Sergeant Lynkiewicz seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

CITIZEN COMMENTS AND REPORTS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

BUREAU OF TRANSPORTATION SAFETY

Mr. Olig reviewed recent crash data. Currently Wisconsin has 169 fatal crashes year to date.

Click it Or Ticket Mobilization starts next week.

2022 Speed Awareness Day is July 27th 2022. Law Enforcement agencies are encouraged to dedicate time for traffic stops involving speeding or schedule traffic grants. More information will be sent out to agencies.

August 29-31st 2022 is the Governor's Conference that will be held in Wisconsin Dells, WI.

Community Maps Group Meeting to be held via Zoom on June 29th 2022 from 1-2 pm.

DRE School is being held on October 4th and there are open spots, this is funding by BOTS.

Department of Transportation vehicle are now permitted to have green lamps lit on the vehicle. The light will be more visible in fog and snow.

Reviewed the changes made in Community Maps.

Muskego and New Berlin have created a traffic task force.

Waukesha County Sheriff's Department reports that two deployments were held in February and March handling 222 traffic stops resulting in 235 citations and 23 warnings issued.

State does have funding available for agencies to hold Operating While Under the Influence traffic grants.

HIGH CRASH LOCATIONS / FATALS

- **Sergeant Matt Noah reports that the Wisconsin State Patrol had the following fatal:**

- **3-28-22**
- **Interstate 94/Town of Brookfield**

A 36- year-old male driving a heavy-duty pick-up truck rear ended a minivan driven by a 69-year-old female. Both vehicles were travelling westbound on I-94, the driver of the truck admitted to looking down for a moment and when he looked back up, the minivan was right in front of him travelling at a slower speed, he struck the rear causing it to smash in, the van was then pushed up against the median wall. The driver was pronounced deceased at the scene. Both drivers were wearing seat belts. Air bags did not deploy in either vehicle. Witnesses stated the truck was speeding and the minivan may have been slowing down. This is still under investigation and the accident reconstruction is not complete.

- **Lieutenant Niles reported that the Menomonee Falls Police Department had the following fatal:**

- **4-13-22**
- **Lannon Road/Village of Menomonee Falls**

A vehicle being operated by a 28-year-old male was fleeing a Washington County Deputy once the deputy terminated the pursuit, the driver of the vehicle kept speeding in speeds of over 100 mph turning off the headlights and neglecting stop signs. The driver then struck a tree, rolled, and hit another tree on the passenger side of the vehicle. The 18-year-old male passenger was pronounced deceased at the scene. Both occupants were wearing seat belts. Air bags had been deployed. Criminal charges are being referred.

- **Captain Steve Thompson reports that the City of New Berlin Police Department had the following fatal:**

- **4-23-22**
- **Intersection of Beloit and Calhoun Roads**

A vehicle being operated by a 21-year-old male was travelling west on Beloit Rd when he disregarded the stop sign. A truck being operated by a 22-year-old male travelling south on Calhoun Rd also disregarded the stop sign causing the crash. It is unknown if the driver of the vehicle was wearing a seat belt. The driver of the truck

was not wearing his seat belt. The truck applied the brakes and attempted to avoid the crash. The impact did push the vehicle into the ditch. The male driver of the vehicle was pronounced deceased at the hospital. Impairment is not suspected for either driver. This intersection is wide open, and the stop signs do not have an obstructed view to drivers.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

2022 MEETING SCHEDULED

Our next meeting is Wednesday, August 10th 2022 at 1:00 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Captain Thompson. Mr. Olig seconded the motion to adjourn. Motion was passed to adjourn the meeting.

Traffic Safety Commission Chairman, Lieutenant Chadwick Niles adjourned the meeting at 1:50 pm.

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