



WAUKESHA COUNTY

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MINUTES

Wednesday, May 12th 2021

Waukesha County Administrative Building

In Attendance:

Lieutenant Chadwick Niles; Chairman Traffic Safety Coordinator, Waukesha County Sheriff Representative

Mr. Rick Olig; Law Enforcement Liaison Wisconsin Department of Transportation (BOTS)

Dr. Lynda Biedrzycki; Waukesha County Medical Examiner's Office Representative

Sergeant Lamar Brooks; Village of Menomonee Falls Representative

Lieutenant Chris DeMotto; Village of Mukwonago Representative

Supervisor Christine Mommaerts; Waukesha County Board

Captain Matthew Carney; Village of Chenequa Representative

Sergeant Peter Lynkiewicz; City of Muskego Police Department Representative

Captain Steven Thompson; City of New Berlin Representative

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Traffic Safety Commission Chairman, Lieutenant Chadwick Niles at 1:00 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 2021 meeting. Mr. Rick Olig made a motion to approve the minutes. Lieutenant Chris DeMotto seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

CITIZEN COMMENTS AND REPORTS

None.

BUREAU OF TRANSPORTATION SAFETY

Mr. Rick Olig reviewed year to date crash data. Waukesha County has had five fatal crashes and there has been 142 fatal crashes year to date statewide. Crashes are on an upward trend now that drivers are returning to the workplace and travelling again.

99% of law enforcement agencies are properly mapping crashes.

Mr. Olig reviewed the areas of the county's recent fatal crashes and shared crash history of those areas.

Traffic Grants for 2021 have been scheduled. Click or Ticket will be May 24th – June 6th, 2021. Drive Sober will be August 20th – September 2021 and December 17th, 2021 – January 1st 2022. Agencies should have received their Law Enforcement Action Kits. It was suggested to ask others to share on their Facebook pages when Click It Or Ticket is happening.

Governor's Conference is scheduled for August 17th – 19th 2021. The conference will be held virtually.

New legislature is happening. A few being discussed is changing fines of marijuana possession, changing times for no knock search warrants, eliminated public official immunity and operating an ATV, boat and snowmobile when a driver is revoked due to an OWI conviction.

One recent proposed law is a cell phone ban while driving.

The Sheriff's Department completed Traffic Grants from February to April. 154 hours in over 18 days of enforcement action. 200 traffic stops were made. 213 citations and 55 warnings were issued.

HIGH CRASH LOCATIONS / FATALS

- **Sergeant Brooks reported that the Menomonee Falls Police Department had the following fatal:**

- **2-12-21**
- **Good Hope Road and Town Hall Road/Village of Menomonee Falls**

An 87-year old male was stopped at a T-Intersection when he proceeded to turn eastbound and he pulled out in front of a vehicle travelling westbound on Good Hope Road, which is a highly travelled road and the speed limit is 40 miles per hour. The driver was struck on the driver side. Toxicology report was negative. He was pronounced deceased a day later at the hospital. No autopsy was performed.

- **Lieutenant Niles reported that the Waukesha County Sheriff's Department had the following fatal:**

- **3-8-21**
- **Maple Avenue and Lisbon Road/Town of Lisbon**

A 90-year old female was stopped on Maple Ave and proceeded to turn and go eastbound on Lisbon Rd, she pulled out in front of a vehicle travelling westbound when she was struck on the driver's side. The speed limit on Lisbon Rd is 40 miles per hour. She was transported to the hospital and declined surgery. She was pronounced deceased four days later. No autopsy was performed.

- **Lieutenant Niles reported that the Waukesha County Sheriff's Department had the following fatal:**

- **3-13-21**
- **Capitol Drive/City of Pewaukee**

A 26-year old male was traveling westbound on Capitol Dr at a high rate of speed, when he lost control of the vehicle left the roadway and struck a tree. The speed limit in this area of Capitol Dr is 45 miles per hour. He was pronounced deceased at the scene of the crash. The toxicology report is positive for alcohol and marijuana. Reconstruction was completed by Wisconsin State Patrol.

➤ **Lieutenant Niles reported that the Waukesha County Sheriff's Department had the following fatal:**

- **4-4-21**
- **Saylesville Road/Village of Waukesha**

A 59-year old male was travelling southbound on a Harley-Davidson motorcycle when he lost control of the motorcycle causing him to leave the roadway and crash. He was found by a passerby and there were no witnesses to the crash. Rider did not have protective riding gear on. The speed limit on this road is 35 miles per hour. He was pronounced deceased at the hospital two days later. Alcohol is suspected.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

2021 MEETING SCHEDULED

The rest of the 2021 Waukesha County Traffic Safety Commission meetings are scheduled for August 11, and November 10.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Lieutenant Chris DeMotto and Sergeant Lynkiewicz seconded the motion to adjourn. Motion was passed to adjourn the meeting.

Traffic Safety Commission Chairman, Lieutenant Chadwick Niles adjourned the meeting at 2:03 pm. Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 11th 2021 at 1:00 pm.

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