



WAUKESHA COUNTY
TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MINUTES
Wednesday, August 9, 2017, at 1:00 p.m.
Waukesha County Courthouse, Room 155

In Attendance:

Mr. Bruce Barnes; Waukesha County Traffic Engineer, Highway Commissioner Representative
Officer Scott Bellows, Menomonee Falls Police Department 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
Captain Jason Ganiere, New Berlin Police Department Representative
Lieutenant Michael Goldmann, Chairman Traffic Safety Coordinator, Waukesha Sheriff's Department
Supervisor Darlene Johnson; Waukesha County Board
Sergeant Marek Kotrly; City of Brookfield Police Department Representative
Sergeant Peter Lynkiewicz; City of Muskego Police Department Representative
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
Supervisor Chuck Wood; Waukesha County Board

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Traffic Safety Commission Chairman Lieutenant Michael Goldmann at 1:00 p.m., at the Waukesha County Courthouse in Room 155. Introductions were made.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Vice-Chairperson Kathleen Roe made a motion to approve the minutes from 05-10-17. Sergeant Chris DeMotto, the Village of Mukwonago Police Department representative, seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. The minutes were then approved.

TRAFFIC SAFETY LEGISLATION REPORT

Mr. Joseph Davis, Sr., the Regional Program Manager for the DOT Bureau of Transportation Safety representative, stated that the 43rd Annual Governor's Conference on Highway Safety will be held on August 22 – 24, 2017, in Appleton. He stated "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" mobilization will be from August 18 – September 4, 2017.

He also reported on fatalities and distributed the Daily Fatality Report. As of 08-09-2017, the State of Wisconsin had 355 fatalities with 325 crashes, in comparison to 354 fatalities and 316 crashes in 2016.

He also stated to notify him if anyone had any outstanding grants, because they are now preparing for the 2018 fiscal year. All agencies will get the same amount this year, as far as Task Force, as they were funded last year.

Rick Olig from the Bureau of Transportation Safety stated that the Law Enforcement Luncheon will be held on August 24, 2017, in Appleton. He also stated that the Crash Unit stated that the self-reporting is no longer in paper form, but has to be done on-line.

Joseph Davis also stated that he, along with Rick Olig, will be presenting Community Maps again at the next meeting.

Brochures on the Governor's Conference were also handed out.

Rick Olig also stated a bill was introduced to clear up the texting law while driving which prohibits use of interactive electronic device to enter, transmit, or access data while driving, other than purposes of verbal communication or navigation, or to report an emergency. He will be e-mailing a copy, and stated they could use the support of the commission and agencies involved.

COMMISSION MEMBER REPORTS

❖ Waukesha County Board Representatives

Supervisor Darlene Johnson brought to the attention of the committee that the county is working with law enforcement reference the CTH NN reduction in front of the high school in the Village of Mukwonago, and did request feedback between the Village of Mukwonago police chief and the liaison officer from the high school on how the Student Driving Safety Awareness Program is going.

Supervisor Chuck Wood asked Justin Effinger reference the bridge over the Bark River on Highway 67 north of Highway 18 was replaced but now has weight and speed restrictions. Justin Effinger stated he would look into it.

COMMISSION MEMBER REPORTS CONTINUED

❖ Wisconsin Department Of Transportation

Justin Effinger, the Traffic Engineering Representative from the Department Of Transportation, distributed an Application By Municipality For Permission To Detour State Trunk Highway Traffic handout from Traffic Regulations Engineer Mike Borck who wanted everyone to be aware of the process and proper paperwork if communities are going to hold parades on the state highway system.

He also wanted everyone to be aware that they have tested their first flashing yellow arrow at a signalized dual left turn lane at Highway 67 and Valley in Oconomowoc. The flashing yellow arrow operates based on demand and cue. If it determines that conditions are not safe, it will not operate with a flashing yellow arrow, however, if traffic is light, the flashing yellow arrow will be allowed to operate. The pilot study is going very well, and is the first of its kind in the country. They are looking to expand it, and the next site may possibly be Bluemound Road in Brookfield.

❖ Highway Commissioner Representative

Bruce Barnes stated Waukesha County is facing more requests for speed limit reductions on county highways throughout the county. Their routine would be to have speeds monitored, receive statistical distribution of what is happening, perform a field review study, obtain collision history of past five years, etc. He would like any input or ideas on how he could go about getting input from police, due to the fact that enforcement is the most critical component. He would appreciate any feedback on the process that the county should be following reference implementing possible speed reductions.

❖ City of Brookfield Police Department

Sergeant Mark Tushaus asked of Bruce Barnes what the progress is on Pilgrim Road / Burleigh Road if it is going to meet the 09-01-2017 deadline. Bruce Barnes stated the intersection is being reconstructed for safety purposes, improving the profile and signal. The intersection is shut down and traffic has been diverted, with the plan of being re-opened on 09-01-2017 for the start of school. There now is a possibility that it will have to be changed to a four-way stop, and final surface of pavement, etc., will have to be completed. Therefore, it could be delayed for possibly a month.

❖ Education

Kathleen Roe stated the question concerning Highway 83 and Wolf Run when you come out from Wolf Run if it will be no right turn on red. Justin Effinger stated the project was delayed. He stated he would check into the no right turn on red and get back to her. Usually it is right turn on red, and only when there is a safety concern a sign would be put up stating no right turn on red.

HIGH CRASH LOCATIONS / FATALS

- The Village of Menomonee Falls Police Department had one fatality, as follows:

- Date of Accident: 06-04-2017, 1639 hours

Location: Appleton Avenue and Jacobson Drive, Village of Menomonee Falls

A 44-year-old male died after a crash between his bicycle and a pick-up truck. The bicyclist was traveling southeast on Appleton Avenue when he collided with a vehicle driven by a 78-year-old man who had been traveling northwest on Appleton, was attempting to turn left onto Jacobson Drive, and failed to yield the right of way while making the turn. Speed does not appear to be a factor in the crash. Flight for Life responded to the crash, but was not used to transport the victim to the hospital. The victim was taken by ambulance to Community Memorial Hospital, where he died.

- Captain Jason Ganiere reported that the New Berlin Police Department had one fatality, as follows:

- Date of Accident: 07-24-2017, 0747 hours

Location: College and Sunnyslope, New Berlin

A SUV traveling eastbound on College turning to go north on Sunnyslope failed to observe a motorcyclist and they collided. When the SUV pulled out, the motorcyclist hit the front quarter panel of the SUV. The 49-year-old female motorcyclist was ejected from the motorcycle. Flight For Life transported the female motorcyclist to Froedtert Hospital where she later passed away from her injuries. The driver of the car, a 28-year-old Muskego female, was treated at the scene.

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

- Date of Accident: 05-17-2017, 1737 hours

Location: I-94 W/B, .46 miles west of Golden Lake Road, Village of Summit

Accident involving a 2014 Peterbilt semi truck/trailer striking a pedestrian. The pedestrian, a 26-year-old male, parked on the shoulder of the Interstate, exited his vehicle, watched for westbound traffic, and intentionally jumped in front of the semi. The male was declared deceased on the scene.

- Date of Accident: 07-08-2017, 2110 hours

Location: I-94 E/B, and S. Cushing Park Road, City of Delafield

A 2001 Ford Taurus was attempting to pass vehicles on the right shoulder of eastbound I-94. As a result, a 2004 Dodge minivan was struck while a 48-year-old male, the decedent, was trying to retrieve a spare tire from underneath the Dodge minivan. Due to this collision, two other vehicles crashed into each other, causing additional injuries. Multiple subjects were taken to area hospitals. The 48-year-old male was transported to Aurora Summit Hospital and declared deceased at 2202 hours. Accident Reconstruction was completed.

HIGH CRASH LOCATIONS / FATALS CONTINUED

- Date of Accident: 07-13-2017, 1558 hours

Location: In front of W225 S10525 Big Bend Drive, Town of Vernon

A 2000 Chrysler Sebring was traveling southbound on STH 164 when a silver 2001 Ford pick-up truck was traveling northbound on STH 164. The Chrysler crossed over the center line and traveled southbound in the northbound lanes. After cresting a hill, the Chrysler struck the pick-up truck in a head-on collision. The Chrysler flipped over and the operator was trapped. EMS was unsuccessful in extracting the operator, a 62-year-old female, until hours later, due to the damage of the vehicle. The operator passed away on the scene.

- Date of Accident: 07-20-2017, 0447 hours

Location: Hardscrabble Road and CTH Z, Town of Ottawa

This was a single-vehicle accident where a red Dodge 2000 Grand Caravan was headed northbound on CTH Z when it failed to negotiate the curve and went into the ditch on the north side of the curve, striking a telephone cable box, and then striking a tree, coming to rest against the tree. A passerby had come upon the accident. The 54-year-old male was found to be deceased at the scene.

- Date of Accident: 07-29-2017, 2050 hours

Location: Edgewood Avenue, east of Center Drive, Town of Vernon

A Harley Davidson motorcycle was westbound on Edgewood Avenue east of Center Drive, going through a right curve that follows a slightly uphill portion of Edgewood Avenue. The 47-year-old male operator failed to negotiate the curve, crossed the center line, left the roadway on the south side, and entered the ditch. The motorcycle rolled, and the operator was ejected. The male subject was transported to Froedtert Hospital where he was pronounced deceased.

NEXT QUARTERLY MEETING SCHEDULED

The next meeting of the Waukesha County Traffic Safety Commission is scheduled for Wednesday, November 8, 2017, at 1:00 p.m., at the Waukesha County Courthouse.

ADJOURNMENT

Sergeant Mark Tushaus, from the City of Brookfield Police Department, 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 1:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Gregesich, TSC Assistant
Waukesha County Sheriff's Department