



# WAUKESHA COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MINUTES

Tuesday, August 11, 2015, at 1:00 p.m.

Waukesha County Courthouse, Room 355

In Attendance:

Bruce Barnes: Traffic Engineer; Highway Commissioner Representative  
Lieutenant Paul Beal: Chairman Traffic Safety Coordinator; Waukesha Sheriff's Department  
Sergeant Chris DeMotto: Village of Mukwonago Police Department Representative  
Ms. Roberta Fochs: Citizen  
Mr. Corey Foster: DOT Bureau of Transportation Safety  
Lieutenant Mark Garry: Village of Pewaukee Police Department Representative  
Sergeant Nakia Guyton: Wisconsin State Patrol Representative  
Ms. Elizabeth Lloyd-Weis: Wisconsin DOT Highway Engineering Representative  
Sergeant Peter Lynkiewicz: City of Muskego Police Department Representative  
Captain Paul Repischak: City of New Berlin Police Department Representative  
Kathleen Roe: Vice-Chairperson, Education Representative  
Sergeant Mark Tushaus: City of Brookfield Police Department Representative

## CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Traffic Safety Commission Chairman Lieutenant Paul Beal at 1:05 p.m., at the Waukesha County Courthouse in Room 355.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

There was one amendment to the minutes of the May 5, 2015 meeting as follows:  
The amendment should be made on Page #2, under the section "Commission Member Reports" – Education. The amendment is in the third sentence which currently reads: "*Sergeant Mark Tushaus stated it is not an official regulation sign or motor vehicle or bicycle traffic, however, the Department Of Natural Resources laws may state differently.*" It should be changed to read as follows: "*Sergeant Mark Tushaus stated if the signs are not official regulation signs there are no way to enforce them, unless there are Department Of Natural Resources rules and rights that apply; however, they still have to yield the right of way to any highway traffic regardless of what the signs are.*"

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING CONTINUED**

Lieutenant Mark Garry, of the Village of Pewaukee Police Department, made a motion to approve the minutes from 05-05-15. Sergeant Peter Lynkiewicz, from the City of Muskego Police Department, seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. The minutes were then approved.

**WELCOMING ELIZABETH LLOYD-WEIS**

Elizabeth Lloyd-Weis was introduced as a new member of the Traffic Safety Commission replacing Mitzi Dobersek as the Wisconsin Department Of Transportation Highway Engineering Representative.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS AND REPORTS**

Roberta Fochs gave a very informative presentation reference safety concerns at the intersection of Hillside Road and CTH Q in Colgate, which borders Waukesha County and Washington County. She supported her presentation with an overhead picture of the intersection, and a handout. The handout contained the following information. The intersection is used for the most part by residents living near Hillside and CTH Q, and traffic from a quarry on Hillside south of CTH Q, and dump truck traffic. The safety concerns of the intersection include through traffic on CTH Q with the speed limit being 50 miles per hour, the round-about traffic from Highway 164 and CTH Q evenly spaced, no marked turn or through traffic lanes on CTH Q at the intersection, train traffic approximately two miles to the east, and line of sight issues. Included was also statistics of the intersection from the Washington County Sheriff's Department and the Waukesha County Sheriff's Department, including accident reports, residential viewing, etc. Her suggestion to improve the intersection and make it safer consisted of better signage, reworking the line of sight on Hillside and CTH Q, and adding additional traffic controls, possibly installing a stoplight at the intersection and/or installing a roundabout.

Lieutenant Beal stated that it is a bordering road with both Washington County and Waukesha County having full jurisdiction on both sides of the roadway. He stated if it is on the north side of the roadway, Washington County would investigate it; and, if it is south of the center line, Waukesha County would investigate it. Waukesha County maintains CTH Q, however, Washington County maintains the trimming on the north side of the road. He then passed out information containing statistics on two recent traffic surveys with different thresholds for speeding that were prepared by the Waukesha Sheriff's Department on CTH Q using an electronic device with a radar unit. On the survey Lane #1 was eastbound, and Lane #2 was westbound. It showed that 85 percent of the people were doing 57 miles per hour, which is within a reasonable speed. Therefore speed is not the issue. She stated she would just like the traffic on CTH Q to be aware that there is a four-way intersection ahead, as well as the dump truck traffic merging onto the road with not enough adequate space for them to get up to speed. Kathleen Roe suggested perhaps a sign could be placed there indicating "Truck Entrance Ahead".

Bruce Barnes stated the intersection has been looked at in the past year, and it is under the control of Washington County. There have been westbound runoffs along the south side. Any questions on alignment and visibility on Hillside would best be taken up with her county and local municipality. He stated there was a study done on reportable collisions this past year, and he could take a second look at that study. He will look into possible warning signs for intersection on CTH Q, and would speak to Washington County to see what can be done.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS AND REPORTS CONTINUED**

Corey Foster, from the DOT Bureau of Transportation Safety, stated that the Traffic Safety Commission Meeting for Washington County is on 09-02-2015, at 9:00 a.m. He will be there if Roberta Fochs would also like to attend. The meetings are held every three months, so there would be a three to five month turn-around before there would be a response or anything would be determined.

Sergeant Mark Tushaus, from the City of Brookfield Police Department, suggested to Roberta Fochs to start with the engineers first, because they will be able to pull the crash data and be more specific, which may be of more help to her.

Bruce Barnes stated he will pull up the collision data and share the findings with her. Additionally, he will look into what the signage is at that intersection. He will also speak to Washington County and keep her informed.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Vice-Chairperson Kathleen Roe stated a citizen was concerned about bikes not stopping on the Glacial Drumlin Trail. CTH TT is beginning to be a problem, and asked if the cars are supposed to stop or if the bikes are supposed to be stopping. Lieutenant Beal stated the bikes are supposed to stop, due to the fact there are not regulatory signs on Merrill Hills Road.

**TRAFFIC SAFETY LEGISLATION REPORT**

Corey Foster, from the DOT Bureau of Transportation Safety, stated the 2015 Governor's Conference On Highway Safety will be from 08-25-2015 to 08-27-2015, at the Kalahari Resort in Wisconsin Dells.

A tri-county group including Marquette, Columbia, and Green Lake Counties, are working on a project in creating a horse and buggy driving manual regarding safety issues for the Amish communities. If anyone would like to be a part of the committee, their first meeting will be held in Dalton, Wisconsin, on 08-19-2015.

A handout entitled, "Daily Fatality Report" from 08-11-2015 showed that fatalities for 2015 have been very high. This year's fatalities are at 312, compared to last year at 283. This year's fatal crashes are at 290, compared to last year at 257. He then passed out a handout entitled, "DSP/BOTS Preliminary Review Of Trends In Crash Fatalities: January 2015 – April 2015. Due to the increase in fatalities this study was completed and it provides an analysis of current crash trends and other factors having an effect or impact on traffic safety in Wisconsin. Some topics include a summary of major findings/trends; effect of weather and gas prices; fatalities by time of day, age, and location; analysis of selected counties; fatalities related to driver, drug, and alcohol impairment; fatalities by road type; and possible contributing circumstances, etc.

Corey Foster also passed out the Bills Of Interest To The Wisconsin Traffic Safety Community. These include enacted bills, and bills that have been passed in the 1<sup>st</sup> house and waiting action in the 2<sup>nd</sup> house. Some bills that has been enacted are increasing the speed on freeways to 70 miles per hour, and decorative lighting on motorcycles.

## TRAFFIC SAFETY LEGISLATION REPORT CONTINUED

Corey Foster stated the Waukesha Sheriff's Department has signed up for the southeast regional training in Milwaukee from 08-31-2015 through 09-02-2015 for DDACTS (Data-Driven Approaches to Crime and Traffic Safety" from the Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). DDACTS works with analyzing crime and traffic issues together.

Corey Foster stated in reference to the funding cycle for 2016, everyone's requests will be honored for OWI. Speeding and seat belt funding is still pending. He is creating a new plan to get every agency to have access to speed and seat belt funding by breaking up the county into different regions to see if a certain amount of money can be put into a particular region, so anyone who wants access to funds in that area will be able to. He has already met with the Sheriff's Department, and will now be contacting different police departments to see if there is any interest.

## COMMISSION MEMBER REPORTS

### ❖ Education

Vice-Chairperson Kathleen Roe stated on Watertown Plank Road and Moorland Road there are lane marking problems. Bruce Barns stated he will point out the problem to the Village of Elm Grove. Perhaps it could be repainted.

New round-about on Highway 83 and Highway 18 still under construction, but vehicles going east on Highway 18 are cutting through Pick'N Save parking lot, and vehicles going south on Highway 83 are cutting around the bank and by Walgreen's to avoid the round-about. Vehicles cannot get on from Highway 18 because there is so much traffic coming south at busy times of the day. The round-about is not working to everyone's advantage because they keep coming from Highway 83. Elizabeth Lloyd-Weis stated the area is still under construction, and problem should be corrected when project is completed, which should be in the next couple of weeks.

## HIGH CRASH LOCATIONS / FATALS

➡ Chairman Lieutenant Paul Beal reported that the Waukesha Sheriff's Department had one fatality, as follows:

● Date of Accident: 06-27-2015, 1925 hours

Location: I-94 westbound, 579 feet east of CTH BB, Village of Summit

This fatality involved a single vehicle crash where a 20-year old female was involved in a verbal argument with the driver, who was her boyfriend. The driver began to cross over the fog line, made an evasive left hand turn, and lost control of the vehicle, a 1990 Volkswagen Corrado. The Volkswagen did cross into the median where it turned over onto its roof and proceeded to slide across eastbound traffic where it rolled again in the eastbound shoulder. Both the driver and passenger were ejected from the vehicle. The driver was transported to Aurora Hospital for an evaluation of his minor injuries.

**HIGH CRASH LOCATIONS / FATALS CONTINUED**

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

● Date of Accident: 06-06-2015, 0630 hours

Location: State Highway 36, west of Muskego Dam Road

This fatality involved two bicyclists that were struck by a Jeep driven by a 20-year-old male, who possibly fell asleep at the wheel and drove onto the shoulder, as they were traveling side by side along Highway 36 west of Muskego Dam Road. One bicyclist was 45-years-old who died at the scene, and the other bicyclist was 55-years-old who was pronounced deceased at Froedtert Hospital.

**NEXT QUARTERLY MEETING SCHEDULED**

The next meeting of the Waukesha County Traffic Safety Commission is scheduled for Tuesday, November 10, 2015, at 1:00 p.m., in Room 355 of the Waukesha County Courthouse.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Sergeant Mark Tushaus made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Vice-Chairperson Kathleen Roe. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Gregesich, TSC Assistant  
Waukesha County Sheriff's Department

**(MINUTES APPROVED ON 11-10-15)**