



WAUKESHA COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MINUTES

Tuesday, November 10, 2015, at 1:00 p.m.
Waukesha County Courthouse, Room 355

In Attendance:

Bruce Barnes; Waukesha County Traffic Engineer, Highway Commissioner Representative
Lieutenant Paul Beal; Chairman Traffic Safety Coordinator, Waukesha Sheriff's Department
Sergeant Andy Birler; Menomonee Falls Police Department Representative
Mr. Corey Foster; Regional Program Manager, DOT Bureau of Transportation Safety
Lieutenant Mark Garry; Village of Pewaukee Police Department Representative
Ms. Elizabeth Lloyd-Weis; WisDOT DTSD, Highway Engineering Representative
Sergeant Steve Rudie; Menomonee Falls Police Department Representative
Dave Spakowicz; WisDOT Traffic Incident Management Enhancement Program
Sergeant Mark Tushaus; City of Brookfield Police Department Representative
Randy Wiessinger; Consultant, BOTS Law Enforcement Liaison

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Traffic Safety Commission Chairman Lieutenant Paul Beal at 1:09 p.m., at the Waukesha County Courthouse in Room 355.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING CONTINUED

Sergeant Steve Rudie, of the Menomonee Falls Police Department, made a motion to approve the minutes from 08-11-15. Lieutenant Mark Garry, of the Village of Pewaukee Police Department, seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. The minutes were then approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Corey Foster, from the DOT Bureau of Transportation Safety, stated in regard to the presentation by Roberta Fochs from the previous meeting on 08-11-2015, he had advised Ms. Fochs about the upcoming Washington County Traffic Safety Commission meeting on 09-02-2015. He also informed Washington County of her concerns so they could be prepared for any action taken.

PRESENTATION ON BEST PRACTICES FOR TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSIONS

Corey Foster, from the DOT Bureau of Transportation Safety, introduced Randy Wiessinger, the BOTS Law Enforcement Liaison, who helps Traffic Safety Commissions share practices and become more effective. Currently BOTS is doing a statewide assessment to help the Traffic Safety Commission meetings become more functional. These Traffic Safety Commissions are a vital component of the Traffic Safety Highway Plan. He stated in looking at all contributing factors to crashes, 63% to 65% are human factors; therefore, his objective is to get the Traffic Safety Commissions focused more on behavioral factors rather than just infrastructure. Each Traffic Safety Commission is required by statute to maintain a spot map. Community Maps is a tool available that BOTS is working to develop so that counties have a way to display their crash spot maps. Community Maps provides Wisconsin's local law enforcement and county Traffic Safety Commissions with an online interface for mapping crash data. Community Maps will become interfaced with TraCS 10 in January of 2016, and more information will be available in the near future. Randy Wiessinger stated a demonstration is available on Community Maps, and can be set up at one of our future meetings.

TRAFFIC SAFETY LEGISLATION REPORT

Corey Foster also spoke of the importance of best practices and additional resources for Traffic Safety Commissions, including Community Maps. He suggested that the Waukesha County Traffic Safety Commission start focusing on incorporating Community Maps into our meetings. He also suggested to have a facilitator be nominated from the commission as a resource. He handed out information on best practices, including statutory requirements, membership, communication, spot maps, quarterly meetings, etc.

Corey Foster distributed the "Wisconsin MACH Insider, a newsletter from MACH (Mobile Architecture for Communications Handling). MACH is a communications software that features automatic vehicle location, silent dispatching, secure car to car messaging, in-car mapping, and the ability to query the Wisconsin Transaction of Information for Management of Enforcement (TIME) System. MACH is integrated with TraCS to provide a complete public safety solution.

Another resource, "Wisconsin Traffic Safety Reporter" from the Wisconsin Department Of Transportation was distributed and is also available on-line. If anyone from the Waukesha Traffic Safety Commission would like an article to be printed in this newsletter, contact Corey Foster.

A new brochure in draft form was also distributed reference recruitment for Traffic Safety Commission Members throughout Wisconsin. Since it is still in draft form, if there is anything you would like to add, or any ideas or concerns, please e-mail Corey Foster reference the brochure.

Corey Foster discussed the Amish community from Marquette, Green Lake, and Columbia Counties is working with law enforcement, DOT, and BOTS to develop a Horse and Buggy Driver's Manual. There have been 23 crashes within two years involving horse and buggies. There will be a committee meeting on 11-16-2015 if anyone is interested in going.

TRAFFIC SAFETY LEGISLATION REPORT CONTINUED

Corey Foster then handed out the, "Daily Fatality Report" from 11-10-2015 showed that there have been 483 fatalities as of this date. Last year the total as of this date was 416.

He then distributed 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 stated 32 agencies are now involved in the Southeast OWI Task Force, and still reaching out to get all agencies to join.

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 1st house and awaiting action in the 2nd house. Some bills of interest include prohibiting wearing headphones over both ears while driving, with certain exceptions, and prohibiting the use of cell phones in construction zones, with certain exceptions; and also prohibiting the passing of school buses on private roads and driveways.

TRAFFIC INCIDENT MANAGEMENT ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM PRESENTATION

Dave Spakowicz, from the Wisconsin Department Of Transportation gave a PowerPoint slide presentation on the Wisconsin DOT Traffic Incident Management Enhancement Program, as to what it does and how it can assist responders in Waukesha County. TIME is a comprehensive multi-agency, multi-discipline program, led by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation dedicated to:

- Improving responder safety.
- Enhancing the safe, quick clearance of traffic incidents.
- Supporting prompt, reliable, interoperable communications.

Dave Spakowicz stated there should be a minimum of seven responders at every scene. The reoccurring theme is communication. Emphasis is placed to clear a crash scene as soon as possible, open up a lane of traffic, and keep traffic moving to reduce the possibility of secondary crashes. Three county workers have been killed this year in the State of Wisconsin, all in work zones. STOC (State Traffic Operations Center) handles traffic management for the state of Wisconsin. The physical operations center is located in southeastern Wisconsin, in the City of Milwaukee. The control room monitors all 407 cameras throughout the State of Wisconsin. It is designed to improve the safety and efficiency of the freeway system by reducing incidents and relieving traffic congestion. Also STOC monitors 150 dynamic message signs with safety and weather conditions. He also stated that an application is available for your phone, "511 Wisconsin", which shows road closures, camera shots, message boards, etc.

COMMISSION MEMBER REPORTS

❖ Medical Representative

Dr. Lynda Biedrzycki, from the Medical Examiner's Office, was not present, but submitted the 2015 Motor Vehicle Fatality Data Report to be distributed, showing all fatal accident information from 2015.

HIGH CRASH LOCATIONS / FATALS

➔ Chairman Lieutenant Paul Beal reported that the Waukesha Sheriff's Department had two fatalities, as follows:

● Date of Accident: 11-08-2015, 1911 hours and 1913 hours

Location: Highway 16 westbound, 339 feet west of CTH C, Village of Nashotah

This fatality involved a rollover accident involving three vehicles and traffic was completely blocked off. A 2003 Chevrolet Malibu, four-door, was traveling eastbound on Highway 16. It suddenly crossed the median and went into westbound traffic and struck a 2010 Dodge Caravan. The driver of the Chevrolet Malibu was a 24-year-old male, and the first fatality. The Dodge Caravan spun around and then was facing eastbound in the westbound lanes of traffic. A 1998 Chevrolet Blazer was traveling westbound on Highway 16. The Dodge Caravan, now being disabled, was hit head-on by the Chevrolet Blazer. The impact caused the Chevrolet Blazer to roll over and the Dodge Caravan to be pushed into the median. The passenger of the Dodge Caravan, a 68-year-old female, was the second fatality and pronounced deceased on the scene. There were two separate Accident Reports taken out for the two fatalities.

NEXT QUARTERLY MEETING SCHEDULED

The next meeting of the Waukesha County Traffic Safety Commission is scheduled for Tuesday, February 9, 2016, 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 Sergeant Steve Rudie. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 2:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Gregesich, TSC Assistant
Waukesha County Sheriff's Department