



WAUKESHA COUNTY
TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MINUTES
Tuesday, May 10, 2016, at 1:00 p.m.
Waukesha County Courthouse, Room 355

In Attendance:

Mr. Bruce Barnes; Waukesha County Traffic Engineer, Highway Commissioner Representative
Sergeant Andy Birler; Menomonee Falls Police Department Representative
Sergeant Chris DeMotto; Village of Mukwonago Police Department Representative
Mr. Corey Foster; Regional Program Manager, DOT Bureau of Transportation Safety
Lieutenant Mark Garry; Village of Pewaukee Police Department Representative
Lieutenant Michael Goldmann, Chairman Traffic Safety Coordinator, Waukesha Sheriff's Department
Sergeant Peter Lynkiewicz; City of Muskego Police Department Representative
Ms. Elizabeth Lloyd-Weis; WisDOT DTSD, Highway Engineering Representative
Captain Paul Repischak; City of New Berlin Police Department Representative
Ms. Kathleen Roe; Vice-Chairperson, Education Representative
Sergeant Eric Schmidt; Town of Mukwonago Police Department 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 Michael Goldmann at 1:05 p.m., at the Waukesha County Courthouse in Room 355. Introductions were made.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Ms. Elizabeth Lloyd-Weis, from the Wisconsin Department Of Transportation, made a motion to approve the minutes from 02-09-16. Sergeant Mark Tushaus, of the City of Brookfield Police Department seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. The minutes were then approved.

CITIZEN COMMENTS AND REPORTS

No members of the public were present at this meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

None to report from the last meeting.

TRAFFIC SAFETY LEGISLATION REPORT

Corey Foster stated there currently are 117 fatalities for the year, and last year at this time there were 166 fatalities. He then handed out a detailed 15-page report to examine what has been happening over the last five years, which was titled, "Anatomy of Traffic Safety – Waukesha County Bureau Of Transportation Safety. The report includes such items as a map of the county, the characteristics of the county and the road network, Municipalities, Emergency Medical Services, Economic Profile, Population Change, Crash Statistics, and 2014 – 2016 Grant Participation and TraCS Participation, and a list of agencies reporting fatal crashes and crashes with incapacitating "A" injuries, 2010 – 2014. Vice-Chairperson Kathleen Roe asked if there has been a study done on the total number of drivers in the age groups compared to the accidents. Corey stated he could complete a study with that information for her.

Corey Foster also stated the 2016 Governor's Conference on Highway Safety will be from 08-23-2016 until 08-25-2016 in Green Bay.

COMMISSION MEMBER REPORTS

❖ WI DOT Highway Engineering Representative

Elizabeth Lloyd-Weis, from the Wisconsin Department Of Transportation, stated there was a change for right turns at signalized intersections in which now you can legally make a right turn on red from the left most lane.

On 03-26-2016, a link to the WisDOT DTSD SE Region Construction Map was forwarded to all of the Traffic Safety Commission members.

Also in following up on Vice-President Kathleen Roe's citizen complaint from the last Traffic Safety Committee Meeting on 02-09-2016, regarding vehicles turning right on red at I-43 and Highway 83. Pavement markings were put in and signs installed in 2015, which have greatly reduced rear-end accidents that have been documented.

❖ Village of Pewaukee Police Department Representative

Lieutenant Mark Garry, from the Village of Pewaukee Police Department, stated yesterday (05-09-2016) there was a meeting with the Southeast Wisconsin OWI Task Force Committee. They plotted out remainder of the year for deployment dates and street roll calls. Minutes will be forthcoming from the committee. There are currently 35 agencies between Milwaukee and Waukesha County who are participating in the OWI Task Force.

COMMISSION MEMBER REPORTS CONTINUED

❖ City of Brookfield Police Department Representative

Sergeant Mark Tushaus from the City of Brookfield Police Department, presented a question to Bruce Barnes asking how the project is coming along on Burleigh and Pilgrim. Bruce Barnes stated it will be re-bid and is being put out to next year.

Sergeant Tushaus also had a question regarding signalization on Capital Drive and Springdale Road early in the morning rush hour. Bruce Barnes stated that a related issue also concerns the posted speed at CTH SR. Speed study concluded that vehicles are accurately going the posted speed limits, therefore, there have been concerns of speed in that area.

❖ Village of Menomonee Falls Police Department Representative

Sergeant Andy Birler, from the Menomonee Falls Police Department, requested a copy of the traffic study from Main Street and Pilgrim Road, which will be sent to him.

❖ Village of Mukwonago Police Department Representative

Sergeant Chris DeMotto, from the Village of Mukwonago Police Department, stated they had submitted a letter to the county to try to drop the speed limit in front of the high school on CTH NN, due to numerous accidents, which was denied. It is now under an appeal process.

❖ Town of Mukwonago Police Department Representative

Sergeant Eric Schmidt, from the Town of Mukwonago Police Department, stated that one of their board members was questioning the enforcement of school zones. They are only enforced as a school zone if the children are outside the fence. It was agreed upon that the posted speed limits are enforced when children are actually present in the roadway, on sidewalks, or crossing the road.

HIGH CRASH LOCATIONS / FATALS

➡ Sergeant Andy Birler reported that the Village of Menomonee Falls Police Department had one fatality, as follows:

● Date of Accident: 05-08-2016, 1917 hours

Location: Schlai Road, east of Town Line Road, Village of Menomonee Falls

A motorcycle crash occurred eastbound on Schlei Road, south of CTH Q, between Lannon and Town Line Road. The driver was not wearing a helmet. The motorcycle with driver and passenger swerved avoid a deer, hit the deer, went over two steel culverts, and into the ditch.

HIGH CRASH LOCATIONS / FATALS CONTINUED

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

- Date of Accident: 04-29-2016, 0610 hours

Location: Redford Blvd. and Watertown Road, City of Pewaukee

A 2012 Chevrolet Sonic was traveling southbound on Redford Blvd., and was attempting to turn eastbound on Watertown Road, while a 1997 Mercury Sable station wagon was traveling northbound on Redford Blvd. According to witness statements, the Mercury had the green light; however, the Chevrolet turned on a flashing yellow arrow into the path of the Mercury. The female operator of the Chevrolet was transported to Froedtert Hospital where she later succumbed to her injuries.

- Date of Accident: 05-02-2016, 1527 hours

Location: Westbound Highway 16, approximately 700 feet east of Highway 83;
Town of Merton

A 2006 Ford Focus was traveling westbound on Highway 16 and struck debris in roadway, causing vehicle to ravel into ditch. The vehicle returned back to the roadway, and continued westbound on Highway 16 approaching Highway 83. The driver was unable to maintain control of the vehicle, and it again traveled into the shoulder side ditch. It then traveled back onto Highway 16, and collided with the rear of a 2008 Dodge Ram pick-up truck. Both vehicles then traveled across both lanes onto the median shoulder, striking the guardrail. The Dodge Ram continued traveling along the guardrail and collided with the concrete bridge support, rolled, and came to rest upright. The male driver of the Dodge Ram was transported to Froedtert Hospital where he did not survive his injuries.

NEXT QUARTERLY MEETING SCHEDULED

The next meeting of the Waukesha County Traffic Safety Commission is scheduled for Tuesday, August 9, 2016, at 1:00 p.m., in Room 255 of the Waukesha County Courthouse.

ADJOURNMENT

Lieutenant Mark Garry from the Village of Pewaukee Police Department, made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Sergeant Andy Birler, from the Menomonee Falls Police Department. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 1:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Gregesich, TSC Assistant
Waukesha County Sheriff's Department