

ROCK COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

July 14, 2010, at 9:00AM

at the Rock County Sheriff's Office Conference Room

The quarterly meeting of the Rock County Traffic Safety Commission was held on July 14, 2010, at the Sheriff's Office at 9:00AM. Present were: Capt. Jude Maurer-RCSO, Jeff Kuglitsch-Rock Co. Corporation Counsel, Dan Pruess-WI DOT Barbara Abraham-Retired BTC, Tom Boguszewski-Retired Rock County, Mike Flesch-City of Beloit, Hank Brill-Co. Board, Dennis Ryan-City of Janesville, Shirley Connors-Rock Co. Emergency Management, Madelyn Glaeden, Ben Coopman-Rock Co. DPW, Jenifer Keach-Rock Co. Coroner, and Rhoda Grosenick.

Capt. Maurer called the meeting to order at 9:00AM.

Barbara Abraham made a motion to approve the minutes of April 14, 2010. Mike Flesch seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Fatal accidents reviewed

- 04/01/10 Milton and Refset. A motorcycle traveling at a high rate of speed (estimated at 60-100mph in a 40mph zone) had possibly just passed another vehicle and hit a sports utility vehicle. The weather was clear that day. Speed was a significant cause of the accident.
- 04/07/10 I-39 and Racine. A vehicle swerved, went into the median, hit the guardrail and went up against a bridge pillar. The weather was rainy. The driver did not use a seatbelt and alcohol was not a factor.
- 04/16/10 Highway 14 East and CTH E. A motorcyclist failed to stop at a stop sign and drove into a ditch. It was dark and he was unfamiliar with the road. He did not wear a helmet and alcohol was a contributing factor.
- 05/22/10 Highway 14, .3 mi. east of Rivers Edge. It was dark and cloudy. The victim was not wearing a seatbelt. Unknown why offending driver went left of center. Alcohol was not a factor.
- 05/24/10 I-39 south of Creek Road. Five units were involved and there were two fatalities. A vehicle in the left lane crossed the median. No alcohol was involved. Victims were wearing seatbelts.
- 05/27/10 Highways 14 and 51. A motorcyclist with no helmet was going eastbound on 14 and didn't stop for the light. He was ejected and run over. It

was during daylight and the weather was clear. He was extremely intoxicated. (Ms. Keach believed .35).

- 05/31/10 Highway 14 .s mi. south of Union Road. Motorcycle left roadway and struck a culvert. He was not wearing a helmet and alcohol was a contributing factor (.234). It happened at night and the pavement was dry.
- 06/05/10 West Mineral Point Road, .1 mile east of North Little Road. Victim's vehicle left roadway, went right into a field and hit a tree head-on. No alcohol was involved. It was daylight and rainy.

Old Business

Palencia-De Garcia had no alcohol in her system at the time of her accident (01/11/10).

New Business

Hank Brill has received complaints regarding the timing of the lights on Highways 51 and 14. Apparently people coming from Edgerton sit for a long time. Dan Pruess stated that they were changed to protect only lefts (only turn on arrow). He will look at the timing.

Ben Coopman added that the loop detectors were holding too long and it's better now.

Public Input

None.

Madelyn Glaeden moved to adjourn the meeting; Hank Brill seconded.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 13, 2010 at 9:00AM at the Rock County Sheriff's Office.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhoda Grosenick
Jail Administration Secretary