

ROCK COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

April 13, 2011 @ 9:00 a.m.
at the Rock County Sheriff's Office Conference Room

The quarterly meeting of the Rock County Traffic Safety Commission was held on April 13, 2011, at the Sheriff's Office at 9:00AM. Present were: Madelyn Glaeden, Jennifer Keach, Coroner; Ben Coopman-DPW; Jeff Kuglitsch, Corp Counsel; Capt. Jude Maurer-RCSO, Hank Brill-Co. Board, Jeff Berens, WI DOT, Andrea Loeffelholz, WI DOT, Mike Flesch-City of Beloit, Dan Davis-City of Janesville, Bill Tyler-BPD; Shirley Connors-RC Emergency Mgmt, Joni Graves, EPD; and Pat Swartout, RCSO

Capt. Maurer called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

Andrea Loeffelholz motioned to approve the minutes of January 12, 2011. The motion was seconded by Hank Brill. Motion passed unanimously.

Fatal accidents reviewed

- 10/16/11 – This accident was omitted from the 2010 4th quarter meeting. 20 year old victim was wearing seatbelt. Crossed median on north 39. Possible seizure per Coroner Keach.
- 01/01/11 – 46 year old. Alcohol may have been a factor, no test was given. No seatbelt was worn.
- 02/19/11 – 51 year old died 4 days after vehicle crash. Coroner Keach reports a blood alcohol level of .378. No seatbelt was worn.
- 02/27/11 – 2 male victims, ages 20 and 19. Excessive speed a contributing factor. No seatbelts.
- 03/08/11 – 3 male victims. Per Bill Tyler, speeds were in excess of 100 mph. Still awaiting blood results on driver.

Old Business

With regard to questions which were raised on over sized loads travelling the highways. Jeff Berens reported the wind generators fall under a special rule that allows transportation throughout the day. Language will be added however to insure reflectors are required.

New Business

Andrea Loeffelholz reported numbers to be higher this year than at this time in 2010. WI is seeing multiple fatalities per crash. Pedestrian fatalities are at 16 as compared to

8 last year at this time. Motorcycle fatalities are lower than last year at this point. Statewide, 4 year to date, however 3 which occurred last week were not on the report.

Andrea also reported on a bill that has been introduced regarding data collection.

Andrea introduced Joni Graves, UW Program Director, and invited the group to a mapping demonstration directly following the meeting.

Jeff Kuglitsch asked if anyone was aware if the child booster seat law had changed. Andrea will look into the regulations and report.

Bill Tyler questioned as to where speed control deterrents should be requested at the county level. Capt. Maurer advised that county or cities request studies at their town hall meetings before presenting the county with the request.

Hank Brill suggested bicycles as well as snowmobiles should be cited for failing to stop at red lights. He has seen many close calls in failure to stop.

Jeff Berens reported it would be a quiet summer for construction projects. 59 at 104 & 23, mill overlay will have a 9/2011 start. 104 will start in 2013.

Jennifer Keach questioned the regulation of dump trucks and the requirement to have tarps/covers. There are many trucks on 51 at the dump traveling without any type of cover.

Capt. Maurer reported on the county truck enforcement. The county presently has 8 scales and will be training deputies. RCSO will perform enforcement during 1st shift hours and will begin in the fall of 2011. Hank Brill suggested the county look into using local farm scales in this enforcement.

Public Input

None.

The next meeting is scheduled for July 13, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. at the Rock County Sheriff's Office.

Jennifer Keach moved to adjourn the meeting; Madelyn Glaeden seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 10:16 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia Swartout
LES Secretary

ROCK COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT ANALYSIS OF FATAL ACCIDENTS

Date & time Accident Title Location	No./Type of Vehs. Involved	At Inter- Section	Roadway Charact- eristics	Day of Week	Alcohol/ Drugs Involved	Number Persons Killed/Age	Number Persons Injured	Safety Equip. used (deceased)	Age of Drivers	Driver Status	Possible Contributing Factors
04/24/11 2:49 a.m. Center Ave & W Racine Street	2 - 1999 Chevy Venture 2001 Chevy Malibu		Intersection	Sun	Alcohol	2 - 19, 61 61 yr old died 5/6/11	2	None used	61 21	Valid WI Susp WI	Alcohol - Speed No seatbelt worn by victim
05/20/11 7:37 a.m. Allen Street & Front Street	1 - School Bus		Blacktop Straight Level	Fri		1 - 80		Pedestrian	71	Valid WI B Class	Unknown
05/21/11 9:47 a.m. S. Dunbar Road	2 - 1993 Cadillac Deville 1995 Honda Odyssey EX		Blacktop 2 way traffic Not physically divided Dry Road	Sat		3 - 4, 6, 36	5	Used - except for driver of vehicle 1	39, 40	Valid WI Valid WI	Unknown
06/25/11 6:20 a.m. Footville Brodhead Rd @ Severson Rd	1 - 1987 Pontiac Firebird		Blacktop Straight Level/flat	Sat	Unknown	1 - 42		None Used	42	Valid D Class	Speed - lack of seatbelt worn