

# ROCK COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

## Meeting Minutes

April 11, 2012

Rock County Sheriff's Office Conference Room

The quarterly meeting of the Rock County Traffic Safety Commission was held on April 11, 2012, at the Sheriff's Office at 9:00AM. Present were: Hank Brill, Jenifer Keach, Dan Davis, Barbara Abraham, Andrea Loeffelholz, Joni Graves, Madelyn Glaeden, Shirley Connors, Ryan Mayer, Jeff Berens, Tom Boguszewski, Bill Tyler, Alyssa Marescalio, Dennis Ryan, Jude Maurer and Pat Swartout.

Citizens also in attendance: Tom and Dawn Piecuch

Capt. Maurer called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. and asked for introductions around the table.

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

### **Fatal accidents reviewed**

- January 6, 2012 – 1 Vehicle accident – 1 fatality – 27 year old male. Capt. Maurer reviewed the roadside signage alerting curve. Noted a number of accidents have occurred at this site. Coroner Keach advised the toxicology level of the deceased was .262. Jeff Berens will look into the possibility of a night arrow being put up in this area at the apex. Capt. Maurer will try to have details relating to the speed of the vehicle for next meeting discussions. At this time, Capt. Maurer asked the citizen's present for their input.

Tom Piecuch advised that traffic has increased significantly in this area. He states the noise levels are extreme. Tom also discussed the number of semi-trucks that are accessing this roadway, possibly avoiding the highway scales. Capt. Maurer will contact Sgt. Marquardt of the Sheriff's Office Truck Enforcement Team regarding this concern.

DOT advised a rumble strip project slated to begin in September may help alleviate speeding in this area.

- January 13, 2012 – 2 vehicles – 1 fatality – 77 year old male. Victim failed to stop at traffic signal. Negative for alcohol, still waiting on drug testing per Coroner. Bill Tyler advised reconstruction was not completed.
- February 10, 2012 – 2 vehicles – 1 fatality – 8 year old female. Hit broadside when attempting to make left turn out of business. A video was not available

for this accident. Capt. Maurer will follow up with State Patrol on the reconstruction report and will bring to next TSC meeting.

### **Old Business**

### **New Business**

Capt. Maurer discussed the preliminary year-end 2011 crash statistics. Fatal crashes were down 10.2% on a 5 year average. Total crashes were down 4.3%.

Andrea Loeffelholz distributed WI motorcycle fatality statistics. The total number of motorcycle fatalities for 2011 was 85, below the 5 year average. Andrea believes this year's unusually warm weather will be a factor in the number of fatal accidents in 2012. Andrea noted the state was losing millions in damaged property due to crashes and asked local agencies to apply the yellow tag program.

Capt. Maurer discussed the state statute describing traffic safety committees and their responsibilities.

Joni Graves advised she is having some accuracy issues with coordinates in the traffic mapping project.

### **Public Input**

Citizens Tom and Dawn Piecuch spoke earlier in the meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. Wednesday, July 18, 2012 at the Rock County Sheriff's Office.

Jenifer Keach moved to adjourn the meeting; Barbara Abraham seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 10:16 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Patricia Swartout  
LES Secretary