

ROCK COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

July 18, 2012

Rock County Sheriff's Office Conference Room

The quarterly meeting of the Rock County Traffic Safety Commission was held on July 18, 2012, at the Sheriff's Office at 9:00AM. Present were: Hank Brill, Jenifer Keach, Dan Davis, Barbara Abraham, Madelyn Glaeden, Shirley Connors, Ryan Mayer, , Tom Boguszewski, Dennis Ryan, Ben Coopman, Tom Dunkin, Jeff Kuglitsch, Mike Panish, Jude Maurer and Pat Swartout.

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 April 11, 2012. The motion was seconded by Jenifer Keach. Motion passed unanimously.

Fatal accidents reviewed

- April 3, 2012: 1 Vehicle/1 Fatality – 22 year old male. Location of accident: CTH KK at Six Corner. Speed and alcohol level of .218 contributing factors. Reconstruction video was reviewed.
- April 22, 2012: 1 Vehicle/1 Fatality – 24 year old male. Location of accident: NB Hwy 39 @ Hwy 11. Failure to have control and alcohol level of .109 contributing factors. Reconstruction video was reviewed.
- May 15, 2012: 1 Vehicle/1 Fatality – 71 year old male. Location of accident: Hwy 51 at Hurd Road. No Alcohol was detected. Victim had a heart condition and according to family, poor eyesight due to diabetes. Victim had been in an accident one week prior. Reconstruction video was reviewed.
- June 9, 2012: 1 Motrocycle/1 Fatality – 36 year old male. Location of accident: S Sth at 140. Speed and alcohol level of .208 contributing factors. Reconstruction video was reviewed.

Ben Coopman inquired as to the Reconstruction Team's ability to distinguish the speed of the vehicles involved in the fatality accidents. Capt. Maurer advised the group that this was indeed possible, however to do so was costly. If the fatality accident has no civil or criminal liability issues, a speed investigation will not be done.

Old Business

Capt. Maurer circulated crash statistical maps for Wisconsin and the Rock County area for the group's review. According to statistics from the Department of Motor Vehicles, Rock County's 5 year average is 23 fatality accidents per year. Capt. Maurer noted the County will be below that average should the current pace continue.

Ryan Mayer advised that the rumble strip project is currently underway. The majority of the strips will be installed on centerlines.

Ryan also advised the group of the installation of a night arrow on the westbound side of Hwy 14 at Emerald Grove Road. The arrow placement is a result of the fatality which occurred at that location on January 6, 2012.

New Business

Ryan Mayer advised of WisDOT's new pilot project. Dynamic chevrons have been installed at 213 east of Orfordville. Motion and speed activate the chevron's illumination, warning of the curving roadway.

Dennis Ryan updated the group on the 26 bypass project. The completion of the first phase of the project is expected in November 2012. The project includes installation of a roundabout at Harmony Town Hall.

Mike Panish, acting as a proxy for Andrea Loeffelholz, advised that a replacement for Andrea is currently being sought. Mike noted fatalities for the State of Wisconsin are up 15%.

Mike also advised the group that grants have been set for next year's funding. Tom Knope will be making contacts with those agencies targeted for the grant funding.

Public Input

None

Jenifer Keach moved to adjourn the meeting. Shirley Connors seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 10:05AM. The next scheduled meeting of the Traffic Safety Committee is Wednesday October 24, 2012 at 9:00AM at the Rock County Sheriff's Office (large conference room).

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia Swartout
LES Secretary