

ROCK COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

April 17, 2013

Rock County Sheriff's Office – Large Conference Room

The quarterly meeting of the Rock County Traffic Safety Commission was held on April 17, 2013, at the Sheriff's Office at 9:00AM. Present were: Hank Brill, Dena Dramm, Dennis Ryan, Mike Flesch, Matthew Aslesen, Barbara Abraham, Madelyn Glaeden, Tom, Dunkin, Jenifer Keach, Ben Coopman, Adam Pritchard, Jeff Kuglitsch, Jude Maurer and Pat Swartout.

Capt. Maurer called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. and asked for introductions around the table.

Hank Brill motioned to approve the minutes of January 16, 2013. The motion was seconded by Dennis Ryan. Motion passed unanimously.

Fatal accidents reviewed

- February 13, 2013 – 2 Vehicle/2 Injured/1 Deceased. Sweeping curve on roadway (W STH 59). Speed, along with lack of safety equipment are contributing factors. Alcohol negative. Video was reviewed. Dennis advised he believed a curve warning sign is posted, however the video did not capture the signage. Capt. Maurer will follow up at the next meeting regarding where and if signs are posted at this curve.

Jenifer advised the Coroner's office became involved in this case as there was some discrepancy as to whether the deceased was the driver in the crash. Jen also advised there was no indication the driver was texting or talking on a cell phone at the time of the incident. Toxicology report was negative.

- March 3, 2013 – 2 Vehicle/1 Injured/1 Deceased. Alcohol/left of center are the contributing factors. Video was reviewed.

Jenifer advised the group an autopsy was performed on the deceased. The 33 yo female died of head trauma. The deceased registered a .213 alcohol level.

The group discussed the roadway (CTH D) as a similar fatality accident occurred in this location several years ago. Dennis advised there are no road issues at the point of the crash.

Old Business

None

New Business

Jenifer asked if the Sheriff's Office would be sending out a public service announcement on Motorcycle season. Capt. Maurer will verify if a press release is scheduled. Matt will forward Capt. Maurer the State's public service announcement regarding motorcycle safety.

Ben displayed the crash calendar he received from the TSC. The calendar outlined vehicle crashes for the year 2011 in Rock County, organizing each into specific categories, dates and times. Ben advised the calendar was an attempt to spot trends. Matt advised the state will no longer be funding the calendar.

Jeff stated Sheriff Spoden has asked the group to discuss the LaPrairie Town Hall Bridge. The LaPrairie Town Board has received a number of complaints as to the safety of the bridge abutments. Ben advised he has had discussion with the Town Board regarding protocol in getting Federal funds to improve or repair the bridge. Hank will contact the LaPrairie Town Chair regarding the bridge liabilities.

Public Input

None

The next scheduled meeting of the Traffic Safety Committee will be held on Wednesday, July 17, 2013 at 9:00AM at the Rock County Sheriff's Office (large conference room).

Barb Abraham motioned to adjourn the meeting. Jenifer Keach seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia Swartout
LES Secretary