

ROCK COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes
July 18, 2018 – 9:00AM
Rock County Sheriff's Office – Large Conference Room

The 2018, 2nd quarter meeting of the Rock County Traffic Safety Commission was held on Wednesday, July 18, 2018 at the Rock County Sheriff's Office at 9:00AM.

In attendance: Jude Maurer, Shena Kohler, Regina Holmberg, Hank Brill, Madelyn Glaeden, Dennis Ryan, Ryan Mayar, Lisa Wallenkamp, Barbara Abraham, Randy Wiessinger, Duane Jorgenson, Rachael Ellias, Tom Boguszewski, and Joe Davis Sr.

Absent: Robert Spoden, Barbara Barrington-Tillman, Curt Fell, Rich LeFeber, Terry Sheridan, John Olsen, Barry Irmen, Bill Miller, Ahnaray Bizjak, Laura Andreasson, Marilyn Bondehagen, Mike Flesch, and Rick Olig

Capt. Maurer called the meeting to order at 9:04AM.

Introductions

Introductions were made in round table fashion.

Approval of Minutes

Madelyn Glaeden motioned to approve the minutes of April 25, 2018. The motion was seconded by Lisa Wallenkamp. Motion passed unanimously.

Fatal Crash Review

- **April 4, 2018:** 1 vehicle/1 deceased – 63-year-old Male. S. Cty Tk H by W. Ellis Road. Video Reviewed. Failed to negotiate around curve, entered the ditch, and struck a tree. Negative toxicology report. No safety restraint used. Case pending with Medical Examiner's Office.
- **April 8, 2018:** 1 vehicle/1 deceased – 73-year-old Male. W. State Hwy 81. Video Reviewed. Crossed the centerline, struck a culvert at 6946 W. State Hwy 81, overturned end over end, came to rest on passenger side in north ditch of W. State Hwy 81. Negative toxicology report. No safety restraint used. Blunt force head trauma. Suspected medical event.

Old Business

No discussion.

New Business

Captain Maurer informed the Town of Porter Chairman has requested an adjustment to the intersection of E. USH 14 at N. Tolles Road. Residents have seen an increase in traffic on N. Tolles Road due to vehicles trying to bypass the City of Evansville, as a faster route heading to Madison. Ryan Mayer will research possibilities.

Captain Maurer explained the curve on E. USH 14 at N. State Hwy 140 needs more signage. Ryan Mayer stated there is a black and white arrow there, so next step will be putting up chevron signs. Duane Jorgenson informed he will verify if this intersection is on their list for new signage due to the federal government signage law changing.

Joe Davis Sr. affirmed the number of fatal accidents for 2018 may exceed the average number of accidents within the last five years. He expressed multi-agency task forces be activated. Jude Maurer questioned if statistics show counties with task forces have less fatalities. Joe Davis Sr. explained Milwaukee Co. OWI Task Force had a decrease of 50 percent. Randy Wiessenger explained Dane Co. has seen an increase in fatalities due to no safety restraints. Generally, more law enforcement presence on the road could result in more driver safety awareness.

Ryan Mayer discussed a reconstruction project on State Highway 140 at State Highway 67. A single lane round-a-bout on State Highway 140 is being scoped for 2024. He is handling submissions for funding.

Ryan Mayer is exploring the possibility of making left turn lanes on W. US Highway 14 between N. River Road and N. Cty Tk F. This stretch of Highway 14 is two lanes on the east side of the road. He proposed having one left turn lane and regular lane of traffic. Jude Maurer explained this would be a great option at the intersection of N. Cty Tk F and W. US Highway 14 as well.

Set Next Meeting Date

The 3rd quarter Traffic Safety Committee meeting will be held at 9:00AM on Wednesday, October 17, 2018 at the Rock County Sheriff's Office.

Dennis Ryan motioned to adjourn the meeting. Hank Brill seconded. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:37AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Regina Holmberg
Secretary II