

ROCK COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

January 20, 2021 – 9:00 a.m.

Rock County Sheriff's Office via Zoom:

Topic: TSC

Time: Jan 20, 2021 09:00 AM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Introductions (if needed)
3. Approval of Minutes from October, 2020
4. Fatal Crash Review
5. Old Business
6. New Business
7. Public Input

8. Set Next Meeting Date

9. Adjourn

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Meeting Minutes October 21, 2020 – 9:00 a.m. Online Zoom Meeting

The 2020 3rd quarter meeting of the Rock County Traffic Safety Commission was held on Wednesday, October 21, 2020 as an online Zoom meeting and was hosted by Captain Mark Thompson of the Rock County Sheriff's Office.

In Attendance: Mark Thompson, Diane Kowal, Ahnaray Bizjak, Charlene Schmid, Dennis Ryan, Jason Dupuis, Madelyn Glaeden, Randy Gordon, Randy Wiessinger, Ronald Bomkamp, Terrence Sheridan, Terri Carlson and Tom Boguszewski.

Absent: Troy Knudson, Craig Strouse, Jude Maurer, Barry Irmey, Lisa Wallenkamp, Brian Donohue, Bridget Laurent, Duane Jorgenson, Phil Witkiewicz, John Olsen, Kim Peerenboom, Marilyn Bondehagen, Rick Olig, and Shena Kohler.

Captain Thompson called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Introductions

Not necessary

Approval of Minutes

Captain Thompson explained that we do not have County Board approval of new members as of yet, so approval of minutes cannot take place.

Fatal Crash Review

Captain Thompson explained that we reached out to the Medical Examiner's office for representation at this meeting, but they were not able to provide a medical examiner to attend. Therefore, we do not have lab results and related facts for these fatalities.

- **July 13, 2020:** 2 vehicles/1 deceased pedestrian, age 44. I43 and Schroeder Road. Video reviewed. This accident was handled by Wisconsin State Patrol. Driver 1 struck a guard rail and was ejected, landing on the right shoulder. Lights for unit 1 were disabled. Driver 2 did not see unit 1 and was unable to avoid contact, hitting unit 1 in the road and Driver 1 on the shoulder. It is unknown if Driver 1 died from injuries sustained from the first or second crash. Sgt. Randy Gordon of Wisconsin State Patrol stated toxicology results were not in yet; however, open alcohol containers were found, and deceased had not worn a seatbelt.
- **July 25, 2020:** 2 vehicles/1 deceased, age 31. STH 104 NB and CTHB. Video reviewed. Inattentive driving. Unit 3 (no-contact vehicle) was stopped on STH 104, waiting to turn left onto a private drive, with left turn signal on. Unit 2 either slowed or came to a complete stop behind Unit 3. While Unit 3 turned left, Unit 1 approached Unit 2 without attempting

to brake or slow down, striking unit 2. Driver of Unit 1 was distracted by an auction on the left/west side of STH 104. Backseat passenger of Unit 2 died later of injuries sustained from the crash. Inattentive driving with higher volume of traffic.

- **August 15, 2020:** 1 motorcycle/1 deceased, age 50. CTH WC WB and STH 11, a T-intersection. Video reviewed. The Harley Davidson motorcycle drove through the intersection and ended up in a cornfield. Alcohol/drugs possible contributing factor, but no toxicology results yet. Driver deceased, and female passenger transported to hospital via ambulance. Sgt. Gordon stated there have been several accidents at that intersection over the years, but most of them have been going northbound. Captain Thompson agreed. Randy Wiessinger stated alcohol was a factor for the driver, and neither driver nor passenger wore helmets. Captain Thompson stated intersection is not lit and pointed out the stop sign from the other direction is lit.
- **August 30, 2020:** 1 motorcycle/1 deceased, age 31. Carvers Rock Road and Larsen Road. Video reviewed. No witness; deputy came upon the motorcycle and found the driver a short distance away. Unknown contributing factors. It was dark with curves in the road, but the curves were marked with signs. The deceased was local so presumed to be familiar with the area.
- **September 9, 2020:** 2 vehicles (both semis)/1 deceased, age 29. I39 near Newville Road. This accident was handled by Wisconsin State Patrol. Video reviewed, and discussion turned over to Sgt. Gordon of State Patrol. The Freightliner Semi was traveling southbound on I39 through the construction project that has been ongoing for four years. The driver was inattentive and went off the roadway onto the west shoulder. The operator then steered left and rolled over, ending up on the Jersey barrier, protruding into the northbound lane. A northbound International semi crashed into the protruding freightliner. Driver of International Semi died of injuries sustained in the crash. Toxicology results still pending. Captain Thompson said that section of the interstate was shut down for most of the day, with the purple route activated.
- **September 19, 2020:** 2 vehicles/1 deceased, age 32. Riverside Drive (Hwy 51) near Baldwin Woods Road. Handled by Town of Beloit. Video reviewed. Unit 1 was southbound on Riverside Drive. Unit 2 was southbound on Riverside Drive at a high rate of speed. Unit 2 struck Unit 1. Unit 2 lost control and struck a guard rail on the west side of Riverside. Driver of Unit 2 sustained fatal injuries. Sgt. Gordon stated the accident was at an intersection, Unit 2 was going too fast, no seatbelt was used, and the driver was intoxicated. Charlene Schmid made note that Riverside Drive used to have a suicide lane there but now has a TWLTL lane. While not a factor in this crash, there is talk that drivers in general appear to confuse the use of the TWLTL lane with how the old suicide lane was used. Cpt. Thompson stated that with the amount of skid mark present, Unit 2 was probably traveling at a high rate of speed. He agreed that with the change in traffic pattern, it would be a good idea to meet with Town of Beloit to enforce proper use of that lane.
- **September 20, 2020:** 2 vehicles/2 deceased, ages 68 and 90. Cth N WB near Vogel Road. Video reviewed. Unit 1 was traveling westbound on CTH N. Unit 2 was traveling eastbound on CTHN. Unit 1 crossed the center line and made head-on contact with unit

2. Driver and passenger of Unit 1 died as a result of the crash. Driver of Unit 2 is suspected of alcohol use; toxicology results pending. There is a question as to a possible medical event with the driver of Unit 1; however, the autopsy was external only so may not get any further results. Cpt. Thompson saw nothing on the roadway needing to be changed.

In looking over the Comparison of Fatal Accidents, 2019 vs 2020, Cpt. Thompson noted we are in the same ballpark with the amount year-to-date accidents, even with COVID-19. A lot of construction projects will be wrapping up shortly. Hwy 14 is now open, and CTH F will soon be open.

At this point in the meeting, Randy Wiessinger displayed and discussed his Rock County Traffic Safety Commission Quarterly Informational Slides. He highlighted some of the year-to-date crash statistics. As of September 30, 2020, there have been 19 deceased, and the five-year average is 22. We are 15% lower for the number of crashes, but high speed as a factor is up. There have been 75 motorcycle accidents this year compared to 50 last year, and there are more passengers involved in these crashes. He also briefly went through his Predictive Analytics, stating 85%-90% of the accidents are a result of behavioral issues. It would be beneficial to target education and outreach, especially motorcycle safety. Randy listed three Traffic Safety Messaging Resources: Wisconsin www.zeroinwisconsin.gov, NHTSA www.trafficsafetymarketing.gov, and National Safety Council www.nsc.org.

Randy Wiessinger then went over Questions to consider:

- What is the impact of COVID on traffic safety? Is it short term or long term?
- If we have all of this data, predictive analytics, and resources, what do we do with it?
- If law enforcement and engineering are doing all they can do, what is left?
- Why do we do what we are doing?
- Who isn't involve that should be?

He ended with a slide offering his help and how to reach him: rpw@wiessinger.com 608-516-6767.

Charlene mentioned that Janesville has approved TWLTL lanes on Crosby, Arch and Pearl Streets.

Charlene also had a question regarding STH81 and CTH N. Cpt. Thompson said that intersection is not in Rock County. Charlene also asked about crashes at STH81 and CTH T. Cpt. Thompson did not know if that area was used as a detour in the past. He stated speed has been a factor, and we have had extra patrol on 81. CTH T is a dark intersection, but unaware of problems. Randy Wiessinger said it is on the county line between Rock and Green counties.

Old Business

No old business.

New Business

No new business.

Public Input

No public input

Set Next Meeting Date

The 2020 4th Quarter Traffic Safety Commission meeting is set for January 20, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. It is yet to be decided if that meeting will be held in person or via Zoom. Coordinating with Randy Wiessinger of WisDOT, the meetings for 2021 are set for April 21, 2021; July 21, 2021; and October 20, 2021.

**ROCK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
ANALYSIS OF FATAL ACCIDENTS**

	Date, Time and Location	No./Vehicle Type Involved	Roadway Surface Condition	Day of Week	Alcohol/ Drugs Involved	Number of Persons Killed/Age	Number of Persons Injured	Safety Equip Use (deceased)	Age of Drivers	Possible Contributing Factors
1ST QUARTER 2020										
1	02/03/20 6:34 PM 5500 Block of E. Hwy 59 - Lima	1- 2008 Suzuki XL7 SUV	Dry	Mon	Yes	1	2	None Used	20	Excessive speed, Fail to control, operate in aggressive/reckless manner, Distracted by texting/dialing.
2	02/13/20 2:21 PM 11219 N. Vickerman Rd. - Lima	2- 1994 Honda ATV 2018 GM Savana Van	Snow, Ice	Fri	No	1	0	Not Applicable	81 49	Operate MV in inattentive, Careless or Erratic Manner
3	02/15/20 9:05 AM STH 59 WB, 853 ft west of Berg Rd - Lima	1- 2002 Chev S10 Pickup	Snow, Ice	Sat	No	1	0	Shoulder & Lap Belt	90	Drifting Snow
4	03/06/20 2:17 PM 2614 STH 213 NB - Beloit	1	Dry	Fri	Yes	1	0	None Used	18	Failure to Control
5	03/08/20 9:45 PM Randall St 146 ft east of Porter Ave - Beloit	2- Pedestrian 2003 Toyota Rav4	Dry	Sun	Yes	1	0	Not Applicable	68 56	Alcohol

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2nd QUARTER 2020										
1	04/07/20 7:10 PM Prairie Ave/CTH G NB, 629 Ft south of Zick Dr - Beloit	1 – 2008 Ford F350 Light Truck	Wet	Tues	No	1	2	Shoulder & Lap Belt	46	Exceed Speed Limit, Too Fast for Conditions
2	04/16/20 10:20 PM Read Rd, Approx 1 mile north of Hwy 11 – La Prairie	1 – 2005 Buick LaCrosse	Dry	Thurs	Yes	1	0	None Used	33	Unknown
3	04/19/20 3:37 PM STH 213 SB, 1.2 miles south of Orfordville- Hanover Rd - Plymouth	1 – 2002 Suzuki RGSX Motorcycle	Dry	Sun	No	1	0	Gloves, Long Pants, Full-Face Helmet, Windshield	33	Exceed Speed Limit, Failure to Control, Ran off Roadway
4	05/15/20 11:52 PM Wisconsin Ave., 12 ft south of Keeler Ave. - Beloit	2 – 2010 Cadillac Escalade L 2003 Ford Focus	Dry	Fri	Yes	1	2	Side Airbag Deployed, Unknown Restraint Use	24 19	Exceed Speed Limit, Too Fast for Conditions, Fail to Yield, Disregard Stop Sign, Operate MV in Aggressive/Reckless Manner
5	05/30/20 12:42 AM USH 14 EB and Scharine Rd - Bradford	1 – 200 Chev Silverado Light Truck	Dry	Sat	Yes	1	1	None Used	43	Disregard Stop Sign; Operate MV in Inattentive, Careless or Erratic Manner

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3rd QUARTER 2020										
1	07/13/20 09:29 PM I 43 and Schroeder Rd Town of Turtle	3- 2006 GMC truck 2016 Ford Focus Pedestrian	Dry	Mon	Suspected	1 Age 44	1	None	53	Lying in roadway from previous accident
2	07/25/20 11:40 AM STH 104 NB and CTH B Magnolia	2- 2007 Saab SUV 2014 Honda SUV	Dry	Sat	Test Results Pending	1 Age 31	4	Shoulder & Lap Belt	39 29	Inattentive Driving
3	08/15/20 08:11 PM CTH WC WB and STH 11 Town of Janesville	1- 2017 Harley Davidson MC	Dry	Sat	Yes	1 Age 50	1	None	50	Failure to control/keep in proper lane
4	08/30/20 04:37 AM Carvers Rock Road and Larsen Rd Town of Bradford	1- 1981 Harley Davidson MC	Dry	Sun	No	1 Age 31	0	None	31	Unknown
5	09/09/20 3:47 AM I39 SB near Newville Rd Town of Fulton	2- 2021 Freightliner Corp - Semi 2016 International Semi	Wet	Wed	Test Results Pending	1 Age 29	1	Unknown	29 29	Failure to control, ran off roadway, failed to keep in designated lane, operate in inattentive, careless or erratic manner, over-correcting.
6	09/19/20 02:40 AM 2616 Riverside near Baldwin Woods Rd Town of Beloit	2- 2014 Dodge Avenger 2011 Mercedes Benz CLS550	Dry	Sat	Yes	1 Age 32	1	Airbag	40 32	Exceed speed limit, failure to control, improper overtaking/passing.

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7 09/20/20 03:20 PM CTH N WB near Vogel Rd Town of Milton	2- 2017 Ford Edge 2018 Ford F150	Dry	Sun	Yes – not at fault driver	2 Age 68 Age 90	2	Driver - Shoulder/Lap Belt and Airbag Passenger – Airbag	68 46	Crossed Center Line

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4TH QUARTER 2020										
1	10/06/20 04:05 PM STH 59 EB at Dunphy Rd Town of Magnolia	2- 2012 Harley Davidson MC 2013 RAM Pickup	Dry	Tues	No	2 Age 67 Age 58	None	Boots, Jacket, Windshield Boots, Windshield	67 40	Fail to yield right of way/Follow too close.
2	10/08/20 06:13 PM STH 67 NB 1122 Ft west of STH 140 SB Town of Clinton	2- 2008 Acadia SUV 2015 GMC Sierra pickup	Dry	Thurs	Not suspected -Test results pending	1 Age 4	2	Booster Seat, Curtain Airbag	38 25	Ran off roadway, failed to keep in designated lane, over corrected.
3	12/08/20 03:00 PM Van Allen Rd 178 feet north of Maple Lane Rd Town of La Prairie	1- 2015 Chevrolet Traverse SUV	Dry	Tues	Yes - suspected	1 Age 41	None	Unknown	41	Excess speed, fail to control, wrong way, operate in aggressive reckless manner.
4	12/16/20 11:45 AM IH 43 SB 0.37 miles east of Carvers Rock Town of Clinton	2- 2015 Chevrolet Impala 2017 Freightliner Corp Cascadia 1 TC - Tractor	Dry	Wed	No	1 Age 41	1	None used	41 28	Fail to control, run off roadway, wrong way, over correcting.

COMPARISON OF FATAL ACCIDENTS

2019 v 2020

1st Quarter

<i>2019</i>	<i>2020</i>
01/23/19 @ 6:48 AM USH 51 @ Kidder Rd 2 vehicles 1 deceased	02/03/20 @ 6:34 PM 5500 Block of E. Hwy 59 – Lima 1 vehicle 1 deceased
02/02/19 STH 81 @ Freeman Pkwy 2 vehicles 1 deceased	02/13/20 @ 2:21 PM 11219 N. Vickerman Rd. – Lima 2 vehicles 1 deceased
02/11/19 CTH G @ Sunny Lane 2 vehicles 1 deceased	02/15/20 @ 9:05 AM STH 59 WB @ Berg Rd. – Lima 1 vehicle 1 deceased
	03/06/20 @ 2:17 PM 2614 STH 213 NB – Beloit 1 vehicle 1 deceased
	03/08/20 @ 9:45 PM Randall St. @ Porter Ave. – Beloit 1 vehicle 1 pedestrian 1 deceased
YEAR TO DATE	
3 ACCIDENTS	5 ACCIDENTS
3 DECEASED	5 DECEASED

2nd Quarter

COMPARISON OF FATAL ACCIDENTS

2019 v 2020

<i>2019</i>	<i>2020</i>
04/05/19 STH 81 and Moraity Rd 1 vehicle 1 deceased	04/07/20 @ 7:10 PM Prairie Ave./CTH G NB @ Zick Dr. – Beloit 1 vehicle 1 deceased
4/16/19 USH 14 EB and CTH C 2 vehicles 1 deceased	04/16/20 @ 10:20 PM Read Rd. near Hwy 11 – LaPrairie 1 vehicle 1 deceased
05/04/19 USH 14 and CTH MM 2 vehicles 1 deceased	04/19/20 @ 3:37 PM STH 213 SB near Orfordville-Hanover Rd – Plymouth 1 motorcycle 1 deceased
05/15/19 Gateway Blvd and Town Hall Road 2 motorcycles 1 deceased	05/15/20 @ 11:52 PM Wisconsin Ave @ Keeler Ave. – Beloit 2 vehicles 1 deceased
	5/30/20 @ 12:42 AM USH 14 EB @ Scharine Rd. – Bradford 1 vehicle 1 deceased
YEAR TO DATE	
7 ACCIDENTS	10 ACCIDENTS
7 DECEASED	10 DECEASED

COMPARISON OF FATAL ACCIDENTS

2019 v 2020

3rd Quarter

2019	2020
7/16/19 @ 9:01 a.m. I39 near CTH MM 1 vehicle 1 deceased	7/13/20 @ 9:29 p.m. I 43 and Schroeder Rd 2 vehicles 1 deceased pedestrian
7/31/19 @ 8:45 a.m. Holiday Dr east of Kennedy Rd **Suicide** 2 vehicles 1 deceased <i>Removed from total</i>	7/25/20 @ 11:40 a.m. STH 104 and CTH B 2 vehicles 1 deceased
8/04/19 @ 8:17 p.m. N STH 213 and W STH 59 2 vehicles 1 deceased	8/15/20 @ 8:11 p.m. CTH WC and STH 11 1 motorcycle 1 deceased
8/09/19 @ 8:47 a.m. W STH 81 at W Beloit Newark Rd 2 vehicles 1 deceased	8/30/20 @ 4:37 a.m. Carvers Rock Rd and Larsen Rd 1 motorcycle 1 deceased
8/09/19 @ 8:53 p.m. STH 51 SB 707 ft north of Bawood 1 vehicle 1 pedestrian 1 deceased	9/09/20 @ 3:47 a.m. I39 SB near Newville Rd 2 vehicles 1 deceased
8/20/19 @ 8:00 a.m. I39 SB 0.55 mi north of STH 11 WB 2 vehicles 1 deceased	9/19/20 @ 2:40 a.m. USH 51 SB and Baldwin Woods Rd 2 vehicles 1 deceased
8/24/19 @ 9:43 a.m. W USH 14 and N Tuttle Rd 2 vehicles 1 deceased	9/20/20 @ 3:30 p.m. CTH N WB near Vogel Rd 2 vehicles 2 deceased
9/08/19 @ 2:55 a.m. E High St east of McEwan Ln 2 vehicles 1 deceased	
9/9/19 @ 3:56 p.m. W CTH B and S Coon Island Rd 2 vehicles 1 deceased	
9/24/19 @ 10:02 p.m. Cranston Rd 243 ft south of Oxford Ln 1 motorcycle 1 deceased	
9/25/19 @ 8:05 a.m. STH 11 WB and I39 SB 1 vehicle 1 motorcycle 1 deceased	
YEAR TO DATE	
17 ACCIDENTS	17 ACCIDENTS
17 DECEASED	18 DECEASED

COMPARISON OF FATAL ACCIDENTS

2019 v 2020

4th Quarter

<i>2019</i>	<i>2020</i>
10/26/19 @ 4:00 a.m. Roherty Rd, .34 Miles south of USH 14 EB 1 vehicle 1 deceased	10/26/20 @ 4:05 p.m. STH 59 EB at Dunphy Rd 2 vehicles 2 deceased
11/22/19 @ 5:59 p.m. STH 81 and Beloit Newark Rd 3 vehicles 1 deceased	10/08/20 @ 6:13 p.m. STH 67 NB near STH 140 SB 2 vehicles 1 deceased
12/25/19 @ 11:55 p.m. Rockport Rd .48 mi east of STH 11 EB 1 vehicle 2 deceased	12/08/20 @ 3:00 p.m. Van Allen Rd and Maple Lane Rd 1 vehicle 1 deceased
	12/16/20 @ 11:45 a.m. IH 43 SB .37 miles east of Carvers Rock 2 vehicles 1 deceased
YEAR TO DATE	
20 ACCIDENTS	21 ACCIDENTS
21 DECEASED	23 DECEASED