



WAUKESHA COUNTY

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MINUTES

Wednesday, August 11th 2021

Waukesha County Administrative Building

In Attendance:

Lieutenant Chadwick Niles; Chairman Traffic Safety Coordinator, Waukesha County Sheriff's Department Representative

Mr. Rick Olig; Law Enforcement Liaison Wisconsin Department of Transportation (BOTS)

Dr. Lynda Biedrzycki; Waukesha County Medical Examiner's Office Representative

Sergeant Lamar Brooks; Village of Menomonee Falls Representative

Lieutenant Chris DeMotto; Village of Mukwonago Representative

Chief Steve Westphal; City of Muskego Police Department Representative

Sergeant Peter Lynkiewicz; City of Muskego Police Department Representative

Captain Steven Thompson; City of New Berlin Police Department Representative

Sergeant Adam Nelson; Village of Chenequa Police Department Representative

Supervisor Darlene Johnson; Waukesha County Board

Sergeant Matthew Noah; Wisconsin State Patrol Representative

Trooper Nicholas Lorenzen; Wisconsin State Patrol Representative

Trooper John Corey; Wisconsin State Patrol Representative

Deputy Kelsey Guthrie; Waukesha County Sheriff's Department Representative

Deputy Jennifer McIntyre; Waukesha County Sheriff's Department Representative

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Traffic Safety Commission Chairman, Lieutenant Chadwick Niles at 1:02 pm at the Waukesha County Administrative Building. Introductions were made of those in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Everyone in attendance reviewed the minutes from the May 10th 2021 meeting. Ms. Darlene Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes. Lieutenant Chris DeMotto seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

CITIZEN COMMENTS AND REPORTS

None.

BUREAU OF TRANSPORTATION SAFETY

Mr. Rick Olig reviewed year to date crash data. Waukesha County has had ten fatal crashes and there has been 311 fatal crashes year to date statewide. Crashes are on an upward trend now that drivers are returning to the workplace and travelling again.

99% of law enforcement agencies are properly mapping crashes.

Mr. Olig reviewed the areas of the county's recent fatal crashes and shared crash history of those areas. Updates to Community Maps have been made, making it more user friendly.

Traffic Grants for 2021 have been scheduled. The Drive Sober Campaign will be August 20th – September 6th 2021 and again December 17th, 2021 – January 1st 2022. Agencies should have received their Law Enforcement Action Kits. It was suggested to ask the media to report and for others to share on their Facebook pages when traffic enforcements are happening. Speed boards and speed trailers do have a positive impact when they are utilized.

Governor's Conference on Highway Safety is scheduled for August 17th – 19th 2021. The conference will be held virtually.

Railroad Crossing Campaign is September 6th-27th 2021. Child Passenger Safety Week is September 19th-25th 2021.

New legislature is happening. A few to note are requiring fifty hours of behind the wheel time, allowing a 15-year-old to get their driver's permit, and it be valid for 18 months, before they can obtain their license.

Working on having all operating while intoxicated count together. Vehicle, snowmobile, boat. More information can be located on the Community Maps website under the TSC resources tab.

Change to telephonic search warrant, departments must keep the audio of the phone call.

Definition of an UTV is now 3,000 pounds.

Deputy Niles reported the Sheriff's Department completed the Click it or Ticket campaign in May. 154 hours in over 18 days of enforcement action. 81 traffic stops were made. 87 citations and 29 warnings were issued.

HIGH CRASH LOCATIONS / FATALS

➤ **Sergeant Brooks reported that the Menomonee Falls Police Department had the following fatal:**

- **5-1-21**
- **Silver Spring Road/Village of Menomonee Falls**

A 48-year-old male was riding a motorcycle travelling westbound on Silver Spring Rd, where speed limit is 45 miles per hour when he ran over a downed cable line that was down due to high winds, the line got tangled up in his motorcycle, causing him to ride up the sidewalk and stuck a tree. Rider was wearing a helmet. He was admitted to Froedtert Hospital a few days later due to complications and passed away on May 30th. A crash reconstruction was not done.

➤ **Lieutenant Niles reported that the Waukesha County Sheriff's Department had the following fatal:**

- **6-12-21**
- **Prairie View Drive/Village of North Prairie**

A 45-year-old male was riding a motorcycle with a 57-year-old female passenger when he failed to negotiate a curve on Prairie View Dr where speed limit is 25 miles per hour and in a residential area causing them to leave the roadway strike a culvert causing both to be thrown off the motorcycle. No helmets were worn, speed is a factor and alcohol is suspected however toxicology results are pending. State Patrol handled the crash reconstruction.

➤ **Lieutenant Niles reported that the Waukesha County Sheriff's Department had the following fatal:**

- **6-16-21**
- **Townline Road/Town of Lisbon**

A 57-year-old-male travelling southbound on Town Line attempted to pass a vehicle in a passing zone, when lost control when the tires touched the edge of the gravel, he overcorrected and was unable to straighten out causing him to leave the roadway and hit a big tree stump. Driver was not wearing his seatbelt and was pinned in the

truck, needing to be extricated. Air bags did deploy. Toxicology results were negative. A crash reconstruction was not done. Contacting the highway department about having the tree stump removed was suggested.

➤ **Lieutenant Niles reported that the Waukesha County Sheriff's Department had the following fatal:**

- **7-18-21**
- **Waterville Road/Town of Ottawa**

A 29-year-old male was riding a motorcycle with two other motorcyclists, travelling northbound on Waterville Rd in a 35 mile per hour zone when he sped up to an estimate of 80-85 miles per hour disregarded the stop sign at County Highway D causing him to hit the back of a full-sized RV. Rider was wearing all safety gear including a helmet. Alcohol is suspected; however, toxicology results are pending. Wisconsin State Patrol handled the crash reconstruction.

NEW BUSINESS

A PowerPoint of what is needed and how detailed it is to have speed limits changed was presented.

2021 MEETING SCHEDULED

The last 2021 Waukesha County Traffic Safety Commission meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 11th.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Rick Olig and Sergeant Lynkiewicz seconded the motion to adjourn. Motion was passed to adjourn the meeting.

Traffic Safety Commission Chairman, Lieutenant Chadwick Niles adjourned the meeting at 2:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bobbi Jo Hinkley, TSC Assistant
Waukesha County Sheriff's Department