



WAUKESHA COUNTY

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MINUTES

Wednesday, August 12th 2020

Waukesha County Courthouse

In Attendance:

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

Ms. Kathleen Roe; Vice-Chairperson, Education Representative

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

Lieutenant Chris DeMotto; Village of Mukwonago Representative

Sergeant Peter Lynkiewicz; City of Muskego Police Department Representative

Captain Steve Thompson; City Of New Berlin Representative

Mr. Derrin Wolford; Signals Operations Engineer, Wisconsin Department of Transportation

Captain Stacy Kelsey; Village of Hartland Representative

Mr. Bruce Barnes; Waukesha County Traffic Engineer

Sergeant Matthew Noah; Wisconsin State Patrol Representative

Trooper Tigran Grigoryev; Wisconsin State Patrol Representative

Lieutenant Marc Moonen; City of Pewaukee/Waukesha County Sheriff Representative

Dr. Lynda Biedrzycki; Deputy Medical Examiner, Waukesha County

Ms. Magdelene Wagner; Director of Public Works for City of Pewaukee

Sergeant Steve Sanders; Village of Menomonee Falls Representative

Officer Dan Klein, City of Waukesha Representative

Officer Spencer Kranz; Town of Oconomowoc Representative

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Traffic Safety Commission Chairman, Lieutenant Chadwick Niles at 1:05 pm at the Waukesha County Administrative Building.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Everyone in attendance reviewed the minutes from the June 10th 2020 meeting. Mr. Barnes made a motion to approve the minutes. Lieutenant DeMotto seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

OLD BUSINESS

An updated study was completed for the City of Pewaukee's intersection of County Highway F and Lyndsay Road, the results revealed that this intersection would be adequate for an R-Cut (Restricted Crossing U-Turn) setup and the City of Pewaukee is moving forward with that change. Waukesha County has an application to the state requesting federal funding for this project. If approved it would be 90% federal funding to construct the R-Cut intersection. The City of Pewaukee would still like to see the reduction of the speed limit down to 45 miles per hour to show consistency with the corridor. Mr. Barnes does not think the reduction in speed is compatible with the road as it was built for a 55 miles per hour speed limit. A speed study shows 85% of drivers are travelling around 55 miles per hour. Lieutenant Marc Moonen stated most crashes at this intersection are caused by traffic travelling East or Westbound who are misguiding traffic travelling North or South.

Lieutenant DeMotto made a motion to support the findings of these studies. Sergeant Lynkiewicz seconded the motion and it was approved by unanimous vote with Lieutenant Moonen abstaining from voting.

CITIZEN COMMENTS AND REPORTS

None.

BUREAU OF TRANSPORTATION SAFETY

Mr. Rick Olig reviewed year to date crash data. Waukesha County has had nine fatal crashes and 286 fatal crashes have occurred statewide in 2020. March-May saw a significant drop in crashes due to the Safer At Home Order. Crashes involving teen drivers are lower in 2020 than in 2019.

There is a new format and website address for Community Maps. Changes are made every month. An option to search crash reports written by specific agencies is an available tool.

<http://CommunityMaps.wi.gov>. The availability to have a link posted on an agency's website to show crash data is now an option.

Due to recent fatal crashes in the area of Highway 67 and County Road ZZ in Eagle, as well as the area of College Avenue and Racine Avenue in New Berlin, he reviewed crash history in those areas.

Lieutenant Niles reported that the Sheriff's Department completed about 1-2 weeks of traffic grants but had to stop due to staffing issues.

Sergeant Sanders reported that the Menomonee Falls Police Department participated in the Click It or Ticket traffic grant. They had 100 traffic stops with 110 citations issued during 42 dedicated hours.

HIGH CRASH LOCATIONS / FATALS

- **Captain Thompson reported the City of New Berlin Police Department has the following fatal:**

- **6-11-20 @ 2:04 pm**
- **Casper Road City of New Berlin**

A 74-year old male suffered a heart attack causing him to lose control of his vehicle and crash into a park bench injuring a bystander at Malone Park, which is near the Police Department. Many people were at the park at the time, and medical aid was given and he was pronounced deceased at the scene. The toxicology results were negative. The crash has been amended to reflect he died of natural causes.

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

- **6-27-20 @ 1:48 pm**
- **State Highway 67 Town of Ottawa**

A 23-year old male beginner motorcyclist was travelling southbound when he lost control of his motorcycle causing him to lay the motorcycle down into oncoming traffic, which was a motorcycle who was travelling northbound. Rider was wearing helmet. Flight for Life did land at the scene but did not transport. He was pronounced deceased at Aurora Hospital in Summit. Toxicology results are not back but are anticipated to be negative.

➤ **Captain Thompson reported that the City of New Berlin Police Department has the following fatal:**

- **7-31-20 @ 7:09 pm**
- **College Avenue City of New Berlin**

A 21-year old female travelling westbound on College Avenue did not stop for the stop sign at the t-intersection of College Avenue and Racine Avenue when she was hit on the passenger side by a pickup truck travelling southbound. She was then pushed into construction equipment that was parked in the side of the road. Alcohol is suspected to have played a factor. She was pronounced deceased at the scene of the accident.

NEW BUSINESS

A citizen complaint of a crosswalk on Highway 83 in the Village of Mukwonago. Citizen states that drivers are not using caution when travelling thru the crosswalk. Lt DeMotto stated that there is a new caution flashing yellow pedestrian light located there and the village is working on crosswalk improvements thru the whole corridor. He will be following up with the citizen.

NEXT QUARTELY MEETING SCHEDULED

The next meeting of the Waukesha County Traffic Safety Commission is scheduled for Wednesday, November 11th 2020.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Lt Niles and Sgt. Lynkiewicz seconded the motion to adjourn. Motion was passed to adjourn the meeting.

Traffic Safety Commission Chairman, Lieutenant Chadwick Niles adjourned the meeting at 2:15 pm. Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 11th 2020 at 1:00 pm.

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