



WAUKESHA COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MINUTES

**Wednesday, February 14, 2018, at 1:00 p.m.
Waukesha County Courthouse, Room 155**

In Attendance:

Mr. Bruce Barnes; Waukesha County Traffic Engineer, Highway Commissioner Representative
Mr. Joseph Davis; Regional Program Manager, DOT Bureau of Transportation
Lieutenant Michael Goldmann, Chairman Traffic Safety Coordinator, Waukesha Sheriff's Department
Mr. Aaron Kramer, U.W.-Milwaukee, Urban Planning
Sgt. Ben Langer, New Berlin Police Department Representative
Lieutenant Michelle Leffler, Waukesha Sheriff's Department
Ms. Deena Liska, Teen Driving Coordinator, Children's Hospital of Wisconsin
Sergeant Peter Lynkiewicz: City of Muskego Police Department Representative
Mr. Rick Olig; Wisconsin Department Of Transportation, BOTS
Mr. Derrin Wolford; WIS DOT, Highway Engineering Representative
Supervisor Chuck Wood; Waukesha County Board

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Traffic Safety Coordinator Lieutenant Michael Goldmann, from the Waukesha County Sheriff's Department, at 1:05 p.m., at the Waukesha County Courthouse in Room 155. Introductions were made.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Sergeant Peter Lynkiewicz, the City of Muskego Police Department representative, made a motion to approve the minutes from 11-08-17. County Board Supervisor Chuck Wood, seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. The minutes were then approved.

BUREAU OF TRANSPORTATION SAFETY

- ❖ Mr. Joseph Davis, from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, Bureau of Transportation Safety, stated that the 44th Annual Governor's Conference on Highway Safety will be held at the Grand Geneva Resort in Lake Geneva, from August 21 through 23, 2018. The event provides an opportunity for transportation safety practitioners to learn more about current evidence-based practices in education, enforcement, and partnerships to reduce traffic fatalities. This year's workshops will include a medical examiner's workshop regarding traffic related crashes, an unmanned aircraft/drones workshop with Walworth County displaying their Drone Unit, etc.

The Southeastern OWI Task Force's first quarter report will be coming out on high visibility enforcement grants. Fatalities and crashes have exceeded last year's numbers.

Meeting reference fatalities related to teen driving with Deena Liska at Children's Hospital went very well.

- ❖ Mr. Rick Olig, from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, Bureau of Transportation Safety, also reported on the Governor's Conference at the Grand Geneva Resort, and stated that some workshops will include: Life cycle of a crash, DOJ perspective on court rulings, Human Trafficking, Predictive Analysis, etc. A brochure with information on the conference will be coming out soon.

The Highway Safety Coordinator's Association Meeting, Southeast Region, will be on March 28, 2018, in the Training Room at the Waukesha County Sheriff's Department. Meetings are open to Highway Safety Coordinators, Traffic Safety Commission Chair, Vice-Chairs, and/or designated representatives. Meeting discussions will include TSC meetings and agenda topics, changes to Community Maps, etc.

If any PBT's are needed for a large event in their municipality, EBT's are available from the State at no charge and may be checked out for up to 100 days in length. If anyone is interested, please contact Mr. Olig.

Legislative updates: Social Hosting Ordinance Statute was updated with the changing of definitions; Knowingly Operating After Revocation has changed to Operating After Revocation; Ignition Interlock Device law has changed; Change requirement for emergency vehicle from marked vehicles to authorized vehicles, etc. Mr. Olig will be forwarding the full legislative update to law enforcement members.

As far as fatalities, in 2018 were 62 fatal crashes as compared to 51 fatal crashes from last year at this time, with 68 fatalities in 2018 compared to 61 from last year at this time, so the numbers are increasing.

COMMISSION MEMBER REPORTS❖ Traffic Safety Commission Chairman

Chairman Traffic Safety Coordinator Lieutenant Goldmann introduced the Traffic Safety Commission's new chairperson, Lieutenant Michelle Leffler, from the Waukesha County Sheriff's Department. Lieutenant Leffler will be assuming the responsibilities as Chairperson at the next meeting.

❖ Children's Hospital of Wisconsin

Deena Liska stated that of the State of Wisconsin's Strategic Highway Safety Plan's goals is to reduce the fatalities of 20-year-olds and under, and they are working with the Department Of Transportation on this. She would be willing to work with the Traffic Safety Commission or anyone who sees a need for this in their community.

❖ Highway Commissioner Representative

Bruce Barnes stated there is a posted speed limit change on CTH VV, between Lake Five Road and Huntington Drive, in Merton, which will be going before the County Board. The current 55 mile per hour zone stretch is being reduced to a posted 45 miles per hour zone.

❖ Highway Engineering Representative

Darrin Wolford introduced himself as the new Department of Transportation Highway Engineering Representative replacing Justin Effinger.

The change in pedestrian signing was brought up, and Mr. Wolford stated he will present the topic at the next meeting with more information.

❖ Waukesha County Board Representative

Supervisor Chuck Wood stated that he serves on the Public Works Committee. They have been having discussion on the West Waukesha bypass issue with the at-grade crossing with the Wisconsin Southern Railway, which now appears to have been resolved. As the weather improves there will be continued work in the area.

HIGH CRASH LOCATIONS / FATALS

➡ Chairman Lieutenant Michael Goldmann reported that the Waukesha Sheriff's Department had two fatalities, as follows:

- Date of Accident: 12-20-2017, 0218 hours

Location: Southbound Ryan Road/CTH KF, 509 feet north of Bayberry Drive,
Town of Lisbon

A 2002 silver Jaguar was traveling southbound on Ryan Road when it left the roadway, hit an access road into a farm field, and went airborne. While it was airborne it first struck a tree on the passenger side, and then struck another tree head-on. The vehicle then became fully engulfed in flames. The 27-year-old male driver was the only occupant of the vehicle.

- Date of Accident: 01-08-2018, 2340 hours

Location: Hillside Road, 190 feet south of Wildwood Way, Town of Lisbon

In this single vehicle accident, a 2006 blue Mercedes Benz was traveling southbound on Hillside Road at an unknown speed. The vehicle came to a dead-end, and drove off the roadway approximately 186 feet into the ditch. There were no traces of pre-tire skid marks. The driver was the only occupant of the vehicle. The 81-year-old driver was transported to Community Memorial Hospital and succumbed to his injuries on 01-10-2018.

NEXT QUARTERLY MEETING SCHEDULED

The next meeting of the Waukesha County Traffic Safety Commission is scheduled for Wednesday, May 9, 2018, at 1:00 p.m., at the Waukesha County Courthouse.

ADJOURNMENT

Sergeant Peter Lynkiewicz, the City of Muskego Police Department representative, made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by County Board Supervisor Chuck Wood. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Gregesich, TSC Assistant
Waukesha County Sheriff's Department