



## WAUKESHA COUNTY

### TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MINUTES

Wednesday, August 14<sup>th</sup> 2019

Waukesha County Courthouse

#### **In Attendance:**

Lieutenant Chadwick Niles; Chairman Traffic Safety Coordinator, Waukesha Sheriff's Department Representative  
Ms. Kathleen Roe; Vice-Chairperson, Education Representative  
Mr. Rick Olig; Law Enforcement Liaison Wisconsin Department of Transportation (BOTS)  
Lieutenant Marek Kotely; City of Brookfield Police Department Representative  
Sergeant Peter Lynkiewicz; City of Muskego Police Department Representative  
Officer Dan Klein; City of Waukesha Police Department Representative  
Mr. Daniel Kontos; Law Enforcement Liaison Wisconsin Department of Transportation (BOTS)  
Mr. Derrin Wolford; Signals Operations Engineer, Wisconsin Department of Transportation  
Ms. Shana Lebanowski; Injury Prevention/Registered Nurse for Aurora Summit  
Supervisor Darlene Johnson; Waukesha County Board  
Lieutenant Chris DeMotto; Village of Mukwonago Representative  
Captain Stacy Kelsey; Village of Hartland Representative  
Captain Steve Thompson; City of New Berlin Representative  
Mr. Bob Tyllo; Program & Policy Analyst BOTS Representative  
Ms. Stephanie Arduini; Program & Policy Analyst BOTS Representative  
Mr. Joseph Davis, Sr; Regional Program Manager, Wisconsin Department of Transportation (BOTS)

#### **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 of everyone in attendance were made.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Everyone in attendance reviewed the minutes from the May 8<sup>th</sup> 2019 meeting. Ms. Kathleen Roe made a motion to approve, Supervisor Darlene Johnson seconded the motion to approve, and the motion carried unanimously. The minutes were then approved.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Derrin Wolford reported that the speed limit on State Highway 59 would stay at 45 miles per hour in between Valley View Drive and Genesee Road in the Town of Waukesha.

The intersection of State Highway 67 and County Road CW in the Town of Oconomowoc will receive a solar powered red flashing beacon on the stop signs for traffic traveling east and west.

## **CITIZEN COMMENTS AND REPORTS**

Supervisor Darlene Johnson stated that she has had a citizen complaint about the speed of vehicles on County Highways DE and E in the Town of Mukwonago. Citizen is concerned about speed and recent crashes in that area. Crashes in the area were reviewed utilizing Community Maps.

## **BUREAU OF TRANSPORTATION SAFETY**

Mr. Rick Olig; Law Enforcement Liaison Wisconsin Department of Transportation introduced Mr. Dan Kontos as a new staff member with BOTS.

248 fatal crashes year to date compared to 327 in 2018. 307 people were killed year to date compared to 369 in 2018.

Governor Conference to be held on August 20-22 at the Wilderness Resort in Wisconsin Dells.

The Legislative Update as of August 9<sup>th</sup> was reviewed noting that there was not any new updates since our last commission meeting in May. The updates will be emailed out to commission members.

Mr. Bob Tyllo gave a presentation on fatal crashes in Waukesha County in 2019. 14 fatal crashes have been recorded year to date. BOTS can create reports to show crash data such as seat belts, speed, and teen drivers. BOTS is going to be doing different analyst on different

locations. The data collected on crash report is driver related as well as road and weather conditions.

Mr. Joe Davis suggested inviting a representative of the Medical Examiner's Office to future meetings.

Mr. Rick Olig utilized Community Maps, which is the online interface for mapping crash data and located all of the fatal crashes as well as crashes with drivers not wearing seat belts in Waukesha County. In 2019, 318 crashes have been reported of occupants not wearing seat belts. He demonstrated how to locate crashes, showing their locations on the map. Community Maps is a great resource for Law Enforcement Agencies to see where high volume crashes are occurring.

Mr. Joe Davis spoke about task force grants. Task Force on I-43 including City of New Berlin and Village of Mukwonago.

The more law enforcement agencies get involved in the task forces the better the results are.

Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Enforcement August 16<sup>th</sup> – September 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Agencies who participate in task force grants are eligible to be rewarded equipment grants.

He asks that any agency that has not participated in a task force to consider it.

### HIGH CRASH LOCATIONS / FATALS

- Officer Dan Klein reported the City of Waukesha Police Department had the following fatal crash:

- **Date: 7-8-19**
- **Location: Les Paul Parkway & Arcadian Avenue  
City of Waukesha**

Single vehicle crash on Les Paul Parkway, the driver was a 77-year old female who suffered a heart attack and ended up off the roadway in the cattails. The cause of death was ruled natural causes.

- Lieutenant Chadwick Niles reported the Waukesha County Sheriff's Department had the following fatal crash:

- **Date of Crash: 5-23-19**
- **Location: State Highway 83 Roundabout near Saylesville Road  
Town of Genesee**

77-year old male riding a motorcycle trike failed to stop because he took his eyes off the road to reach for his water bottle and rear-ended a vehicle that had

yielded for traffic. Motorcyclist was not wearing a helmet and had flipped his motorcycle. Motorcyclist was pronounced deceased at the hospital.

- Sergeant Peter Lynkiewicz reported the City of Muskego Police Department had the following fatal crash:
  - **Date: 6-7-19**
  - **Location: Racine Avenue  
City of Muskego**

3-vehicle crash, the driver was an 18-year old male who swerved to avoid hitting another vehicle that had pulled out into oncoming traffic on Racine Avenue. During that evasive maneuver, the vehicle did a 360-degree spin and was hit by a pickup truck traveling the opposite direction. The driver succumbed to internal injuries. The surviving passenger is a 17-year-old male who is not being cooperative with the investigation. Alcohol may be a factor. Muskego Police Department are still looking for the vehicle who fled the scene. State Patrol handled the reconstruction.

- Captain Stacy Kelsey reported the Village of Hartland Police Department had the following fatal crash:
  - **Date: 6-9-19**
  - **Location: Maple Avenue & Hartridge Drive  
Village of Hartland**

Crash involved two males operating motorcycles traveling on Maple Avenue. Motorcyclists were not wearing helmets. One rider, a 28-year old male succumbed to injuries and the surviving rider does not remember what happened. State Patrol handled the reconstruction. No witnesses saw the crash. Unsure if alcohol is a factor as the crash is still under investigation.

- Lieutenant Chadwick Niles reported the Waukesha County Sheriff's Department had the following fatal crash:
  - **Date: 6-9-19**
  - **Location: Minooka County Park  
Town of Waukesha**

Five juveniles were in the county park after hours driving erratically at an unknown speed. A 17-year old male was operating the van while another 17-year old male passenger was standing on the running board with the van sliding door open, and hanging onto the luggage rack on top of the van. The driver went around a curve causing the passenger to lose his grip and fall off, hitting his head on the concrete. No first responders responded to the scene as no one called 911. The operator of the van drove the victim to Waukesha Memorial Hospital. The 17-year old was then transferred to Children's Hospital where he

succumbed to his injuries. The crash was reconstructed using statements from the other occupants.

- Captain Steve Thompson reported the City of New Berlin Police Department had the following fatal crash:
  - **Date: 6-22-19**
  - **Location: National Avenue  
City of New Berlin**

A 17-year old female traveling eastbound on the four-lane National Avenue when she struck a 70-year old female pedestrian that had been walking to her vehicle after attended a church festival. The pedestrian was crossing at an uncontrolled intersection and was not in a crosswalk. The roadway was dark. Pedestrian did succumb to her injuries of blunt force trauma. Reconstruction was handled by New Berlin Police Department. Driver was cooperative.

- Lieutenant Marek Kotely reported the City of Brookfield Police Department had the following fatal crash:
  - **Date: July 18<sup>th</sup> 2019**
  - **Location: 169<sup>th</sup> Street & Capitol Drive  
City of Brookfield**

Male traveling eastbound on the six-lane Capitol Drive coming over the crest of a hill when he struck a 49-year old male pedestrian, who was killed on impact. The pedestrian was on his way home, crossing at an uncontrolled intersection and was not in a crosswalk. The roadway was dark. The driver did admit to smoking marijuana earlier that day and was on his way home from work. There is no air bag information at this time, blood results are still pending for both and this crash is still under investigation. Reconstruction was handled by New Berlin Police Department.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

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No new business was discussed.

### **NEXT QUARTELY MEETING SCHEDULED**

The next meeting of the Waukesha County Traffic Safety Commission is scheduled for Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup> 2019.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Traffic Safety Commission Chairman, Lieutenant Chadwick Niles adjourned the meeting at 2:51 pm.

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