



WAUKESHA COUNTY

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MINUTES

Wednesday, February 13th 2019 at 1:00 p.m.

Waukesha County Courthouse, Room G-55

In Attendance:

Mr. Rick Olig; Law Enforcement Liaison Wisconsin Department of Transportation (BOTS)
Captain Michelle Leffler; Chairman Traffic Safety Coordinator, Waukesha Sheriff's Department
Sergeant Steve Sanders; Village of Menomonee Falls Police Department Representative
Lieutenant Chris DeMotto; Village of Mukwonago Police Department Representative
Supervisor Darlene Johnson; Waukesha County Board
Sergeant Benjamin Langer; City of New Berlin Police Department Representative
Ms. Shana Lebanowki; RN Injury Prevention Coordinator, Aurora Summit Hospital
Mr. Dan Dedrick; Safety Engineer, Wisconsin Department of Transportation
Mr. Derrin Wolford; Signals Operations Engineer, Wisconsin Department of Transportation
Mr. Joseph Davis, Sr; Regional Program Manager, Wisconsin Department of Transportation (BOTS)
Mr. Bruce Barnes; Waukesha County Traffic Engineer, Highway Commissioner Representative

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Traffic Safety Commission Chairman, Captain Michelle Leffler at 1:11 pm at the Waukesha County Courthouse in Room G-55.
Introductions of everyone in attendance were made.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Everyone in attendance reviewed the minutes from the November 14th 2018's meeting. Supervisor Darlene Johnson made a motion to approve, Mr. Derrin Wolord seconded the motion to approve, and the motion carried unanimously. The minutes were then approved.

BUREAU OF TRANSPORTATION SAFETY

Mr. Rick Olig; Law Enforcement Liaison Wisconsin Department of Transportation spoke about the 24 fatal crashes, with 25 people killed this quarter in the State of Wisconsin. Five of the fatal crashes were alcohol related. Over the 7600 crashes, 1200 were speed related, 492 involved a commercial motor vehicle, distracted driving caused 875 crashes and over 1,300 crashes involved a teen driver.

Rick utilized Community Maps, which is the online interface for mapping crash data and located all of the fatal crashes as well as speed related crashes in Waukesha County. 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.

Governor's Conference is August 20-22, 2019 at the Glacier Ridge in Wisconsin Dells, WI.

Mr. Joe Davis; Regional Program Manager, Wisconsin Department of Transportation (BOTS) spoke about Traffic Grants. Impaired Driving and Seat Belt Task forces are currently out and operational.

The speed grants will be June 1-Sept 30, 2019. The Sheriff's Department will be focusing on patrolling the I-94 corridor near the Milwaukee/Waukesha County border. The Department of Transportation has seen extensive crashes on the I-94 corridor from Dane County to Milwaukee County.

The high volume of speed related crashes happening on Hwy 164 in the City of Waukesha was addressed. The committee would like to see the Waukesha Police Department participate in speed traffic grants.

COMMISSION MEMBER REPORTS

Lieutenant Chris DeMotto; Village of Mukwonago Police Department Representative is a task force coordinator and spoke about their task force in Mukwonago on I-43. Their department participates in all three traffic grants and has worked with State Patrol in the past. One of their target dates this year will be when Chicago Cubs are playing the Milwaukee Brewers at Miller Park. His paperwork for traffic grants has been simplified using Google Docs and Spreadsheets.

Highway Engineering Representative

Mr. Dan Dedrick; WI Department of Transportation spoke about the Valley View Drive and Hwy 59 west of Saylesville Rd at the end of the bypass, the area merges down to two lanes. He provided maps of the area. Two citizens in the area state speeding in an issue in the area and requested that the 55 mph speed limit sign be moved further west on the bypass. The DOT reviewed crash data for the area and found two crashes occurred in this area between 2014-2018. One crash at Valley View Drive was due to icy conditions. The second crash at Genesee Road was due to distracted driving. Both crashes were not speed related. DOT believes that even if the speed limit sign is moved further west drivers will still drive 55 mph. A speed study will not be done, and the speed limit will stay as designed. Speed limit signs are posted when transition of a limit, after major intersections and cross a state highway. Captain Leffler had suggested the sheriff's department could do extra patrols to see if speed is an issue.

Mr. Bruce Barnes Waukesha County Traffic Engineer, talked about the intersection of Watertown Road and Redford Boulevard, he stated that Waukesha County is looking into other options at this intersection due to the number of crashes occurring.

Education

Derrin Wolford; Signals Operations Engineer, Wisconsin Department of Transportation shared information on how to find educational materials and educate drivers of the yellow flashing turn signals at intersections. Ms. Shana Lebanowki will be looking into educating citizens who attend Community Safety classes at Aurora Summit Hospital.

HIGH CRASH LOCATIONS / FATALS

- Chairman Captain Michelle Leffler reported the Waukesha County Sheriff's Department had four fatal crashes as follows:

- **Date of Crash: 11-11-18, 2:24 pm**
Location: N/B Pewaukee Road/Hwy 164 from I-94
City of Pewaukee

Two-vehicle crash on Pewaukee Road, the 70- year-old male driver was reported driving erratically before the crash, travelled up the off ramp from I-94 to Pewaukee Road, and the driver never slowed at the intersection. Driver crossed a concrete median and collided with the driver's side of another vehicle who was stopped at a red light.

Occupants of the other vehicle sustained minor injuries. The 70-year-old male was later pronounced deceased at the hospital on 11-23-18. Both drivers were wearing seatbelts.

- **Date of Crash: 12-7-18, 1:32 pm**
Location: W/B I-94 at Elmhurst Road
Town of Delafield

Four-vehicle crash on I-94, the 30-year-old male driver was reported driving erratically E/B on I-94 before the crash. He then rear-ended a vehicle causing his vehicle to cross the grass median, go airborne and collide with two vehicles traveling W/B I-94; one of the vehicles was a van operated by a 58-year-old male. The 30-year-old driver was ejected and pronounced deceased at the scene of the crash. The 58-year-old male was transported to the hospital where he was pronounced deceased. The 30-year-old driver was suspected of being under the influence of a controlled substance; however, results are not completed. Unknown if deceased parties were wearing seatbelts. Surviving victims were wearing seatbelts.

- **Date of Accident: 12-19-18, 4:07 am**
Location: Watertown Road & Redford Boulevard
City of Pewaukee

Two-Vehicle crash on County Hwy M, the 28-year-old male driver failed to yield to another vehicle travelling northbound on County Hwy M. He was transported to the hospital for life threatening injuries. He was pronounced deceased on 01-03-19 at the hospital. Deceased driver was not wearing a seatbelt. Surviving victim was wearing a seatbelt.

- **Date of Crash: 01-10-19, 11:44 am**
Location: State Hwy 67 South of County Hwy D
Town of Ottawa

Single vehicle crash on State Hwy 67. Driver was a 47-year-old male crossed the centerline and went off the roadway striking a tree with the front end of the vehicle; it then spun and rolled over onto its passenger side coming to rest in the northbound lane of State Hwy 67. The driver suffered fatal injuries and was pronounced deceased at the hospital on 01-11-19. Operating with a restricted controlled substance was suspected; however, results are not completed. The driver was not wearing a seatbelt.

➤ Sergeant Steve Sanders reported the Village of Menomonee Falls had one fatal crash as follows:

- **Date of Crash: 12-31-18, 4:30 pm**

Location: Mill Road in between Marcy Road and Lannon Road

Single vehicle crash traveling eastbound on Mill Road going down a steep hill with a 40 mph zone, the driver was an 18-year-old male. Passengers age ranges were 14 to 18 years old. The driver was pretending to lose control by shaking his steering wheel. Driver did lose control, due to icy road conditions and speed. The vehicle hit a guardrail, and a tree causing the vehicle to roll over. Crash data from airbag module showed speed was a factor and driver did not brake. Driver was trapped in the vehicle and pronounced deceased at the scene of the crash. One passenger suffered minor brain damage and multiple broken bones; second passenger suffered multiple broken bones; the third passenger suffered minor injuries. All occupants except for one of the passengers were wearing seatbelts.

NEXT QUARTELY MEETING SCHEDULED

The next meeting of the Waukesha County Traffic Safety Commission is scheduled for Wednesday, May 8th 2019.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Traffic Safety Commission Chairman, Captain Michelle Leffler.

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