



WAUKESHA COUNTY

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MINUTES

Wednesday, November 11th 2020

Waukesha County Courthouse

In Attendance:

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

Supervisor Darlene Johnson; Waukesha County Board

Mr. Bruce Barnes; Waukesha County Traffic Engineer

Sergeant Matthew Noah; Wisconsin State Patrol Representative

Trooper David Heinisch; Wisconsin State Patrol Representative

Trooper Colton Behling; Wisconsin State Patrol Representative

Dr. Lynda Biedrzycki; Deputy Medical Examiner, Waukesha County

Sergeant Steve Sanders; Village of Menomonee Falls Representative

Officer Dan Klein, City of Waukesha Representative

Lieutenant Brian DeBarge; City of Hartland Representative

Sergeant Adam Nelson; Village of Chenequa Representative

Supervisor Christine Mommaerts; Waukesha County Board

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

Ms. Kathy Roe; Education Representative

Lieutenant Steven Schroeder; Village of Summit 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 1:00 pm at the Waukesha County Administrative Building.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Everyone in attendance reviewed the minutes from the August 12th 2020 meeting. Mr. Olig made a motion to approve the minutes. Sergeant Lynkiewicz seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Barnes spoke about County Highway F and Lindsay Road in Pewaukee. He reported that approval was given for federal funding to modify the intersection to a restricted crossing U-turn intersection. No left turn onto Highway F will be allowed from Lindsay Road. The speed limit is not changing. Supervisor Johnson stated eight county supervisors oppose this change as they think this will cause more crashes in the area.

CITIZEN COMMENTS AND REPORTS

None.

BUREAU OF TRANSPORTATION SAFETY

Mr. Rick Olig reviewed year to date crash data. Waukesha County has had 15 fatal crashes and 513 fatal crashes have occurred statewide in 2020. Crashes involving teen drivers are 40% lower in 2020 than in 2019 statewide. He reviewed crash history for the past five years for the area of our recent fatal crashes.

He recommended looking into having a Public Service Announcement for motorcyclists on the road for spring 2021 as motorcycle crashes are up in 2020. A suggestion to add Highway Patrol workers to the announcement was suggested. Kathy offered to assist in pushing these announcements out at the traffic school conference.

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.

Drive Sober Mobilization is going to occur December 18, 2020 -January 1, 2021.

Contact information for crash analysts is available.

HIGH CRASH LOCATIONS / FATALS

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

- **8-18-20 @ 5:50 am**
- **County Highway K/Town of Lisbon**

Motorcycle vs. train crash and was ruled a suicide. The witness stated the 60-year old male motorcyclist was driving back and forth in the area, once the train arrived; he did go around the barricades and stopped on the tracks. Toxicology reports are negative. The crash report will be amended to reflect the new information.

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

- **9-9-20 at 2:41 pm**
- **Town Line Road/Town of Lisbon**

A 50-year old male was traveling northbound on Town Line Road. Witnesses say he veered left off the roadway and hit a tree, also stated he was driving normal and not speeding beforehand. Extensive damage was done to the front driver's side. The driver was pronounced deceased at the Community Memorial Hospital. Toxicology showed a 0.014 alcohol level. A vehicle inspection was going to be handled by the Wisconsin State Patrol.

- **Officer Klein reported that the Waukesha Police Department had the following fatal:**

- **9-12-20 at 11:50 am**
- **State Highway 164/Waukesha**

A 75-year old female travelling southbound on Highway 164 hit a 51-year old male driver who failed to yield to oncoming traffic, as he was turning left to leave a parking lot on the north side of the road. Airbags were deployed on both vehicles. Wisconsin State Patrol did respond to assist with an accident reconstruction. This intersection is under review with Wisconsin Department of Transportation.

- **Lieutenant Niles reported that the Brookfield Police Department had the following fatal:**

- **9-15-20 at 9:11 pm**
- **Capitol Drive/Brookfield**

A 57-year old female drove thru a construction zone by 128th Street travelling at 45 miles per hour. She hit a 2-3 foot part of the roadway that was under construction causing the vehicle to flip over and come to a rest on the top of the vehicle. Airbags were deployed and the driver was not wearing a seat belt. The driver did pass away a week after the crash. The investigation is still open and the Medical Examiner is still making the decision on the cause of death.

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

- **9-21-20 at 12:20 am**
- **Swan Road/City of Pewaukee**

A 28-year old male was operating a Honda motorcycle when he missed the curve causing him to leave the roadway on the opposite side where he then struck a utility pole. Rider was wearing all safety gear including a full-face helmet. A passerby found the motorcycle lying in the roadway and dialed 911. Once on scene, deputies located him lying off the road next to a building. His blood alcohol report came back at .10; the rider was new to riding a motorcycle. It was discussed that speed may be a factor.

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

- **9-30-20 at**
- **County Highway NN/Town of Eagle**

79-year old male had a medical incident while driving, left the roadway and hit a tree. He was conscious at the time of the crash, treated at a local hospital and sent home. Earlier in the day, he did have a small crash in the Meijer store parking lot in Waukesha that was not reported to law enforcement. He was found deceased the next day at his home. The Medical Examiner is still making the decision on the cause of death.

NEW BUSINESS

It was discussed that when it rains or snows, there is a high crash area on eastbound I-94 west of County Highway T in Pewaukee. The County Highway Department has been working with the Department of Transportation on this issue. There will be signs installed stating "slippery when wet" are being added. The road surface is under review on what they can do to improve it.

2021 MEETING SCHEDULED

The 2021 Waukesha County Traffic Safety Commission meetings are scheduled for February 10, May 12, August 11, and November 10.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Sergeant Lynkiewicz and Supervisor Johnson 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, February 10, 2021 at 1:00 pm.

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