



WAUKESHA COUNTY

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MINUTES

Wednesday, November 13th 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)
Sergeant Peter Lynkiewicz; City of Muskego Police Department Representative
Mr. Derrin Wolford; Signals Operations Engineer, Wisconsin Department of Transportation
Supervisor Charles Wood; Waukesha County Board
Lieutenant Chris DeMotto; Village of Mukwonago Representative
Lieutenant Brian DeBarge; Village of Hartland Representative
Mr. Bruce Barnes; Waukesha County Traffic Engineer
Officer Spencer Kranz; Town of Oconomowoc Representative
Sergeant Steve Sanders; Village of Menomonee Falls Representative
Ms. Shana Lebanowski, RN; Advocate Aurora
Ms. Deena Liska; Teen Driver Coordinator at Children's Hospital of Wisconsin

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. Introductions of everyone in attendance were made.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Everyone in attendance reviewed the minutes from the August 14th 2019 meeting. Lieutenant DeMotto made a motion to approve, Supervisor Charles Wood seconded the motion to approve, and the motion carried unanimously. The minutes were then approved.

OLD BUSINESS

City of Muskego reports that the blood results for the victim of their June 2019 fatal crash did come back positive with cannabis.

CITIZEN COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Citizen concern of speeding on County Highway E in the Town of Mukwonago. The citizen is requesting the Waukesha County Sheriff's Department's speed sign be positioned in a different location and facing the other direction.

Ms. Roe reported that she recently experienced the traffic lights on Highway 83 were not visible due to them being snow covered. Traffic Light are now LED lights and the snow will not melt off the lights making it difficult to see. The Traffic Management Center can be contacted.

BUREAU OF TRANSPORTATION SAFETY

Mr. Rick Olig; Law Enforcement Liaison Wisconsin Department of Transportation reviewed year to date fatal crashes.

459 fatal crashes year to date and 491 people were killed statewide. Countywide there is 15 fatalities year to date. Comparison to other counties were discussed. Fatalities in Waukesha County is down for 2019.

Changes to Community Maps making it easier to read, the change to search results for crashes, how many were killed and/or injured. In the past, if the crash report was not mapped you could not locate it; with the update, the crash report number will now be there. A couple of the factor flags have been added such as the 65+ driver flag.

Community Maps can be a tool to assist with making sure law enforcement agency's crash reports are being properly transmitted to the Department of Transportation.

In the TSC Resources, the Legislative Summary is always being updated.

Laws passed out of committee, and signed into law:

- A law for Operating While Under The Influence on recreational vehicles is being addressed so that the offenses on any type will start to accumulate.
- An amendment to the owner liability in the work zone. Tow truck drivers, and emergency medical personal can file a report.

Undrafted laws currently proposed include:

- The mandatory rear-facing car seat for children under two and changes to the passing of a school bus.
Community Law Officers (Police Aides) will be allowed to use red lights in their marked vehicles when at a crash scene directing traffic.
- Using and issuing driver contact information at the crash scene is being proposed.

The TSC resource is available to the public.

The Drive Sober Campaign is occurring in December.

The BOTS representative handed out and went over quarterly data of crashes. BOTS is available to create any type of data a law enforcement agency would be interested in receiving at no charge. If you would like detailed reports for your municipality, please email them directly.

Mr. Davis from Wisconsin Department of Transportation will not be attending Traffic Safety Meetings any longer.

HIGH CRASH LOCATIONS / FATALS

- **Lieutenant Chad Niles reported that the Wisconsin State Patrol had the following fatal:**
 - **8-16-19**
 - **Interstate 94/Village of Summit**

A two-vehicle crash occurred when an eastbound vehicle driven by a 37-year-old male crossed over into westbound traffic on Interstate 94 and hit a truck that was driven by a 64-year-old male. The 64-year-old male was pronounced deceased at Aurora Summit Hospital.

The driver of unit 1 has serious injuries including the loss of his leg. Crash is still under investigation and the blood results of drivers are still pending. Barrier cables are not installed at this portion of Interstate 94 and the speed limit is 70 MPH.

- **Lieutenant Chad Niles reported that the Village of Elm Grove Police Department had the following fatal:**
 - **8-17-19**
 - **Eastbound Bluemound Road near Terrace Drive/Village of Elm Grove**

A 51-year old male pedestrian was southbound when he crossed the road dodging westbound vehicles; he was then hit by an eastbound SUV. The pedestrian was not in a crosswalk, he was pronounced deceased at the scene. The driver of the SUV is 62-years old.

Speed limit is 45 MPH on Bluemound Road and this portion of road has multiple bus stops. No alcohol involved, drug panel results are still pending. There was four witnesses to this crash.

➤ **Lieutenant Chad Niles reported that the Town of Mukwonago Police Department had the following fatal:**

- **9-4-19**
- **Private Property/Town of Mukwonago**

Female driver was backing up in the driveway and hit a 2-year old female. The 2-year old was pronounced deceased at the scene. Adults on the scene did not know the 2-year old had walked out of the house and was in the driveway.

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

- **11-6-19**
- **State Highway 67/Town of Eagle**

The 27-year old male driving a full size pickup truck was travelling southbound when he crossed over the centerline, striking a vehicle operated by a 39-year old female. There was a dashboard camera in the victim's vehicle and did record the impact. The victim was pronounced deceased at the scene. A witness states the male driver was on his cell phone prior to the crash.

Blood results of drivers are still pending.

The speed Limit is 55 MPH and there is no rumble strips on this portion of Highway 67.

The male driver has been referred to the District Attorney's Office for criminal charges.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Lebanowski spoke about a proposed countywide debrief team for all first responders.

Ms. Deena Liska spoke about the Child Death Review Team. A group of people meets quarterly regarding unintentional deaths of children in Waukesha County. Typically, there is 3-5 cases that the review and they discuss prevention strategies. First Responders are welcome to attend so that they can come and give firsthand knowledge of what happened. These meetings are not open to the public.

Discussion of all 2020 Traffic Safety Meetings were discussed as follows:
February 12th, May 13th, August 12th and November 11th.
All meetings will start at 1:00 pm.

NEXT QUARTELY MEETING SCHEDULED

The next meeting of the Waukesha County Traffic Safety Commission is scheduled for
Wednesday, February 12th 2020.

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