



## WAUKESHA COUNTY

# TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MINUTES

Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup> 2022

Waukesha County Administrative Building

### In Attendance:

Lieutenant Michelle Larsuel; Chairperson Traffic Safety Coordinator, Waukesha County Sheriff's Department Representative

Lieutenant Chad Niles, Waukesha County Sheriff's Department Representative

Mr. Rick Olig; Law Enforcement Liaison Wisconsin Department of Transportation (BOTS)

Sergeant Peter Lynkiewicz; City of Muskego Police Department Representative

Sergeant Matthew Noah; Wisconsin State Patrol Representative

Captain Dave Rocklewitz; City of New Berlin Police Department Representative

Lieutenant Conrad Soboniak; Village of Hartland Police Department Representative

Lieutenant Michael Kubiak; Village of Mukwonago Representative

Lieutenant Natalie Riley; Village of Elm Grove Police Department Representative

Sergeant Adam Nelson; Village of Chenequa Police Department Representative

Specialist Ben Jirikowic; City of Waukesha Police Department Representative

Trooper Nick Lorenzen; Wisconsin State Patrol Representative

Detective Charlene Craft; Waukesha County Sheriff's Department Representative

Mr. Jarrett Gates; State of Wisconsin Department of Transportation Representative

Supervisor Darlene Johnson; Waukesha County Board Representative

Ms. Lisa Heinz; Aurora Hospital Summit Representative

Mr. Derrin Wolford, Traffic Engineer; City Of Waukesha Representative

## **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Traffic Safety Commission Chairperson, Lieutenant Larsuel at 1:00 pm at the Waukesha County Administrative Building. Introductions were made of those in attendance.

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

Supervisor Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes. 2<sup>nd</sup> motion was made by Mr. Olig. Minutes were approved.

## **CITIZEN COMMENTS AND REPORTS**

None.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

State Highway 67 and County Highway CW had brush cleaned up in the area. Rumble strips are installed.

State Highway 59 and Hillside is a T-Section, it will be a painted median construction is scheduled for 2023.

The construction for a Diamond Intersection by State Highway 164 and Interstate 43 is scheduled for 2026.

## **BUREAU OF TRANSPORTATION SAFETY**

Lieutenant Larsuel reported that the Sheriff's Department participated in the Click It or Ticket deployment in August and September. 74 traffic stops were conducted. 81 citations and 6 warnings were issued during the 5 days of deployment. During the Speed deployment, 312 traffic stops were conducted. 313 citations and 23 warnings were issued.

Mr. Rick Olig reports Wisconsin has had 515 fatal crashes so far in 2022 compared to 531 this time in 2021. Fatal crashes involving motorcycles are down. Fatal crashes involving pedestrians are up. He reviewed crash data for Waukesha County. The number of crashes is about the same in 2022 as in 2021. Also reviewed was the area of 5-year history of every fatal crash we will be discussing this quarter.

DRE School is being held in April and October 2023. Class location is in Milwaukee.

November 14-18 Crash Responder Safety Week.

November 23-27 Impaired Driving & Occupant Safety.

December 5-9 Driver Safety Week

December 14-January 1 Drive Sober Get Pulled Over

Information is available for agencies to give presentations for Teen Driver Safety. This is available thru the Community Maps under Resources. Can be customized and then downloads as a PowerPoint presentation.

## **HIGH CRASH LOCATIONS / FATALS**

- **Captain Rocklewitz reports that the New Berlin Police Department had the following fatal:**

- **8-3-22**
- **Grange Avenue/City of New Berlin**

A 4-door vehicle travelling eastbound operated by a 78-year-old male rearended a tow truck operated by a 25-year-old male. The tow truck was loading a disabled vehicle that was on the side of Grange Avenue. The driver of the tow truck was back in the inside of the truck when they were struck. All emergency lights were operable and in use on the tow truck at the time. After the crash, the driver of the vehicle was in and out of consciousness and transported to the hospital where he was pronounced deceased. Distraction and speed are factors.

- **Lieutenant Michelle Larsuel reports that the Waukesha County Sheriff's Department had the following fatal:**

- **8-9-22**
- **State Highway 67/Town of Ottawa**

A 4-door vehicle travelling southbound on State Highway 67 operated by a 43-year-old male left the roadway and struck a tree. The driver was not wearing his seatbelt and the vehicle had significant front-end damage. Time of the crash is unknown as there are no witnesses. Driver was pronounced deceased at the scene. Reconstruction was not done.

- **Lieutenant Larsuel reports that the Waukesha County Sheriff's Department had the following fatal:**

- **8-30-22**
- **State Highway 16/City of Pewaukee**

A motorcycle travelling eastbound on State Highway 16 operated by a 29-year-old male left the roadway at a high rate of speed hitting a sign and jumped the embankment. The rider was thrown off the motorcycle and pronounced deceased at the scene. He was riding with two other motorcycles, and those riders were both arrested for operating while under the influence. Alcohol, speed, and no helmet usage are factors. Wisconsin State Patrol is handling the reconstruction.

➤ **Lieutenant Larsuel reports that the Waukesha County Sheriff's Department had the following fatal:**

- **9-1-22**
- **Huntington Street/Village of Merton**

A motorcycle travelling westbound on Huntington St operated by a 25-year-old male lost control and overturned the motorcycle. The rider was not wearing his seat belt. The rider was pronounced deceased at the scene. The 25-year-old female passenger was transported to the hospital with minor injuries. Speed, no helmet usage and alcohol are factors. Toxicology report is pending.

➤ **Lieutenant Soboniak reports that the Hartland Police Department had the following fatal:**

- **9-19-22**
- **Merton Avenue & Capitol Drive/Village of Hartland**

A 4-door vehicle operated by a 90-year-old female was stopped at stop sign, proceeded to make a left turn onto Merton Ave and did not see two pedestrians and a dog walking in the crosswalk. Driver thought the pedestrians were waiting for her to drive thru the intersection. Driver struck the dog and then the 71-year-old female who was thrown forward and landed in front of the vehicle, she was transported to the hospital where she was pronounced deceased. Wisconsin State Patrol is handling the reconstruction.

➤ **Sergeant Noah reports that the Wisconsin State Patrol had the following fatal:**

- **9-19-22**
- **Interstate 94 and State Highway 164/City of Pewaukee**

A 29-year-old female pedestrian was crossing Interstate 94 to travel north away from her vehicle that became disabled after crashing when she was hit in the middle lane by a vehicle operated by a 25-year-old female that was travelling eastbound. The driver was looking at the disabled vehicle when she hit the pedestrian causing her air bags to deploy. Wisconsin State Patrol is handling the reconstruction. Toxicology report is pending.

➤ **Specialist Jirikowic reports that the Waukesha Police Department had the following fatal:**

- **10-17-22**
- **Racine Avenue/City of Waukesha**

A 4-door vehicle operated by an 87-year-old female was travelling westbound when she crossed the center line and stuck a 4-door vehicle operated by a 17-year-old female who was traveling eastbound on Racine Avenue.

The 87-year-old driver was transported to the hospital and passed away three days later. Crash is still under investigation.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

None.

### **2022 MEETING SCHEDULED**

Our next meeting is Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup> 2023 at 1:00 pm.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Lt. Niles. 2<sup>nd</sup> motion was made by Lt. Lynkiewicz. The meeting was adjourned at 2:47 pm.

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