

## **WINNEBAGO COUNTY SAFETY COMMISSION**

### **Meeting Minutes – January 9th, 2019**

#### **Members Present:**

Matthew Albright – Menasha PD  
Laura Vendola-Messer – Winnebago Sheriff's Office  
Bryan Keberlein – Winnebago Court Commissioner  
Scott Nelson-WIS DOT-NE Region  
Chris Gorte-Oshkosh Police Department  
Mike Panosh – WIS DOT – BOTS  
Scott Morrison – Oshkosh Area School District  
Pete DeBoer – Fox Crossing Police Department  
Mike McGinley – Community Representative  
Kim Bierdermann – ECWRPG  
Dave Muesch - ECWRPG  
Rick Olig – Wis DOT BOTS  
Emily Dieringer – Winnebago County Health Department  
Robert Doemer – Winnebago Highway Department

#### **Attendance and introductions**

Meeting called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Chris Gorte. Members were recorded and collected. MM/S to approve the minutes from the October 10th meeting, including the correction to the roundabout construction on Hwy 76 which is scheduled to start in the spring on 2020. Motion carried.

#### **Public Comment**

There was no public comment for this quarter.

#### **Review of county-wide fatal/serious traffic crashes**

#1 WCSO: Poygan Rd and Herbst Rd, Date: 10/23/18 1800 hrs  
Intoxicated, non-belted male driver lost control of his vehicle and left the roadway. Subject was arrested for 5<sup>th</sup> offense OWI and the presence of drugs was located in the vehicle. Subject died from his injuries a day after the crash.

#2 WCSO Hwy 116 and Hwy D, 10-26-18 0600 hrs

Elderly male walked from his driveway into the roadway and was struck by a northbound vehicle. Road conditions were good but it was dark outside. It is assumed that the deceased male was walking in the roadway to his mailbox. Driver of the vehicle was cooperative and there was no alcohol or drugs present.

#3 WCSO Hwy 21 and Edgewater Ridge Rd, 8-24-18, Daylight hours

Vehicle was traveling eastbound on Hwy 21 and crossed the center line, striking a westbound vehicle head on. Driver of westbound vehicle was deceased on scene and passenger of westbound vehicle died days later. Occupants of eastbound vehicle suffered severe injuries. It is unknown what caused the lane deviation but there was no presence of alcohol or drugs. All occupants of both vehicles were belted.

#4 WCSO Hwy S and Nickels Dr, 11-19-18, 1710 hours (darkness)

Elderly male driver was traveling west bound on Hwy S when it collided with a manure spreader being pulled by a farm tractor that was also traveling westbound. The tractor and spreader both had caution lights activated. Witness stated that the vehicle did not slow down at all as it approached the farm equipment.

#5 WCSO Interstate 41 Lake Butte des Morts Bridge Northbound, 11-29-18 0335 hours

Driver was traveling northbound on the Lake Butte des Morts Bridge and lost control and struck the concrete median barrier. Vehicle then went into a lane of traffic and was struck by a northbound commercial truck. Driver of vehicle died on scene. The surface of the bridge was very slippery and there were other reported crashes on the bridge. The road surface of I-41 was not slippery other than the bridge. Scott Nelson reported that the caution lights / sign indicating slippery surface conditions are only activated when a report is made with State Traffic Operations Center.

### **Presentation on Complete Streets by Kim Biedermann**

Kim presented on Complete Streets for the East Central portion of Wisconsin which includes Appleton, Oshkosh and the Fox Valley area. She explained that Complete Streets is basically a network of roadways where all users can operate on the roadway. Users consist of passenger vehicles, bicycles, pedestrians, transit, commercial vehicles and emergency vehicles. Complete Streets does not demand that every roadway have a sidewalk or bike lane. The Complete Streets policy will provide direction to municipalities in creating a system for all types of people, regardless of age or abilities, a way to travel from one area to another.

## **Round Table Discussion**

Mike McGinley expressed his concerns for the increased vehicle traffic that will likely occur in the area of Hwy 21 and Leonard Point Road. This is due to the approval of condo construction near the area of Jones Park in the Town of Algoma.

Mike Panosh stated that in 2018 Winnebago County had 11 total crashes resulting in 13 total fatalities. This is an increase from 2017 where there was 9 fatalities due to crashes. He also stated that the OWI task force will continue through September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

Scott Nelson reported that Hwy 26 from Rosendale to I-41 will undergo a resurfacing project starting in February and is slated for completion by the end of summer. Center rumble strips will be incorporated in the resurfacing.

Kim Biedermann explained that October 10<sup>th</sup> was the national Walk to School Day however rainy weather decreased participation. There are no known make up dates for this event.

Rick Olig stated 18% of all non-deer crashes are teen drivers in 2018 according to crash data. He also stated that the 2019 Governor's Conference on Highway Safety will be on August 20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Wilderness Resort in Wisconsin Dells.

**Next meeting** scheduled for 4-10-19 at 09:00 a.m. at the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office.

Motion made to adjourn. Motion carried.