

WINNEBAGO COUNTY SAFETY COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes – January 12th, 2022

Members Present:

Lori Seiler – Winnebago County Sheriff's Office

Mason Simmons – WIS DOT – NE Region

Rick Olig - WI DOT BOTS

Jake Edwards – WI State Patrol

Bob Doemel – Winnebago County Highway Department

Scott Morrison – OASD Driver's Education

Kathi Hegranes – Theda Care Representative

Matthew Albrecht – Menasha Police Department

John Holland – Oshkosh Fire Department

Kate Mann – Oshkosh Police Department

Jason Severson – Fox Crossing Police Department

Attendance and introductions

Meeting called to order at 09:05 a.m. by Lori Seiler. Members were recorded and collected. Motion made to approve the minutes from the October 13th, 2021 meeting.

Public Comment

None

Review of county-wide fatal/serious traffic crashes

#1 Oshkosh PD: W. 20th Ave at Ohio St. 10-09-21; Hours of darkness.

Operator of a pickup truck was travelling eastbound on 20th Ave. and made a left turn (Northbound) onto Ohio St. The operator of the pickup truck did not see a motorcyclist travelling Westbound on 20th Ave. turning into the travel lane of the motorcyclist. The operator of the motorcycle was transported to a local hospital and later died of their injuries. It is suspected that the operator of the motorcycle had

alcohol in their system but toxicology is still pending. A crash investigation was completed and has been sent to the District Attorney's Office for possible charges

#2 Winnebago County Sheriff's Office: Sth 21 at Leonard Point Road November 07, 2021; Daylight hours.

Operator of an eastbound vehicle on Sth 21 made a passing maneuver and when travelling back into the eastbound lane lost control entering the north ditch and overturned. The vehicle struck a sign, a tree and came to rest on its side against a utility pole. The operator died from their injuries on scene. Operator's blood alcohol content was .219.

Pending Legislature

Reviewed pending legislation from Communitymaps.org

Round Table Discussion

Jake Edwards talked about their fleet crash on I-41(NB)/Cth II. The squad was parked and the trooper exited the squad to check for injuries on a crash at that location. A concerned citizen attempted to stop behind the squad to inform them of a crash on the interstate. As the concerned citizen attempted to stop another vehicle slid into the squad. The weather conditions were rain and sleet at the time of the crash.

Bob Doemel spoke on the use of salt brine on the roadways and when they apply it. He also said the highway shop has two trucks out after 03:30 a.m. patrolling the roads every morning during the winter season.

Kathi Hegranes informed the group that the FOCUS event is still scheduled for March 2nd and 3rd, 2022. She asked the group to please keep an eye out for potential FOCUS-distracted, drugged or alcohol driving speakers. If anyone knows of an individual who want to speak on their behalf about the listed life experiences contact Kathi at Kathi.hegranes@thedacare.org with any information. Teens of early 20-year-old speakers encouraged to reach out. The Choose your ride car MOU with the Sheriff's Office has been completed and approved for use. Other agencies are encouraged to draft an MOU with Theda Care to use it at community events.

Next meeting scheduled for April 13, 2022 at 09:00 a.m. at the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office.

Motion made to adjourn. Motion carried.

