

WINNEBAGO COUNTY SAFETY COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes – April 11, 2018

Members Present:

Tim McGrath – Wisconsin State Patrol

Scott Nelson-WIS DOT-NE Region

Ray Palonen-Winnebago County Highway Dept.

Chris Gorte-Oshkosh Police Department

Mike Panosh – WIS DOT – BOTS

Scott Morrison – Oshkosh Area School District

Pete DeBoer – Fox Crossing Police Department

Tom Kloecki – Citizen

Mike McGinley – Community Representative

John Holland – Oshkosh Fire Department

Edgar Gonzalez – Neenah Police Department

Kim Biedermann – ECWRPC

James Merten – Neenah Traffic

Attendance and introductions

Meeting called to order at 9:065 a.m. by Chris Gorte. Members were recorded and collected. MM/S to approve the minutes from January 31st meeting. Motion carried.

Public Comment

Tom K. expressed his appreciation for the presentation about traffic calming measures done by Scott Nelson of the WI DOT.

Review of county-wide fatal/serious traffic accidents

There have been no fatal crashes in Winnebago County this year. The Commission reviewed one train versus pedestrian fatality in Neenah.. The commission also reviewed a crash with injuries in Fox Crossing.

#1 Neenah PD: 12-10-17 at 7:00 p.m. There was a northbound train crossing Lake Street in the city of Neenah. All train arms and lights stopping traffic for eastbound and westbound traffic were working properly. Passenger in a stopped vehicle exits the vehicle and climbs into a slowly moving train car that had its door open. Subject then exits the train car and attempts to cross the other rail line but is struck by a southbound train. Subject in transported to a local hospital but later dies. Subject was highly intoxicated and had told a witness that he was too impatient to wait for the train.

#2 Fox Crossing PD: Driver was eastbound on Valley Road near Bud Street when they swerved and left the roadway causing vehicle to strike a tree. This caused severe injuries to driver and passenger. There does not appear to be any road conditions or environmental factors that led up to the crash.

Round Table Discussion

Scott Nelson presented on traffic calming measures that are available in different designs and methods. This was focused on residential areas that included traffic circles, raised pavement, and crosswalk bump outs. Scott informed the group that the main interchange at Interstate 41 and Hwy 10 should be fully operational by August 2018. He also stated that the cable barriers in the median of Interstate 41 will be completely installed from southern Fond Du Lac county to Hwy 141 area.

Sgt. McGrath reminded the commission that it is Work Zone Safety Week. He stated that the State Patrol, Menasha PD and Winnebago County Sheriff's Office was conducting increased patrol in the area of Highway 41 and Highway 10.

Kim Biedermann stated that she is involved in the Complete Street Incentive which encourages street/road planners to incorporate bicycle and pedestrian safety into the planning of new road projects.

Mike Panosh gave a brief introduction to Community Maps including the Winnebago County Traffic Profile. He will provide a more in depth presentation on Community Maps and the profile at the next meeting.

Next meeting scheduled for 7-11-18 at 09:00 a.m. at the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office.

Motion made to adjourn. Motion carried.