

WINNEBAGO COUNTY SAFETY COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes-January 27, 2016

Members Present:

Scott Morrison-Oshkosh Area School District
Todd Christie-Winnebago County Sheriff's Office
Dan Kussmann-City of Oshkosh
Matt Albrecht-Menasha Police Dept.
Kevin Wilkinson-Neenah Police Dept.
Trooper Chris Hanosh-WI State Patrol
Rod Hamilton-WI DOT

Meeting was called to order at 0900 a.m. by Kevin Wilkinson. Members were recorded and collected. Motion made by Morrison to approve the minutes from last meeting was 2nd by Albrecht. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Review of county-wide fatal/serious traffic accidents.

- Review of final county-wide 2015 data. Rural areas of Winnebago County have seen crash data (injury, property damage, and fatal) decrease compared to that of 2014. North end Law Enforcement reports increases in traffic crashes mainly due to construction of the I41 and USH10 corridor. Large amounts of traffic have been diverting through the cities to avoid the construction causing increased traffic counts and more crashes

Review of available highway safety data

- WI DOT has not yet finalized or released statewide and countywide traffic statistics
- Early reports are that statewide fatality crashes have increased significantly compared to that of 2014
- Rod Hamilton (WI DOT) asked Law Enforcement about the effectiveness of the newly installed friction enhancement to I41 around CTH II. Both State Patrol and Winnebago County Sheriff's office agreed that with the current mild winter weather that an opinion could not be drawn at this point. Law Enforcement will continue to monitor the data for this area and provide updates.

Pending and potential legislation affecting highway safety:

- Nothing new to report

State Traffic Conference 1/20/16

- Chief Wilkinson was planning on attending this conference and bringing information back to the Commission. Conference was cancelled due to low attendance.

Presentation regarding "Usage Based Auto Insurance"

- Chief Wilkinson gave presentation regarding American Family Insurance and their "My Safety Valet" program. Many other insurance companies have similar programs. Program users plug a device into a port under the steering wheel of a vehicle and the device captures various driving behaviors (data) such as speed, hard brake, hard cornering, etc. This information can be reviewed from the specific insurance company's websites.
- Goal of the program(s) is for insurance companies to offer discounts to those who display good driving behaviors. Committee members felt that this program could also assist parents by providing knowledge on how teen drivers are behaving. Discussion took place on how to help make parents of teen drivers aware of these programs. Law Enforcement will look at Community Outreach possibilities and discuss at future meetings.

ROUND TABLE

- I41/USH10 construction continues. Spring of 2016 will result in increased construction activity.
- WI State Patrol has scheduled several drug interdiction activities. They are working in concert with local jurisdictions and their K9 Units on enforcement efforts.
- WI DOT grant funding continues to decrease on a yearly basis for extra traffic enforcement initiatives. Law Enforcement agencies reported that they are still receiving the grants but the monies associated to the specific grant have decreased considerably.

Next Meeting: April 13, 2016 at 0900 a.m.

Motion to adjourn was made (Kussman) and seconded (Morrison), motion carried.