

WINNEBAGO COUNTY SAFETY COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes- October 9, 2013

Members Present:

Mike McGinley-Community Representative
Bob Doemel-Winnebago County Highway
Daunita Kline-Community Representative
Mike Panosh-DOT-BOTS
Bill Anthes- Winnebago County Sheriff's Office
Matt Albrecht-Menasha PD
Kevin Wilkinson-Neenah PD
James Merten-City of Neenah Traffic Engineer
Tim McGrath- State Patrol
Randy Asman-DOT NE Region
Scott Morrison- Oshkosh Area School District
Steve Weyers-Oshkosh PD

Meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M. by Bob Doemel. Members were recorded and collected. Motion made by McGinley to approve the minutes from last meeting was 2nd by Weyers. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Introduction of new member Scott Morrison, Driver's Education instructor for Oashkoah Area School District.

Doemel-Expectations of TSC moving forward:

- provide statistics and mapping
- provide a report card for our region
- provide traffic reviews, ie. Roundabouts, intersections, etc.

ROUNDTABLE

Albrecht- Had nothing to report.

Asman-Construction updates:

- Cth G overpass will open in mid-November
- Cth GG schedule for work 03/14-08/14 will be closed to traffic
- grand opening of US41 Bridge trail scheduled for October 19th
- Discussed the scales on USH 41 over the causeway for the semi traffic and how they are utilized by truck enforcement officers via wireless connection. Inspectors are able to use the Park and Ride lots at either Hwy 26 or Hwy 76 and use portable scales for the inspections, there are areas designated at these locations specific for this use. Scales are available at the Landfill or the Highway shop as well.

Weyers-

- Motorcycle crash 44/41 in which the operator of M/C lost his leg. Eastbound vehicle turned onto the northbound ramp to USH41 in front of the westbound motorcycle.
- pedestrian crossing signs at roundabout Jackson/Murdock are operational and seem to be working fine.

McGrath-

- Reports increased aggressive driving and racing on USH 41 since three lanes has opened. WSP will continue to conduct airplane details and other specific enforcement.

McGinley-

- Uturns are starting to cause a problem on Jackson Street by the Dollar Store as vehicles travelling North on Jackson are attempting to turn into the entrance which is just south of the cement island.
- Raised a question about a stop sign by the Cinema Ten entrance however that is a private lot.
- Sth 21 at Leonard Point still drawing complaints, DOT plans to make that intersection a "J-turn" in the near future.
- Request for the TSC Chairman to send a letter on behalf of the committee to the State Legislature opposing the 70 mph speed limit increase. Motion was made by Wilkinson, 2nd by McGinley. Motion carried, 2 abstained.

Anthes- Two fatalities were discussed.

- 1) 07-10-13@ 0322 AM on Bison Rd. at Cattail Ln. 1 vehicle rollover with driver ejected.. Driver Jacob A. Gilmore 07-25-85 died as a result of injuries sustained. Failure to have control and Alcohol were contributing factors.
- 2) 08-06-13 @ 0232 AM on Larsen Rd. at Cth T.. 1 vehicle vs. house. Vehicle was WB on Larsen Rd slid through T intersection at Cth T, going airborne and crashed into house at 8103 Cth T at 0232 hrs. Vehicle needed to be removed from kitchen of residence, which received major structural damage. Driver and passenger deceased. Driver; Truitt L. Beal 04/22/86 Passenger Alicia L Jirschele 4/3/92. Speed, alcohol, and weather listed as factors.

-2 other incidents on USH 41 resulting in lane closures included falling cement from the USH 10 overpass at USH 41 NB. A safety net was installed to catch falling debris and USH41 was reopened. The second incident occurred at USH41 and Cth Y SB in which there was a standoff with two armed subjects after an armed robbery occurred in the Town of Vinland.

Panosh- Reported that fatalities are down Statewide compared to last year at this time. (2013 has 399)

Discussed "Choose your Ride" which is an old police cruiser designed as half taxi and half cruiser which may be seen in the public throughout the State.

Kline-Nothing to report.

Wilkinson-

- Pedestrian beacon is up for roundabout on STH 114
- Crossing guard at Lakeview school funding has been vacated by the Town of Neenah and NEPD will assist until a resolution can be found.
- Complaints in downtown area with angle parking and whether or not some motorists are doing illegal U-turns.
- 253 crashes so far this year with injuries decreased to only 43, 58 of the crashes occurred in roundabouts.

Morrison- Looking for input for his students.

Doemel- Winnebago County Highway projects set to begin:

- Cth K bridge in Eureka scheduled to open November 1st.
- Cth M from STH 44 to Fond du Lac County line almost complete.

Navigation season ended October 6th..

Next meeting scheduled for 01/08/14

Motion made by Anthes and 2nd by Wilkinson to adjourn. Motion carried.