

WAUPACA COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

11 JANUARY 2018

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 am by Patrol Captain Todd Rasmussen. The meeting was held at the Waupaca County Courthouse, Conference Room #1037.

Members present: Patrol Captain Todd Rasmussen, County Board Chairman Dick Koeppen, Drivers Education Representative Becky Rickel, New London Police Captain Chris Gregory, State DOT Representative Dan Brugman, Town of Mukwa representative Lee Shaw, Area DOT Program Manager Mike Panosh, BOTS Law Enforcement Liaison/Consultant Rick Olig, Waupaca Police Department Lt. Geoff Johnson, Weyauwega Police Department Sgt. Brandon Leschke, Population Representative Bob Flease, Town of Mukwa representative Lee Shaw and Greg Flohr, representing the Waupaca County Highway Department.

Captain Rasmussen read the opening statement.

Motion was made by Bob Flease and seconded by Bill Jonely to approve the minutes of the October 19, 2017. Motion carried without a negative vote.

Motion was made by Dick Koeppen and seconded by Lee Shaw to approve the agenda. Motion carried without a negative vote.

Public input- None

Captain Rasmussen- Traffic quarterly report was discussed and placed on file. There was a total of 1024 crashes for 2017 and seven fatalities.

Becky Rickel- Had a concern with vehicles attempting to turn left onto Klatt Road and other vehicles passing on the right side. Becky requested more patrol car visibility, if possible.

Greg Flohr – Nothing

Dick Koeppen – Asked about a seatbelt and alcohol grant for the holiday, which agencies in Waupaca County participated in. There is a Task Force OWI grant also running from 10/01/17 through 09/30/18.

Dan Brugman – The US Hwy 10 median barrier/cable guard project is scheduled for mid-May to August 2018. This will include double faced thrie beam barrier in the center of the median on

Hwy 10, between Erickson Road and CTY A. A high tension cable barrier will be installed on Hwy 10, from CTY A to Reek Road. There will be some lane closure during this time.

A traffic signal will be installed at the Hwy 10 westbound ramp at Fulton Street between Aug-Oct. 2018.

The 46/96 roundabout will be installed at US Hwy 45 and WIS Hwy 96 beginning in May and done sometime in August.

A pavement resurfacing project for Hwy 49, between Peterson Road and Cedar Road, will start after the Iola Old Car Show in July and be finished in September 2018.

Asked that a “wrong way driver” report be sent to State Patrol when this occurs. Dispatch is currently doing this.

Mike Panosh- Indicated there is a two-year OWI Task funding cycle in process. The funding is based on 3-year crash totals. The State of Wisconsin recorded 295 fatalities in 2017 compared to 588 in 2016.

Bob Fleese- Nothing

Lee Shaw- Nothing

Rick Olig – Traffic accident reports should be amended once the PAC results have been received. Legislative Act 87, Municipal Authorization of ATV/UTV Operating, has been passed. This will give municipalities the ability to authorize the operation of ATVs and UTVs on a highway that has a speed limit of 35 mph or less.

Captain Chris Gregory – felt that the alcohol grant participation was going well.

Brandon Leschke – he said rumble strips were placed on westbound CTY X and are working well to slow down traffic.

Bill Jonely – He said a recent comment at the Law Enforcement meeting was that the speed on Hwy 10 is getting worse. Mike Panosh will let State Patrol know and ask for extra patrol.

Geoff Johnson - Nothing

Motion by Bill Jonely, seconded by Bob Flease to adjourn the meeting at 11:18 a.m. Motion carried.

Vickie Thoe, secretary