

WAUPACA COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

21 JANUARY 2016

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by Patrol Captain Todd Rasmussen. The meeting was held at the Waupaca County Courthouse, Room #1037.

Members Present: Patrol Captain Todd Rasmussen, Sheriff Brad Hardel, State Patrol Trooper Kendi Linjer, Interim Highway Commissioner Lance Penney, State DOT Representative Tony Kemnitz, Population Representative Bob Flease, Mukwa Town Supervisor Lee Shaw, Drivers Education Representative Becky Rickel, Law Enforcement Committee Representative Bill Jonely, County Board Chairman Dick Koeppen

Patrol Captain Rasmussen read the open meeting statement.

Motion by Bill Jonely, seconded by Bob Flease to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion carried without a negative vote.

Motion by Sheriff Hardel, seconded by Kendi Linjer to approve the agenda. Motion carried without a negative vote.

**Public Input** – None

**Bob Botts** – Informed the committee that this will be his last meeting as he has been re-assigned to the NE region. Michael Panosh will be our new regional program manager. Legal updates for the quarter were placed on file.

**Tony Kemnitz**- old business – completed review of video log in New London on Hwy 54 by Walgreens. There were three days of video observed and no crashes during this time frame. There is a warning sign for drivers. Signing changes and/or markings are being looked at.

Hwy 45, north of Church Road. Northbound traffic on Hwy 45 signage about a passing lane may need to be adjusted. An option would be to take down this sign.

Scheduling a traffic count on the Hwy 22 ramp with back-up with school buses. Tony is waiting for these results.

The volume of traffic on Hwy 10/W. Fulton Street ramp is being looked at and will be sent to traffic signal operations people.

New business – Edge line markings are scheduled to be re-painted on Hwy 10 in Waupaca County this year.

Hwy 22 in Clintonville, by the high school, has one more year left of construction.

Supplemental safety money has been approved for Hwy 45 from CTY W up to CTY D. Centerline rumble strips and grooved in wet reflective edge lines will be installed to assist drivers in maintaining proper lane position.

Trees were placed at the end of a cul-du-sac on Hwy 45 north of Hwy 10. Flexible tubal markers were also installed. This was done in response to concerns regarding southbound drivers entering the northbound lanes in the four lane section of Hwy 45 north of Hwy 10. Hopefully this will keep drivers on the right side of the road.

Hwy 54, between Royalton and New London will be repaved with rumble strips. The shoulders will be widened in this area.

The Sheriff's Office Communication Center is asked to notify the DOT office in Milwaukee when there is a highway closing for any length of time exceeding 2 hours.

**Patrol Captain Rasmussen** - Traffic report on file. There were 13 fatalities in 2015 compared to 2 in 2014. 7 of the 13 were alcohol related. 239 OWI citations were issued in 2015. Captain Rasmussen introduced Becky Rickel as the new Driver's Education Representative. Kendi Linjer made a motion, seconded by Bob Flease to accept Becky Rickel as a member of the committee. Motion carried without a negative vote.

**Becky Rickel** - Handed out her classroom agenda, which covers state requirements.

**Bob Flease** – Nothing

**Bill Jonely** – Brought up work zone safety and how difficult it is to slow traffic down. Captain Rasmussen said that if he has advance notice of a project, he will post for additional coverage in the area.

**Lance Penney** – Asked Becky if work zone safety was stressed in driver's education class and was told it is.

**Lee Shaw** – Asked if street signs could be placed on a stop sign post. Street signs should be on their own post on the opposite side of the road from a stop sign.

**Dick Koeppen** – Has noticed that traffic slows down in works areas when a marked squad is present.

**Trooper Linjer**- Nothing

**Other Business** - None

Motion by Brad Hardel, seconded by Bill Jonely to adjourn the meeting at 11:33 am. Motion carried.

Vickie Thoe, Secretary