

WAUPACA COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

20 JULY 2017

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by Patrol Sgt. Gene Goode. The meeting was held at the Waupaca County Courthouse, Conference Room #1037.

Members present: Patrol Sgt. Gene Goode, Sheriff Brad Hardel, Emergency Management Director Andy Carlin, Coroner Barry Tomaras, Drivers Education Representative Becky Rickel, Population Representative Bob Flease, Law Enforcement Committee Rep. Bill Jonely, New London Police Chief Jeff Schlueter, Wisconsin State Patrol Sergeant Jon Pedersen, State DOT Representative Tony Kemnitz, Town of Mukwa representative Lee Shaw, Area DOT Program Manager Mike Panosh and BOTS Law Enforcement Liaison/Consultant Randy Wiessinger. Patrol Captain Todd Rasmussen arrived at approximately 10:30 a.m.

Patrol Sgt. Goode read the opening statement.

Motion was made by Bob Flease and seconded by State Patrol Sgt. Jon Pedersen to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2017. Motion carried without a negative vote.

Motion was made by Bill Jonely and seconded by Andy Carlin to approve the agenda. Motion carried without a negative vote.

Public input- None

Patrol Sgt. Goode- Traffic quarterly report was discussed and placed on file.

Becky Rickel- Had a question regarding Granite Valley Forest Products intersection, which was determined to be in Outagamie County.

Barry Tomaras – Brought up his concern about a traffic accident which results in a fatality, but happens 30 days after the accident. It is then not considered a fatal, even if the injuries causing death resulted from the traffic accident.

Bob Flease - Nothing

Tony Kemnitz – Reported on the upcoming WisDOT construction projects for 2017. The WIS 22, Clintonville project is in the 2nd phase of the project. There have been some delays due to rain this summer.

WIS 54 from East Junction of WIS 22 to the Royalton overpass will be resurfaced this year. The project is scheduled to begin July 24 and finish by September 1. WIS 22 will be detoured via WIS 110, WIS 22 and US Highway 45 for three weeks to allow culvert replacements.

Ongoing projects of interest are the US 10 median barrier from Erickson Road to CTH A; US 10 westbound ramp at WIS 49 traffic signal and US 45 roundabout at WIS 96. These projects are currently scheduled for construction in 2018.

The Highway 45 roundabout has been submitted for bids.

Sheriff Hardel – His staff has worked hard to enforce OWI laws. He said the drug/drunken driving arrests are up. Barry Tomaras questioned why the State only tests for alcohol on a fatal. He said the coroner's office does request a drug test on fatalities.

Mike Panosh- Mike said that state-wide accident numbers were down so far this year from a year ago. There have been 305 fatalities year-to-date, vs 312 for this time frame in 2016. Drunken driving grants will be enforced during a two week time frame around Labor Day. Mike mentioned the Governor's Conference on Highway Safety, which will be August 22-24. He said Waupaca County's use of Community Mapping is used as an example to other counties.

Mike introduced retired Dane County Officer Randy Wiessinger. Randy is another BOTS Law Enforcement Liaison/Consultant for our area. Randy said the Highway Safety Commission's three-year-plan will be released at the Governor's Conference.

Andy Carlin- mentioned multiple DUI offenses and hopes to increase penalties for 5th or 6th DUI.

State Patrol- Sgt. Pedersen said State Patrol will be assisting with an OWI grant at the Waupaca County Fair and the Labor Day holiday.

Bill Jonely – Thanked the Sheriff's Office for the excellent job on OWI enforcement.

Lee Shaw- Offered his thanks for the information that is inputted in the Community Maps program.

Chief Jeff Schluetter – Nothing

Highway Commissioner Casey Beyersdorf – unable to make the meeting, but had posed a question prior to the meeting re: need for safety improvements that would coincide with his 5 year plan. DOT Representative Tony Kemnitz will meet with Casey regarding this.

Motion by Bob Flease, seconded by Lee Shaw to adjourn the meeting at 10:40 a.m. Motion carried.

The next quarterly meeting will be held on Thursday, October 19, 2017 in Conference Room 1115 at the Waupaca County Sheriff's Office.

Vickie Thoe, secretary

