

DODGE COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION
January 11, 2016

Members present: Joel Kiesow, Dodge County Traffic Safety Coordinator; Trace Frost, DSO; Pete Thompson, Dodge County Highway Department, Corey Foster, WISDOT BOTS, Ryan Mayer, Wisconsin DOT, Dave Beal, Juneau Police Department, AJ Llanas, Wisconsin State Patrol, Matthew Christian, Beaver Dam Fire Department, Jeremy Rasch, Waupun P.D., Mary Wendel. Also present were Lt. Sullivan, DSO, and Eugene Goodearle.

Members absent: Del Yaroch, Brandon Stommel

- I. The meeting was called to order by Joel at 9:30 am in Del's absence.
- II. The minutes from the October 12, 2015 meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Christian and second by Frost.
- III. There were two fatal crashes and two fatalities in the fourth quarter and 11 YTD.
 - A. Lt. Sullivan reviewed vehicle and scene pictures with the commission. A southbound tractor, corn picker and gravity box combo on STH 73 was struck by an SUV. Passenger in the SUV was killed. The location just over a hill, visibility of the farm equipment and time of day were factors in the crash. A second vehicle also struck the gravity box due to visibility. Ryan will review if signage would be beneficial.
 - B. A northbound vehicle on CTH Z stopped at the STH 49 intersection. An eastbound semi was turning southbound onto CTH Z from the right turn lane of STH 49. The driver on Z pulled out to turn west and was struck by an eastbound vehicle in the through lane of STH 49. Driver error was a major factor in the crash. The semi blocked the view of the through vehicle.
- IV. Old Business
 - A. STH 33 and CTH P intersection. Ryan stated the rumble strips, stop bars, necessary signage and flashing beacons were added on STH 33 on November 17, 2015 making it a 4-way stop. Message boards were active for about 2 weeks from initial startup. No incidents have been reported since. The roundabout installation is currently scheduled for 2019.
 - B. STH 33 speed limit change east of Horicon. Ryan stated the signs were installed extending the 25 mph speed zone further east and eliminating the 30 mph zone. Other curve warning signs were also installed. Ryan will review the location of a 40 mph sign to determine if it is still necessary.
- V. New Business
 - A. Joel reviewed the new website and associated links with the commission. There is opportunity to use this as an education and outreach tool. Members were encouraged to submit items to Joel. He reviewed the Community Maps section. Joel will be entering fatal crashes and Category A injury crashes. Local municipalities may also enter any and all crashes once granted administrative rights.
 - B. Trace has spoken to some of the 5 Amish families in the Reeseville area. There are more to come—including a school. Corey and Trace have attended a Coordinating Committee meeting consisting of members from Green Lake, Marquette and Columbia Counties. They are working toward a pamphlet/info packet on Amish items that could be modified for our county. The next

meeting is February 17th. Amish Buggy warning signs have been installed on CTH I, G, and J in the Reeseville area.

- C. CTH A and W intersection. Pete has reviewed the signing and a couple of signs will be updated with new. There is adequate advanced warning on CTH W approaches. The limited number of crashes are not people blowing the STOP signs.
- D. STH 26 and CTH E intersection. A citizen stated a semi ran the STOP sign in the fog. There are no beacons at the intersection. Ryan stated the three 4-way STOP-controlled intersections in close proximity to each other are not consistently signed. They are 26 & 33, 26 & E and 33 & A. Ryan will work toward consistency when money becomes available.
- E. Reports
 - a. BOTS. Corey stated there were 561 fatalities (confirmed by AJ) statewide in 2015. A final number may still be different. There are 6 so far in 2016. He said the OWI task force grant is approved and scheduling may begin. The speed and seat belt grant applications are due out soon for this year. A 2-day ARIDE class in the county is available if there is interest.
 - b. DOT—Ryan stated the STH 26 speed limit north of Watertown was raised to 65 mph on October 19th. No speed-related incidents have been reported. Ryan will review the USH 151 and CTH DE intersection with the region sign engineer for possible advance warning improvements. He said the crash history has listed this intersection for possible Conflict Warning System installation. Ryan is skeptical it would make it to funding a project.
 - c. County—nothing to report.
 - d. Joel distributed the 2015 Annual Fatal Crash report showing 11 fatalities. September had 6 fatalities, but there was no consistent pattern where stepped up enforcement would help going forward.

Next meeting is scheduled for April 11, 2016 at 9:30 am in the Training Room of the Dodge County Sheriff's Department.

Meeting adjourned 11:05 am.

Pete Thompson,
Secretary.

Approved by Committee 4/11/16 Meeting

Peter Thompson