

DODGE COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION
July 11, 2016

Members present: Joel Kiesow, Dodge County Traffic Safety Coordinator; Pete Thompson, Dodge County Highway Department, Ryan Mayer, WISDOT, Dave Beal, Chief Juneau P. D., AJ Llanas, Wisconsin State Patrol, Jeremy Rasch, Waupun P.D., Also present were Eugene Goodearle, Randy Wiessinger, WISDOT BOTS., Deborah and Peter Niesen, Town of Portland residents, Jared Lavin and Jason Binstock, Menard's Distribution Center managers.

Members absent: Mary Wendel, Trace Frost, DSO, Matthew Christian, Beaver Dam F. D., Brandon Stommel, Beaver Dam P.D.

- I. The meeting was called to order by Joel at 9:30 am.
- II The minutes from the April 11, 2016 meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Beal and second by Llanas.
- III. There were five fatal crashes and five fatalities in the second quarter. This brings YTD total to 6 in first half of 2016. Seven for the year. (One fatal added on July 4, 2016.)
 - A. On 5/4/16 a crash occurred at the STH 89/CTH T/Dalman Road intersection. The committee reviewed the video. An eastbound vehicle on STH 89 failed to stop and struck a northbound vehicle. A third vehicle was then struck. Helen Henkel, 88, a passenger in the eastbound vehicle, died on 5/10/16. Ryan showed a Proposed Intersection Plan he will submit for Highway Safety funding this year. He will have an update at the October meeting.
 - B. On 5/20/16 Maxwell Behmke, 12, was operating a small motorcycle crossing CTH NN from one driveway to another. A pickup truck struck the motorcycle.
 - C. On 6/8/16 a crash occurred at the CTH O and CTH P intersection. The committee reviewed the video. An eastbound vehicle driven by Jacob Amidon, 16, failed to stop at CTH P and struck a northbound vehicle driven by John Rawlins, 74. Rawlins' vehicle rolled and he was ejected and died on the scene. Thompson stated the Highway Department will be installing rumble strips on CTH O in both directions soon.

AT THIS POINT, THE COMMITTEE RELOCATED TO A CONFERENCE ROOM
BECAUSE THE TRAINING ROOM WAS REQUIRED TO HANDLE AN ONGOING
INCIDENT. NO VIDEOS WERE VIEWED FOR THE LAST TWO CRASHES.
 - D. On 6/20/16 a vehicle driven by Gabrielle Spende, 16, was southbound on Welsh Road in Watertown and struck a bridge pillar of the STH 26 overpass. The area is in a curve. She died 6/22/16.
 - E. On 6/24/16 a motorcycle driven by Robert Tabb, 55 failed to negotiate a curve on Mill Road in Fox Lake and drove off the road and was ejected. He died on 7/10/16.
- IV. Old Business
 - A. Deborah and Peter Niesen, residents of CTH I in Town of Portland, were present to discuss speed issues in the hamlet. There were no specific times or vehicles, but general speeding. The speed trailer was set out for a while and there have been enforcement efforts. Thompson will check the speed limit sign locations. Kiesow stated there is limited coverage on any given shift for deputies.
 - B. Mayer stated some signs will be relocated on STH 26 at STH 33 to improve visibility.
 - C. Mayer stated there will be pavement grinding on STH 49 approaches to the I 41 overhead bridge.

D. Mayer staked a new STOP location in the median island on CTH A approaching STH 68 in Fox Lake. This will provide a second sign for improved visibility.

V. New Business

- A. A request for reduced speed was received for STH 16/60 in the area of CTH T and CTH TT/Astico Park. The general consensus by the committee was it is not warranted and no action will be taken at this time.
- B. No action on website review due to the relocation out of the training room.
- C. Jared and Jason from Menard's were here to address the visibility and safety complaint of semis parking on CTH S near the distribution center driveway. The complaint is from only one person. This typically only happens between the hours of 2 am and 6 am when they are closed. There is adequate shoulder area to park off the travel lane. Committee members rarely, if ever, have seen parked semis here. There is a sign at the guard shack requesting early-arriving trucks to use the truck stop in Richfield. No action at this time.
- D. A request to extend the 45 MPH speed zone on CTH A north to include Burns Road. The request is based on many left turns northbound onto Burns. Thompson will review.
- E. Reports
 - a. BOTS. Randy Wiessinger stated that Corey Foster has resigned and we will get a new rep assigned soon. Randy is continuing his contract work to review Traffic Safety Commission's procedures and makeup statewide. He will send an info packet specific to Dodge County on demographics, crash history and statistics to Kiesow to distribute to members.
As of July 5, 2016 there were 282 fatalities statewide compared to 253 last year.
 - b. DOT. Mayer updated the committee on the following:
 - 1. The DOT received a request from Senator Fitzgerald's office to consider reinstating full 4-way access to Boulder Road and STH 16 near Watertown. A previous project provided one more turning movement. Mayer will review existing signage to confirm clarity.
 - c. County. Thompson updated the committee on the following:
 - 1. Bridge replacement projects on CTH KW by Cole Road and CTH S by S. Crystal Lake Road have begun
 - 2. The CTH O bridge replacement in Alderly is scheduled to begin early to mid-August.
 - 3. The CTH YY (STH 49 to Fond du Lac County line) reconstruction project has begun.

Next meeting is scheduled for October 10, 2016 at 9:30 am in the Training Room of the Dodge County Sheriff's Department.

Meeting adjourned 11:20 am.

Pete Thompson,
Secretary.

Approved at October 10, 2016 meeting

Pete Thompson