

DODGE COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION
January 9, 2017

Members present: Joel Kiesow, Dodge County Traffic Safety Coordinator; Pete Thompson, Dodge County Highway Department, Captain Trace Frost, DSO, Ryan Mayer, WISDOT, Dave Beal, Chief Juneau P. D., AJ Llanas, and Nate Henriksen, Wisconsin State Patrol, Jeremy Rasch, Waupun P.D., Matthew Christian, Beaver Dam F. D., Rick Olig and Joe Davis, Sr., WISDOT BOTS.

Also present were Eugene Goodearle, Russell Kottke and Rob Kocinski.

Members absent: Mary Wendel, Brandon Stommel, Beaver Dam P.D.

- I. The meeting was called to order by Joel at 9:30 am.

- II. The minutes from the October 10, 2016 meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Beal and second by Christian.

- III. There were two fatal crashes and two fatalities in the fourth quarter. This brings YTD total to 12.
 - A. On 10/18/16, a crash occurred about 9:20 p.m. on Pond Road near Jefferson Road. The committee reviewed the video. An eastbound vehicle on Pond Road, driven by Jamie Peszko, left the roadway, struck a field driveway, vaulted and rolled, landing on its roof. The driver died. Speed and impairment were probable causes.
 - B. On 10/31/16, a crash occurred about 2:35 p.m. on CTH V at CTH Y. The committee reviewed the video. A southbound vehicle driven by Irma Baumann failed to stop at CTH Y and struck a westbound vehicle. The westbound vehicle rolled multiple times. That driver suffered minor injuries. On 11/2/16, Baumann succumbed to her injuries. Driver error was determined to be the cause of this crash.

- IV. Old Business
 - A. CTH R at Morningside Road and CTH SC. It was reported semis were mistakenly turning onto Morningside Rd instead of CTH SC. Thompson reviewed the existing signage. It appears the signage meets the standards. There is a name sign for Morningside clearly visible from CTH R. No action will be taken at this time.
 - B. Speed limit on CTH W just south of Beaver Dam. A new apartment complex consisting of 112 units is under construction. Approximately 40% of units are occupied now. Thompson reviewed traffic movements for more than one hour. He stated he wants to see traffic once the complex is more than 75% occupied. The Committee previously passed a motion recommending a speed limit of 35 MPH. This stretch of county highway lies entirely in the Town of Beaver Dam, although the complex property has been annexed to the City of Beaver Dam. Thompson will continue to monitor.

- V. New Business
 - A. Rob Kocinski, Spruce Road resident, Town of Trenton, was present to discuss gravel quarry truck traffic on Spruce Road. The Linck Aggregates quarry lies between CTH W and STH 33. The majority of the traffic heads east from the quarry to CTH W. Rob is concerned with the westbound traffic to STH 33. Spruce Road has multiple residences, is hilly and has blind spots. The committee reviewed the area on Google Earth. Rob is suggesting weight restrictions, speed reductions and outright prohibition of heavy traffic west of the quarry. Last fall, Trenton reduced the speed limit to 45 MPH. Any further reduction will require a traffic study.

Suggestion from the committee is to view traffic in the spring, since the speed limit change was enacted during a quiet time at the quarry. HILL BLOCKS VIEW signs may also be studied. The radar wagon will be set up this spring to curb speeding. The speeders may be local residents as this a very local road. The quarry operator is aware of the concerns.

- B. Duane Braskamp, Trenton resident, filed a complaint about gravel and mud being tracked onto Laurel Hill and Lakeland Roads adjacent to a 2000-cow dairy. Kottke stated the owner will pave 2 driveway approaches in spring which should take care of the gravel tracking. The Sheriff's Department has reviewed the area and did not deem this to be a hazard at the time.

Reports

- A. Kiesow shared the 2016 Fatal Crash Data handout for the 12 fatal crashes and 12 fatalities. Age range was from 12 to 90. There were 11 and 11 respectively in 2015.
- B. BOTS. Davis shared the statewide YTD fatals: 9 crashes and 10 fatalities. Statewide there were 530 fatal crashes and 592 fatalities in 2016. Drug use is more prevalent in crashes than in the past. Davis emphasized the need and opportunity to educate younger drivers. He encouraged everyone to download the Zero in Wisconsin app. He presented a revised Anatomy of Traffic Safety report for Dodge County dated 12/9/16. Committee members suggested minor edits and then requested digital copies be sent. He encouraged pursuit of task force grants.
- C. DOT. Mayer reviewed bus stop issues on STH 16/60 near Columbus. Ryan will discuss with the bus company and then contact the complainant.
- C. County. Thompson stated a reconstruction project will be completed by WISDOT through Iron Ridge this year.

Goodearle asked for clarification of how crash reports are obtained now. Llanas explained.

Christian stated CTH C and USH 151 has had several significant crashes of late. Also CTH C and Buckhorn Road has had a couple. Thompson stated C and Buckhorn will be reconstructed this summer.

Olig asked how many municipalities were entering crashes in Community Maps. Beaver Dam, DSO and Waupun. He encouraged entering of ALL types to determine crash hotspots.

Frost announced this will be his last meeting due to his impending retirement. The entire committee thanked him for his 11 years of service on the committee and all his years of service in law enforcement.

A picture of the committee was taken to be posted on the website.

Next meeting is scheduled for April 10, 2017 at 9:30 am in the Training Room of the Dodge County Sheriff's Department.

Meeting adjourned 11:10 am.

Pete Thompson,
Secretary.

Approved at April 10, 2017 meeting
Pete Thompson