

DODGE COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

April 10, 2017

Members present: Joel Kiesow, Dodge County Traffic Safety Coordinator; Pete Thompson, Dodge County Highway Department, Sergeant Dennis Walston, DSO, Ryan Mayer, WISDOT, Dave Beal, Chief Juneau P. D., Randy Kind, Wisconsin State Patrol, Matthew Christian, Beaver Dam F. D., Trace Frost, WISDOT BOTS, Mary Wendel .

Also present were Eugene Goodearle, Kim Nass, County Corporation Counsel, Jim Mielke, County Administrator and Rob Kocinski.

Members absent: Brandon Stommel, Beaver Dam P.D., Jeremy Rasch, Waupun P.D.,

- I. The meeting was called to order by Joel at 9:30 am.
- II. The minutes from the January 9th, 2017 meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Frost and second by Christian.
- III. There were four fatal crashes and four fatalities in the first quarter. YTD total is 4.
 - A. On 2/2/17, a crash occurred about 2:05 a.m. on Richard Street in the Village of Lomira. The committee reviewed the video. A southbound vehicle driven by Giavanni Garza, left the roadway, struck a fence and snowbank and rolled, landing on its wheels. The driver was ejected and died. Speed and impairment were probable causes.
 - B. On 2/26/17, an early morning crash occurred on CTH D near Zimmerman Dr. in the Town of Beaver Dam. The committee reviewed the video. A southbound vehicle driven by Timothy Price failed to negotiate a curve and struck a power pole. The driver and a passenger walked to a nearby house where Price died of his injuries. Speed and impairment were probable causes.
 - C. On 3/2/17, a crash occurred about 8:30 a.m. on STH 33 near Fairfield Road. The committee reviewed the video. A westbound vehicle driven by Destiny Kobler hit a snow-covered stretch, went into the shoulder, spun and crossed centerline and was struck by an eastbound vehicle. Kobler died on 3/9/17. Pavement conditions and speed appeared to be the causes of the crash.
 - D. On 3/10/17, a crash occurred about 7:30 a.m. on Pond Road just east of CTH P. The committee reviewed the video. An eastbound vehicle driven by a 16-year old went onto the right shoulder, overcorrected, spun and vaulted on a field drive. The 14-year old passenger was ejected and died of his injuries. Speed, inexperience and no seatbelts were probable causes.
- IV. Old Business
 - A. 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. As an interim measure, the County Board passed an ordinance reducing the speed to 45 MPH from the Beaver Dam city limits to the east side of USH 151. Thompson will review again when 75% of apartments are occupied.
 - B. Rob and Maily Kocinski sent a thank you card for the discussion held on Spruce Road and the associated gravel truck traffic at January's meeting. Rob was present and said the quarry is not active yet this spring. Sgt. Walston will set out the radar trailer in the near future.
 - C. Bus Stop on STH 16/60 by Columbus. Mayer got a request for flashing beacons on the existing Bus Stop Ahead signs. After discussion with the School District and bus company, it was determined that the children are taking a long time to get from the house to the bus. Vehicles are backing up in both directions and drivers are becoming impatient. The school contacted the resident and loading times have become much better. No change in signage will happen.

V. New Business

- A. USH 151 and CTH C. At Christian's request, Mayer presented a 5-year crash history diagram for review. It seemed that there has been a spike in serious crashes at this intersection. The history showed 8 crashes, including 5 injury, in that span. The crash rate is well below the action threshold. The area will be monitored.
- B. CTH AW near Lake Emily. A complaint about on-road parking was received. Typically, ice fishermen park here as a last resort. The Town of Fox Lake has had some vehicles towed. However, this stretch of CTH AW is Green Lake County's jurisdiction and Joel has made contact with their coordinator. No action.

Reports

- A. BOTS. Frost is now a BOTS Law Enforcement Liaison and showed the committee the capabilities of Community Maps, which is a link on the TSC webpage. Currently only fatal and A-injury crashes are entered and not consistently. With Trax 10, all crashes will be automatically downloaded to Community Maps. He stated YTD fatalities stands at 114, compared to 138 YTD in 2016. 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.
- B. State Patrol. Kind asked Mayer if there could be No Parking enacted on the northbound Rest Area on-ramp to I 41. Semis parking on this ramp force other semis to make wide turns leading to a traffic concern. Mayer will check.
- C. County. Thompson stated these 2017 project will be done in the county this year:
 - 1. CTH S through Iron Ridge—complete reconstruction
 - 2. CTH T—between CTH I and Burr Oak Road—bridge replacement
 - 3. CTH C—Jersey Road to east of Buckhorn Road—complete reconstruction.

Kocinski asked what education components are available for new/inexperienced drivers. Discussion centered on now for-profit driver's education firms differing from school-based programs. DSO does outreach to these firms and holds things at schools—like pre-prom mock crashes. This seems to be a tough nut to crack. The graduated license has helped some.

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

Meeting adjourned 10:30 am.
Pete Thompson,
Secretary.

Approved at July 10, 2017 meeting
Pete Thompson