

DODGE COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

July 10, 2017

Members present: Joel Kiesow, Dodge County Traffic Safety Coordinator; Pete Thompson, Dodge County Highway Department, Captain Scott Mittelstadt and Sergeant Dennis Walston, DSO, Ryan Mayer, WISDOT, AJ Lanas, Wisconsin State Patrol, Matthew Christian, Beaver Dam F. D., Trace Frost and Joe Davis, Sr, WISDOT BOTS, Mary Wendel, Brandon Stommel, Beaver Dam P.D., Jeremy Rasch, Waupun P.D.

Also present were Eugene Goodearle, Rachael Ellias, WISDOT, Dale Holloway, Medical College of Wisconsin, Mitch Peters, Advanced Towing.

Members absent: Dave Beal, Chief Juneau P.D.

- I. The meeting was called to order by Kiesow at 9:30 am.
- II. The minutes from the April 10, 2017 meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Christian and second by Lanas.
- III. There were two fatal crashes and two fatalities in the first quarter. YTD total is 6.
 - A. On 4/28/17, a crash occurred about midnight on USH 151 at the CTH DE intersection. The committee reviewed the video. A southbound vehicle driven by Hans Kubick had just turned onto USH 151 and was traveling approximately 23 MPH when it was struck by a southbound semi and trailer in the same lane. The Kubick vehicle was pushed off the road and overturned. Mr. Kubick died 3 days later. No lab results have been received yet.
 - B. On 5/17/17, a crash occurred about 8:30 a.m. on STH 67 at the Town Road MM intersection. The committee reviewed the video—it was determined not the correct side of the intersection and the correct video will be reviewed at a future meeting. A westbound Town Road MM vehicle driven by John Armentrout failed to completely stop and entered the STH 67 intersection and was struck by a northbound semi and trailer. Mr. Armentrout was ejected and died. The semi caught on fire, but the driver was uninjured. Impairment was a probable cause.
- IV. Old Business
 - A. Request for No Parking signs on the northbound I 41 rest area on ramp. Mayer stated the signs are installed.
 - B. Spruce Road speeding, gravel truck and citizen concerns. Lanas has been through the area at times. He observed no problems with speed. A check of license plates showed mostly local traffic. Will continue to monitor
 - C. Sign relocations to improve visibility at STH 26 and STH 33 are still on the list to be done by the WISDOT sign crew.
- V. New Business
 - A. Captain Mittelstadt asked for the six most dangerous county highways/intersections so patrol and enforcement could be concentrated where needed most. Mayer created a county-wide list from the WISTRANS Portal. He stated higher-volume roads will have more crashes, but may not be unsafe. Fatal and A injury crashes from 2012-2016 were categorized by manner of collision, highway, day, time of day, municipality and year. Mayer showed how the crashes could be mapped. Mayer will work on crash heat maps by quadrant for DSO in the near future.

- B. Ore Road—Town of Hubbard—semis and speeding complaints. This road may be getting more traffic due to the CTH S work in Iron Ridge. DSO has reviewed and stated there is very little traffic. They also made contact with the complainant.

Reports

- A. BOTS. Davis stated:
the Governor's Conference on Highway Safety will be held August 22-24 in Appleton. He encouraged all to attend that 10 of 13 TSC Coordinators from SE Region attended a conference which Kiesow hosted.
that DSO was chosen to be monitored for its participation with 2015 and 2016 safety grants and found to be in compliance. Lt. Enright was specifically mentioned for running a great program.
that DSO used about 90% of its available grant funds which is much higher than average. This is beneficial for obtaining future grants.
Frost stated there have been 289 fatalities YTD vs. 295 YTD in 2016. We are above the 5-year average.
- B. WIDSOT. Mayer stated the City of Beaver Dam has submitted an application for safety funding to add a left turn lane at the Gateway Drive and Frances Lane intersection. There have been multiple left turn visibility crashes recently. The review and possible award will be in October.
- 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.

Dale Holloway explained his role with the Medical College of Wisconsin's Dept. of Neurosurgery Crash Injury Research and Engineering Network (CIREN) Program. For about 15 years, Holloway has studied real-world injured victims in SE Wisconsin. This program is NHTSA funded. Victims agree to medical record reviews. The well-publicized X-STAR crashworthiness ratings using test dummies do not mimic actual crash scenarios. The Program strives to learn how vehicle safety can be improved. DSO is a cooperative agency for this program.

Goodearle formally requested additional STOP AHEAD signs on STH 33 approaching the CTH P intersection in each direction. Mayer will review for compliance with the MUTCD standards.

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

Meeting adjourned 11:00 am.
Pete Thompson,
Secretary.

*Approved at 10/9/17 meeting
Pete Thompson*