

**DODGE COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION**  
**January 14, 2019**

Members present: Joel Kiesow, Dodge County Traffic Safety Coordinator; Pete Thompson, Dodge County Highway Department, Captain Chad Enright and CJ Micale, DSO, Ryan Mayer, WISDOT, Kevin Meier and Ron Zenk, Wisconsin State Patrol, Joe Davis, Sr. and Trace Frost, WISDOT BOTS, Dave Beal, Chief Juneau P.D., Brandon Stommel, Beaver Dam P.D., Jeremy Rusch, Waupun P.D., and Rob Kocinski.

Also present were Eugene Goodearle, Judy Haddad

Members absent: Matthew Christian, Beaver Dam F.D. and Dennis Kaczor, HNR Schools.

- I. The meeting was called to order by Kiesow at 9:30 am.
- II. Attendance sheet was circulated.
- III. The minutes from the October 8, 2018 meeting were approved on a motion by Beal and second by Stommel.

Old Business

1. Sign relocations to improve visibility for a STOP AHEAD sign at STH 26 and STH 33 are still on the list to be done by the WISDOT sign crew. There have been no crashes as a result of this issue.
2. CTH S parking issue at Menard's plant. Thompson finalized a No Parking ordinance and it was approved by County Board. Signs have been installed and Sheriff's office is aware of the installation.
3. Speed zone review STH 26 near new truck stop in Waupun. Posted speed is 55 mph. Mayer did spot speed study in area. Average speed was 47 mph for both ways. 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed northbound was 51.6 mph and southbound was 53.8 mph. The development access was created with median islands and turn lanes to provide for safe turning movements and is well done. Local knowledge is there will be more development yet to come. Mayer recommends no action at this time, but this may be revisited in the future.
4. STH 33 near Grove Road—no passing zone review. Farmer in area had concerns with entering and exiting during harvest. Enright stated there were 5 crashes in the area in 2018—1 injury and 4 PDO. Nothing indicative of a passing zone issue. He will schedule enhanced enforcement during this year's harvest.
5. Point of Last Drink. Not much data yet. Some officers are entering in software, some only can do it by hand and some don't have the capability. It will be checked to see if DSO software can be set to be a hard stop on a crash report if this data is not entered. May look to have a quarterly report.
6. STH 33 and CTH P. Mayer reviewed the School Bus Stop Ahead sign and determined it can be removed. It is on the list for action.
7. Signage review CTH R at Smith Road. Thompson reviewed signage where fatal crash occurred. All necessary signs were present.

New Business

1. CTH A and CTH W signage review —Thompson recapped the sign review at this intersection in light of multiple crashes. In general, all signage is adequate. Rumble strips are present on CTH W in both directions, but do not meet current DOT distance standards. However, rumble strips

are discretionary. CTH A has about twice the traffic count as CTH W so this is not a candidate for a 4-way STOP. Commission discussed options for increased safety including:

- a. Additional left side STOP AHEAD signs on CTH W
- b. Additional left side STOP signs on CTH W
- c. Repaving the rumbles in the correct location
- d. Adding an Intersection warning sign with Advisory Speed 45 MPH plaque on CTH A
- e. Reducing the regulatory speed limit to 45 mph on CTH A
- f. Roundabout

There was discussion that many crashes are purely driver error and additional signage may not be the answer.

Enright will generate 5-year crash history to determine causes of crashes for patterns. This may help dictate which enhancements would be most beneficial.

2. The commission membership log was passed around to be updated.

Fatal Crash review. There was one fatal crash and one fatality in the fourth quarter. There were 8 fatalities in 2018.

On 12/9/18, there was a crash estimated to have occurred at approximately 3:00 a.m. on STH 16 near O'Conner Road. The commission reviewed the video. An eastbound driver, Jack Dennis, 38, of Madison failed to negotiate a curve, left the roadway, hit a field driveway, rolled end over end and was partially ejected. He was discovered alive about 7 a.m. DSO had been alerted by Columbia Co. Sheriff's office of this vehicle speeding excessively in their county. Alcohol was suspected to be a cause. He was unbelted. Mayer will review this curve for signage adequacy.

The commission then spoke about what needs to happen to increase the Seat Belt violation fine. During a Click or Ticket initiative, belt use increases, but drops back afterward. Although in the 90% compliance range, Wisconsin lags surrounding states by 3-4%. This fatality may have been avoided with seat belt use. This issue needs legislative action. The committee will consider contact with our elected officials in the future.

## Reports

### A. BOTS.

Davis stated targeted funding for seat belt enforcement has been issued to Dodge County. Targeted funding for speed enforcement is also available. State Patrol will be made aware when initiatives happen. They will piggy back if available.

Davis commended Dodge County law enforcement on its efforts to reduce fatalities to 8. In 2017 we had 20 and the 5-year average is 13.

The Governor's Conference on Safety is August 20 through 22 in Wisconsin Dells. DSO has sent an attendee most every year. Equipment give away is available at the conference by luck of the draw.

Frost stated there were unofficially 576 fatalities in 2018 vs. 594 in 2017 vs. 588 in 2016. The State 5-year average is 561.

There have been 14 fatalities YTD vs. 23 in 2018.

- ### B. WIDSOT.
- Mayer completed a spot speed study on STH 68 near the new Christian Nursing Home in Waupun. Part of the parcel's frontage is in the 35 mph zone. Due to the increased traffic, the 35 mph zone will be extended west to encompass the entire frontage.

He also did a study on STH 33 at the new LeRoy Meat's building on the west side of Fox Lake. Those results are not available yet. Dollar General has also opened and more development may come.

- C. County. Thompson stated the CTH EE bridge south of STH 60 will be replaced this year. The STH 33 and CTH P roundabout was being bid by the DOT on January 15<sup>th</sup>.

Goodearle inquired if there were crashes at LeRoy Meats. None so far, but it is very busy there per Enright.

He also asked if STH 33 from West Bend to Beaver Dam will become a 4-lane highway. No one was aware of any plans.

He noted that STH 60 from CTH W to Hustisford is very rough. Mayer will check if it is in the 6-year plan.

Zenk stated his patrol on USH 151 in the county is yielding excessive speeding (in the 85-90 mph range). Some excuses are they thought it was 70 mph, which does exist south of the county line. All will review for signage adequacy, although these speeds lean toward a complete lack of compliance.

Next meeting is scheduled for April 8, 2019 at 9:30 am in the Training Room of the Dodge County Sheriff's Department.

Meeting adjourned 11:00 a.m.  
Pete Thompson,  
Secretary.

Approved: April 8, 2019  
Joel Kiesow  
Electronically signed, 4/8/2019  
@12:05pm