

DODGE COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

July 8, 2019

Members present: Joel Kiesow, Dodge County Traffic Safety Coordinator; Pete Thompson, Dodge County Highway Department, Captain Chad Enright, DSO, Ryan Mayer, WISDOT, Ben Hildebrandt and Ron Zenk, Wisconsin State Patrol, Kurt Klomberg, District Attorney, Joe Davis, Sr. and Trace Frost, WISDOT BOTS, Dave Beal, Juneau P.D., Matthew Christian, Beaver Dam F.D., Jeremy Rasch, Waupun P.D., and Rob Kocinski.

Also present were MaryAnn Miller, County Board Supervisor, Mitch Peters, Eugene Goodearle, Judy Haddad, Debra Wolter, Karen Gibson, Logan Stevens, and Jeremy Kloss

Members absent: Mary Wendel, Dennis Kaczor, Brandon Stommel

- I. The meeting was called to order by Kiesow at 9:30 am.
- II. Attendance sheet was circulated and introductions were made.
- III. The minutes from the April 8, 2019 meeting were approved on a motion by Beal and second by Klomberg.

Old Business

1. Sign relocations to improve visibility for a STOP AHEAD sign at STH 26 and STH 33 will be done as part of a blanket sign replacement on STH 26 and is scheduled for this year.
2. USH 151 and CTH C intersection: The Highway Committee reviewed the possibility of prohibiting trucks on CTH C from CTH A to USH 151 to avoid semis turning at this intersection. The recent crash was not related to the median being too short to accommodate semis, so the committee did not take any action.
3. Point of Last Drink. Multiple agencies are logging this info and would contact establishments of concern and charge demerit points if warranted. Enright stated data is being gathered. DSO has not found any trouble spots to date. This info is being shared at the Chiefs Association meetings.

New Business

1. STH 16 and CTH L near Watertown. Complaints were received about lack of divided highway signs/reflectors here. Mayer recapped the signing in place at this location and it is per the MUTCD standard. There have been 6 crashes in 5.5 years at this location. Four of the six were alcohol related. Mayer will pursue reflectors that would attach to the top of the concrete parapet wall to improve visibility.
2. Speeding complaint—CTH W west of Juneau. Debra Wolter and Karen Gibson, residents in the area, relayed to the commission speeding issues. When leaving their driveways and heading into Juneau cars are right on their bumper. Farm equipment is passed when they shouldn't be. Both of them requested a 45 MPH speed limit be established. Thompson stated the 55 MPH speed limit is statutory and no warrants exist for lowering it. The "S" curve does slow vehicles down somewhat. There will be enhanced curve warning signage when the county-wide analysis is completed this year.
3. Safety Issues:
 - a. Debris cleanup after crashes. Who is responsible? Members stated that Fire Departments, DSO, Recovery/Tow Companies and Highway Department all play a role depending on severity. Peters says he typically will take all loose parts with him.

- b. Debris from gravel trucks near Koplin Excavating CTH L and STH 26. What legal action is available? Klomberg says S.S. 348.10 Load Spillage citation could be written.

Fatal Crash reviews. There were 5 fatal crashes and six fatalities in the second quarter. YTD there have been 8.

On 4/02/19, a crash occurred at approximately 2 a.m. on Madison St. in Beaver Dam. A vehicle crashed through the railing and landed in the river. Jared Frakes, 23 and unbelted passenger died. The commission viewed the video. Christian said there have been 3 vehicles in the river in 5 years and 6 in 25 years. Beaver Dam is pursuing improved barriers, but the construction style limits options. Speed and alcohol were contributing factors.

On 5/9/19, a crash occurred at approximately 7 p.m. on Freedom Road at Hochheim Road. A northbound car on Freedom Road ran the STOP sign and crashed into a westbound pickup. Alex Nortman, 18, a belted passenger in the offending vehicle, died. The commission viewed the video. The drivers were local to the area, but a detour for the STH 33 and CTH P roundabout may have had vehicles on unfamiliar roads.

On 5/23/19, a crash occurred at 1:46 pm on CTH C at CTH A. A westbound straight truck on CTH C failed to STOP and struck a southbound SUV on CTH A. Marjorie Hannan, 71, a passenger in the SUV, died. The commission viewed the video. Driver error was the cause.

On 5/26/19, a crash occurred at 10 p.m. in the southbound lanes of USH 151 near Redwood Road. A vehicle driven by Eric Hagenbart, 39, was travelling northbound in the southbound lanes and struck a car driven by Ryan Schultz, 24. The commission viewed the video. Schultz died at the scene and Hagenbart died days later. DSO had been notified of the offending vehicle and was responding. Alcohol was a factor.

On 6/12/19, a crash occurred at 8:20 pm on STH 60 near Jefferson Road. A vehicle driven by Marsha Horner, 65 travelling eastbound crossed centerline and struck a westbound vehicle. The road was wet due to rain. The commission viewed the video. Horner died.

Frost showed the crash history on STH 60 for several years on Community Maps. There have been multiple crashes and fatalities. Mayer will review for any possible Highway Safety Improvement funds. Centerline rumbles were mentioned.

Reports

A. BOTS.

Frost reported 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.

There have been 231 fatalities YTD statewide vs. 287 in 2018 (576 total) vs 596 total in 2017.

Jeremy Kloss is a program and policy analyst at BOTS. He reviews injury crashes and logs behavioral items. He can supply "hot spot" crash info to municipalities.

Frost sent the commission the Legislative Update during the meeting via email.

B. WIDSOT.

Mayer stated the STH 33 and CTH P roundabout is now open. The All-Way stop at the STH 28/67/175 and CTH TW intersection north of Theresa went live in early June. This will remain until a new roundabout is constructed in 2022—plans are being generated now. STH 60 between CTH W and STH 67 is now enumerated as a pavement replacement project scheduled for 2023 or 2024.

- C. County. Thompson stated the CTH EE bridge south of STH 60 is under construction and should be opened in early August. Both county paving projects—CTH KW from Lowell to STH 26 and CTH YY from CTH Y to STH 49 are now complete and reopened.

Goodearle appreciates the new roundabout at STH 33 and CTH P. He stated STH 28 east of Mayville needs attention. He asked for patrol for speeding at CTH V and STH 33 when church lets out.

Haddad asked for further speed enforcement on CTH A at CTH B and in Oak Grove. Enright and Zenk stated there has been targeted enforcement. Dynamic speed signs were mentioned and cost approximately \$4000.

Next meeting is scheduled for October 14, 2019 at 9:30 am in the Training Room of the Dodge County Sheriff's Department.

Meeting adjourned 11:12 a.m.
Pete Thompson,
Secretary.

Approved at 10/14/19 meeting
Pete Thompson