

**DODGE COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION**  
**January 13, 2014**

Members present: Del Yaroch, Chairman, Trace Frost, DSO; Bob Sell, Dodge County Traffic Safety Coordinator; Ryan Mayer, Wisconsin DOT, Pete Thompson, Dodge County Highway Department; Terrence Gebhardt, Beaver Dam Police Department, and AJ Llanas, Wisconsin State Patrol. Also present was Eugene Goodearle.

The WISDOT, BOTS rep was not present.

- I. The meeting was called to order by Del Yaroch at 9:35 am.
  - A. The minutes from October 14, 2013 meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Frost and second by Thompson.
  
- II. Fatal crash review, 4th quarter of 2013.  
(At 9:40, Officer Gebhardt was called away for an incident).
  - A. There were three fatal crashes with three fatalities in the quarter bringing the yearly total to 9. The Commission reviewed the videos of two of the three crash sites.
    - 1. Single-occupant vehicle eastbound on CTH Q failed to stop at STH 26 and was struck by a southbound semi-truck and trailer. It appears the driver disregarded all signs
    - 2. Single-occupant vehicle northbound on CTH I failed to negotiate a curve. Driver was ejected and struck by overturning vehicle. Speed appears to be determining factor.
    - 3. Eastbound vehicle with four occupants on STH 68 near CTH F when it drifted left of center and struck a semi-truck and trailer head on. The driver was killed and the front passenger was seriously injured. The cause remains undetermined at this time. Road factors were not considered contributory.
  
- III. Old Business
  - A. Mapping system through BOTS was tabled.
  - B. STH 60/Quad Graphics traffic update. Quad has closed one drive and directed employees to use the Independence Avenue intersection to enter and exit STH 60. The City of Hartford is pursuing HSIP funding for intersection improvements.
  
- IV. New Business
  - A. Bob distributed the year-end fatality report. There were 9 fatalities in 8 crashes. This total is down from 2012's count of 11 fatalities.
  - B. Trace discussed a request for Deer Crossing sign on CTH M south of Waupun. The request came through his department's online request form. The Commission reiterated that Deer Crossing signs will not be installed due to the need for them everywhere and the resulting loss of effectiveness.
  - C. Bob explained a contact he had with an owner on STH 16/60 just east of the CTH T intersection. The owner had trouble with cars coming up behind him and thinking he was turning at the intersection when in fact he was turning into the first driveway east. The owner had requested a paved bypass lane from Pat Gavinski, DOT maintenance engineer. Pat denied the request and suggested he come to the TSC. The commission encouraged the driver to signal well in advance, slow down, hug the centerline as much as safely possible and then turn into the driveway. The

commission agreed there were many locations like this in the county and paving the shoulders is not a feasible option.

- D. Ryan reviewed the crash diagram of CTH P and STH 60 since 2009. This review was a result of a citizen petition from the neighborhood. There have been 19 crashes including one fatality. The amount and type of crashes warranted Ryan to have DOT install a north and southbound overhead arm with STOP attached. These signs were installed in early December, 2013. There was a 3 semi-truck accident just before installation. One semi blew the STOP. Ryan and the commission will now monitor this intersection for improvement.
- E. STH 26 and CTH J visibility improvements have been made prior to the snow season by the Contractor.
- F. Bob and Pete attended a meeting and field review of the over-winter traffic control on the STH 26 four-lane project north of Watertown. The DOT will direct the contractor to adjust signage at the CTH Q/L intersection and install additional warning signs through the temporary transitions from new to existing pavement. Most tubular delineators on centerline will be removed.
- G. Reports
  - a. BOTS. No report. The new rep did not attend.
  - b. DOT—Ryan stated the DOT was completing a review of all 4-way stop intersections to determine factors that can be applied throughout the region. STH 33/CTH A and STH 33/STH 26 were included in the review. Results are pending. Ryan would help promote applications to address safety problems through HSIP grants of 90% Federal and 10% Local money.
  - c. County—Pete stated that the first year of two for construction projects on the County's HSIP project will begin in April. Work includes beam guard upgrades, cross culvert extensions and driveway pipe improvements.

Bob has received another complaint on STH 33 at Niblick Road. A driver pulled out onto STH 33 southbound and met a passing northbound vehicle head on. The request was for a no passing zone here. The commission recalled the previous reviews by DOT that the speed and passing zone meets standards. Drivers on Niblick Road need to be certain of clear traffic when entering STH 33.

Next meeting is scheduled for April 14 2014 at 9:30 am in the Training Room of the Dodge County Sheriff's Department. This meeting will include elections.

Meeting adjourned 11:20 a.m  
Pete Thompson,  
Secretary.