

ROCK COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

January 17, 2018 – 9:00AM

Rock County Sheriff's Office – Large Conference Room

The 2017, 4th quarter meeting of the Rock County Traffic Safety Commission was held on Wednesday, January 17, 2018 at the Rock County Sheriff's Office at 9:00AM.

In attendance: Jude Maurer, William Miller, Hank Brill, Ryan Mayar, Rachel Ellias, Joe Davis, Mike Flesch, John Olsen, Lisa Wallenkamp, Barb Abraham, Nick Elmer, Duane Jorgenson, Randy Wiessinger, Ahna Bizjak, Rich Lefeber and Patricia Swartout

Absent: Robert Spoden, Curt Fell, Tom Boguszewski, Madelyn Glaeden, Shena Kohler

Public attendance: Sarah Newel and Lori Vissers

Capt. Maurer called the meeting to order at 9:02AM and asked that introductions be made.

Introductions

Capt. Maurer requested a motion to rearrange the meeting's agenda on the public attendees' behalf. Hank Brill motioned to move Agenda Item 7 Public Input to Agenda Item 3. Barb Abraham seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Input

Sarah Newel and Lori Vissers expressed their concerns of speeding/passing motorists on Highway 14 in Union Township, specifically in front of Union Auto Sales. The current speed limit is 45mph and both parties requested the speed limit be reduced in this area.

Ryan Mayer advised a traffic/engineering study has been done in this area and the 45mph speed limit fell within the 85th percentile for proper speed limit. Ryan also stated that if motorists are passing at 45mph, a lower speed limit would only increase the passing issue. Ryan will look further into insuring proper signage is placed in the area, as well as, the possible installment of rumble strips.

Approval of Minutes

Hank Brill motioned to approve the minutes of October 18, 2017. The motion was seconded by Duane Jorgenson. Motion passed unanimously.

Fatal Crash Review

- **November 16, 2017:** 2 vehicles/1 deceased – 27-year-old female. Hwy 213 at CTY Q. Video reviewed. Safety equipment used. Victim failed to yield right-of-way. Lisa Wallencamp reports the victim had nothing in her system, however, the possibility of postpartum depression has not been ruled out as a factor in the

crash. Ryan Mayer advised crash data does not show this as a problematic area.

- **November 29, 2017:** 2 vehicle/1 deceased – 56-year-old male. Randolph at Cottonwood. No video as this fatality was unknown at time of meeting. The victim, a passenger in the vehicle, deceased 2 weeks later. Vehicle hit parked car on Randolph, continued eastbound where it lost control and overturned. Victim was ejected and driver was arrested for drunk driving.

Old Business

New Business

Randy Wiessinger instructed the committee on the uses of the Community Maps site. The site is now populated by TraCS in 24-hour real-time. With respect to the issues brought to the day's meeting regarding Highway 14 in Union Township, Randy searched Community Maps for a three year report of crashes in this location. Most crashes on Highway 14 are caused by driver behavior.

Randy also provided a PowerPoint Presentation of the State's Strategic Highway Safety Plan. There are presently 71 Traffic Safety Committees throughout the State of Wisconsin, all with a purpose to review and prevent traffic crashes where possible. A copy of this presentation is attached.

The Committee received a mailing from Ryan S. Booth regarding a safety concern at the intersection of County Road J and County Road O. Duane assessed the concerns, noting signs are installed in proper locations. He reports that the eleven most recent crashes in this area are the result of driver behavior or vehicle failure. Using the Community Map site, Randy provided the committee a street view image of the intersection. It was noted that neither rumble strips nor stop bars are present. Duane will proceed in getting stop bars installed. The intersection will then be monitored to determine the need to add rumble strips. Duane will also respond to Mr. Booth on behalf of the Traffic Safety Committee. The Committee will follow up on this issue at their next quarterly meeting.

Joe Davis reminded the group of the Governor's Conference August 21-23 and asked for their involvement. Joe advised there are a number of workshops planned where committee members can share ideas.

Set Next Meeting Date

The 1st quarter Traffic Safety Committee meeting will be held at 9:00AM on Wednesday, April 18, 2018 at the Rock County Sheriff's Office.

Hank Brill motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mike Flesch seconded. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:30AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia Swartout