

# ROCK COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

## Meeting Minutes

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October 17, 2018 – 9:00AM

Rock County Sheriff's Office – Large Conference Room

The 2018, 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter meeting of the Rock County Traffic Safety Commission was held on Wednesday, October 17, 2018 at the Rock County Sheriff's Office at 9:00AM.

**In attendance:** Jude Maurer, Hank Brill, Madelyn Glaeden, Dennis Ryan, Ryan Mayar, Lisa Wallenkamp, Randy Wiessinger, Joe Davis Sr., Bill Miller, Curt Fell, Ahnaray Bizjak, Nick Elmer, Christian Dalton, Terry Sheridan and Pat Swartout

**Absent:** Robert Spoden, Rich LeFeber, Shena Kohler, Barbara Abraham, Tom Boguszewski, Duane Jorgenson

Capt. Maurer called the meeting to order at 9:04AM.

### Introductions

Introductions were made in round table fashion.

### Approval of Minutes

Madelyn Glaeden motioned to approve the minutes of July 18, 2018. The motion was seconded by Dennis Ryan. Motion passed unanimously.

### Fatal Crash Review

- **July 5, 2018:** 2 vehicles/1 deceased – 87-year-old Male. US 14 and Emerald Grove Road. Video Reviewed. Failure to keep in designated lane. Negative toxicology report. ME: may have been a medical impairment. Ryan Mayer has proposed chevrons be installed at this curve.
- **July 8, 2018:** 1 vehicle/1 deceased – 47-year-old Female. STH 26 and STH 59. Video Reviewed. Speed, alcohol contributing factors. Toxicology of decedent: .195. Toxicology of driver: .2. No safety restraint used.
- **July 10, 2018:** 2 vehicles/1 deceased – 36-year-old Male. Prairie Ave and Robin Rd. Video Reviewed. Failure to Yield. No helmet worn. ME: Excessive Methadone found in decedent.
- **August 5, 2018:** 2 vehicles/1 deceased – 27-year-old female (passenger). I39/90 and STH 11. Video Reviewed. Sgt. Miller: Disabled vehicle on interstate caused prior accident debris with no visibility. ME: No alcohol/drugs detected.
- **July 25, 2018:** 1 bicycle/1 vehicle/1 deceased – 22-year-old male. Milwaukee Rd and Milwaukee Frontage Rd. Video reviewed. Hit and run. No lighting on bicycle. Investigation ongoing.

- **August 9, 2018:** 1 vehicle/1 deceased – 41-year-old female. STH 213 and Grove School Rd. Video Reviewed. No seatbelt worn. Official toxicology unavailable at this time.
- **August 28, 2018:** 1 motorcycle/1 deceased – 68-year-old male. IH43 and Buss Rd. Video Reviewed. Possible cardiac event. ME: Autopsy shows decedent had significant heart issues, but death caused by significant internal injuries.
- **September 9, 2018:** 1 motorcycle/1 deceased – 28-year-old female (passenger). St. Lawrence Ave and Paddock Rd. Video reviewed. Speed and operating vehicle in reckless manner contributing factors. ME: Toxicology report for driver .06. Toxicology report for passenger (decedent) .16. No charges pending at this time.
- **September 23, 2018:** 1 vehicle/1 deceased – 27-year-old male. CTH S and CTH BT. Video Reviewed. Speed and alcohol contributing factors. ME: Decedent's toxicology .179. Case pending. Nick Elmer will investigate the possibility of improving this intersection (rumble strips/flashing beacon).

Lisa Wallencamp advised of an additional fatality accident which occurred on August 15, 2018. This fatality was not available on the Community Map site. Lisa will report on this crash at the next quarter meeting.

### **Old Business**

Ryan Mayer advised a roundabout is expected to be approved on Nov 1 for the WI-140 and Wisconsin 67 intersection.

### **New Business**

Joe Davis (State Patrol BOTS) advised grant funding requires project coordinators to report to local Traffic Safety Committees regarding their deployment strategies. Capt. Fell, Sgt. Dalton, and Deputy Chief Sheridan reported as follows:

Capt. Fell (Rock County Sheriff's Office – Seatbelt Grant Coordinator) reports that 8 local agencies make up the taskforce for the seatbelt deployment. Sixteen to 18 officers are deployed for 4 hours, targeting higher speed areas. Captain Fell advises that although a number of citations are issued, compliance is goal.

Sgt. Dalton (City of Beloit Police Department – OWI Grant Coordinator) reports \$70K is funded for the 6 agency taskforce. Ten officers are typically deployed. Sgt. Dalton advised the deployment dates are announced on local news and radio as well as social media. Again, the goal is compliance. The OWI taskforce is presently awaiting the signing of a new Memorandum of Understanding.

Deputy Chief Sheridan (City of Janesville Police Department – Speed Grant Coordinator) advises the speed grant taskforce targets high crash areas. Deployment dates are also broadcast through the news and social media.

Randy Wiessinger reports the Rock County 5 year average for fatality crashes is 16. Rock County has 23 fatality crashes to date. Randy advised there has been a 50% increase in motorcycle passenger deaths statewide.

Lisa Wallencamp suggested that in addition to assessing the street/sign issues at the location of a fatality crash, perhaps the commission tackle evaluating the driver's history as well. Randy reports 4 of 10 motorcycles are improperly licensed.

Hank Brill asked Nick Elmer to look at the possibility of adding rumble strips on Henke Rd at CTH A (east of 14). Nick will report at next quarter meeting.

Capt. Maurer reports a Rock County Deputy recently attended a Cooksville board meeting. The town is concerned with the increased traffic on Hwy 138 and Hwy 59 and have asked for additional enforcement during shift changes at Stoughton Trailers. A Cooksville resident requested a permanent speed reading sign be installed at the outskirts of town and asked about changing Hwy 138 to a no passing zone. Their requests were referred to WisDOT.

Hank Brill notified Nick Elmer of a black liquid leaking from Seneca Food trucks as they travel toward Broadhead. Nick will investigate.

Ana Bizjak advises the City is continuing their highway safety improvement project with a study of the Court Street corridor.

Sergeant Miller reports the 39/90 project is ahead of schedule and speeds may be returning to 70 mph.

Nick Elmer noted there have been a number of unreported accidents on CTY H north of W Condon and a guardrail has been requested. Nick states chevrons have been added along with a reduced speed ahead sign.

### **Public Input**

### **Set Next Meeting Date**

The 4<sup>th</sup> quarter Traffic Safety Committee meeting will be held at 9:00AM on Wednesday, January 16, 2019 at the Rock County Sheriff's Office.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Patricia Swartout  
Secretary II