

ROCK COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

July 15, 2015 @ 9:00 a.m.

Rock County Sheriff's Office – Large Conference Room

The 2nd quarter meeting of the Rock County Traffic Safety Commission was held on Wednesday, July 15, 2015 at the Sheriff's Office at 9:00AM.

In attendance: Ben Coopman, Barbara Abraham, Mike Flesch, Brian Zaemisch, Hank Brill, Ryan Mayer, Corey Foster, Madelyn Glaeden, Barry Irmen, Tom Boguszewski, Jude Maurer, and Patricia Swartout

Absent: Dennis Ryan, Tom Dunkin, Jeff Kuglitsch, Robert Spoden, Gary Groelle, Shena Kohler

Capt. Maurer called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

Hank Brill motioned to approve the minutes of April 15, 2015. The motion was seconded by Ryan Mayer. Motion passed unanimously.

Fatal accidents reviewed

- April 26, 2015 – 1 vehicle (motorcycle) at Townhall Rd/Gateway Blvd - Beloit PD investigation. Video reviewed. No alcohol or drugs used per ME. Rapid acceleration/loss of control contributing factors.
- April 30, 2015 – 1 vehicle (motorcycle) at W Court St/S Pine Street – Janesville PD investigation. Video unavailable. No alcohol or drugs used per ME. High speed and evasive maneuvering contributing factors.
- May 14, 2015 – 2 vehicles at S STH 14 at E STH 67 – RCSO investigation. Victim deceased 3 days after crash. Video reviewed. Failure to yield right of way contributing factors. Ryan Mayer advised rumble strips are present at intersection and an overhead stop was installed on June 8.
- May 18, 2015 – 2 vehicles at W STH 11/N CTH H – RCSO investigation. Video reviewed. Failure to obey traffic signs contributing factor. Ryan Mayer will review report and present findings at the next quarterly meeting.
- June 13, 2015 – 4 vehicles at N I39 – State Patrol investigation. Video reviewed. Criminal charges filed on 20 yo female (OWI).
- June 15, 2015 – 2 vehicles at S I39 – State Patrol investigation. Video unavailable. Failure to have control contributing factor.
- June 25, 2015 – 1 vehicle at Cty Y and N Wright Road – RCSO investigation. Video reviewed. Toxicology report not yet available. Capt. Maurer will look into the vehicle's computer download at Barry Irmen's request. Crash to be reviewed at next quarterly meeting.

Old Business

New Business/Public Input

Ryan Mayer advises a new crash report form will be used starting in 2017. The form fields will maintain more choice options.

Corey Foster reminded the group of the Governor's Conference in August.

Corey distributed information regarding roadside memorials in both Florida and South Dakota. WisDOT's current policy allows any type of memorial as long as it does not create a safety concern and are removed after one year.

Corey also distributed WI crash data. Year to date fatalities are at 263 which is up from last year's number of 224. Motorcycle crashes have also increased, particularly in SE Wisconsin.

At Barbara Abraham's request, Cory will provide a report of unique crashes from the past several years at the next TSC meeting.

The next scheduled meeting of the Traffic Safety Committee will be held on Wednesday, October 21, 2015 at 9:00AM at the Rock County Sheriff's Office (large conference room).

Ben Coopman motioned to adjourn the meeting. Barb Abraham seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia Swartout
LES Secretary