

ROCK COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

January 16, 2013

Rock County Sheriff's Office – Large Conference Room

The quarterly meeting of the Rock County Traffic Safety Commission was held on January 16, 2013, at the Sheriff's Office at 9:00AM. Present were: Hank Brill, Ryan Mayer, Dennis Ryan, Mike Flesch, Dan Risse, Matthew Aslesen, Jude Maurer and Pat Swartout.

Capt. Maurer called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. and asked for introductions around the table.

Dennis Ryan motioned to approve the minutes of October 25, 2012. The motion was seconded by Hank Brill. Motion passed unanimously.

Fatal accidents reviewed

- December 2, 2012 – 1 Vehicle/2 Injured/1 Deceased. State Investigation. Vehicle entering southbound 39/90 No safety equipment/road conditions (rain) along with speed possible contributing factors. Unknown if alcohol or drugs involved. Reconstruction video was reviewed.
- December 19, 2012 – 2 Vehicle/1 Injured/2 Deceased. Road conditions (ice) contributing factor. Vehicle slid into oncoming traffic. Unknown alcohol involvement.

Old Business

Capt. Maurer advised the group that on December 28, 2012 the 911 Commission had reviewed the Traffic Safety Committee's motion to consider the rename of the section of Highway B that extends from Highway 11 to West Court Street. The 911 Committee recommended the portion of Hwy be changed to "County Highway WC". Capt. Maurer will proceed in forwarding the recommendation to the Highway Committee.

New Business

Ryan Mayer has researched the intersection of B and 11 to determine if lighting is an issue in the area. Six years of data found 7 crashes had occurred at this intersection, 2 of which were at night. Lighting does not appear to be a factor.

Ryan also research 6 years of crash data for the area of S STH 213. The northernmost curve on this highway has an advanced warning sign along with a night arrow. The findings of the crash data include 9 crashes, 2 of which occurred between the two

curves on 213. 6 of the 9 crashes were due to snow or ice conditions. 2 of the accidents involved alcohol and 1 crash was caused in avoiding a deer. This section of roadway has already been studied by a State Systematic Consultant. The investigation of improving the roadway is still underway.

Ryan advises a speed study may be possible at 14 & Emerald Grove. The Town of Bradford had previously send a letter of concern to the County Highway Shop.

Capt. Maurer advised the group of the 5 year comparables on fatality accidents. He will provide more information via Community Maps at the next Traffic Safety Meeting.

Matt Aslesen provided the group data sheets relating to total Wisconsin fatalities. More motorcycle fatalities occurred due to the longer riding season. Ryan also noted a 36.7% increase in passenger deaths from 2011 to 2012.

Ryan Mayer noted he had been requested to investigate the embankments on 26 leading out of town. It has been determined the embankments were build to standards. He is also reviewing highway safety improvements at three intersections: Pontiac & 14, Deerfield & 14, and Lexington & 14.

Dennis Ryan advised there have been less and less accident reviews from highway crossovers and asked Ryan Mayer if he felt this was due to the effectiveness of the cable. Ryan does believe the cabling has been effective.

Public Input

None

The meeting adjourned at 9:45AM. The next scheduled meeting of the Traffic Safety Committee will be held on Wednesday April 17, 2013 at 9:00AM at the Rock County Sheriff's Office (large conference room).

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia Swartout
LES Secretary