

WINNEBAGO COUNTY SAFETY COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes - October 14, 2009

Members Present:

Scott Nelson - WIS-DOT
Dan Kussman - City of Oshkosh
William Anthes - Winnebago Sheriff's Department
Mike McGinley - Community Representative
Mike Krueger - Town of Menasha Police Department
Mike Panosh - DOT-BOTS
Daunita Kline - Senior Representative
Steve Weyers - Oshkosh Police Department
Georgia Buttke - Oshkosh Area Public Schools

Meeting was called to order at 9:05. Members present were recorded and collected. Motion to accept the minutes for the July meeting by Steve Weyers; 2nd by Dan Kussman. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Nelson - Many questions about the 41 project were asked and answered.

John Carroll - John Carroll is a citizen of the Town of Rushford. He is very concerned about the recent fatality on River Road. He would like to see the River Road situation corrected. The town chairman, Tom Egan, is the one who must be contacted. The committee voted to have a letter composed and sent to Mr. Egan. In the letter, information about HSIP funds can be given.

Kussman - The lights will return to 9th and Westhaven.

Anthes - Five fatalities

7/3 - An SUV pulling a trailer struck a pedestrian on Highway 41. The 40 year old male pedestrian was killed. Alcohol for the victim was involved.

7/11 - Single vehicle crash in the Town of Clayton. The driver hit a tree. An 18 year old male passenger was ejected and killed. Alcohol, speed, and no seatbelt use were factors. The accident was on a private road.

8/19 - A school bus pulled out in front of a motorcycle at the intersection of Clairville Road and Wagon Trail Road killing the motorcyclist. The motorcyclist was a 67 year old man.

9/5 - A two vehicle head on crash in the Town of Wolf River. The crash involved 5 occupants. A fetus was killed.

9/19 - A rollover crash on River Road near Ivy Lane killed the 18 year old driver. No seatbelt use and not being familiar with the area were contributing factors.

McGinley - Northbound 41 exit at 21 is poorly marked. Still concern about Leonard Point and Highway 21. Seasonal problem on Highway 45 where there are weeds and grass that impair vision when merging. The new mile markers now mark every two tenths of a mile. This makes it easier to locate accidents for emergency personnel. Recommended book by Tom Vanderbilt titled Why We Drive The Way We Do and What It Says About Us.

Kline - Concern about people running lights at the corner of Harrison, Main, and New York.

Panosh - So far we have 51 fewer fatalities than at this time last year. Six fatalities in Winnebago County. Passenger deaths are down. This time of year problems include deer and the first snow.

The next meeting was scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 13, 2010 at the Winnebago County Sheriff's Department.

Motion to adjourn by Weyers; 2nd by McGinley. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:15.