

# WINNEBAGO COUNTY SAFETY COMMISSION

## Meeting Minutes-July 8, 2015

### Members Present:

Bob Doemel-Winnebago County Highway  
Mike Panosh-DOT-BOTS  
Todd Christie-Winnebago County Sheriff's Office  
Lori Seiler-Winnebago County Sheriff's Office  
Kevin Wilkinson-Neenah PD  
Scott Nelson-DOT Traffic  
Mike McGinley-Community Representative  
Tim Styka-Menasha PD  
Brandi Dain-DOT Traffic Intern  
Nick Erickson-Wisconsin State Patrol  
Dan Hester-Wisconsin State Patrol

Meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Kevin Wilkinson. Members recorded and collected. Motion made by Bob Doemel to approve the minutes from the last meeting was 2<sup>nd</sup> by McGinley. Motion carried.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### Styka-

- Discussion about events that lead up to the car vs pedestrian crash that occurred on 06/15/15 near 721 Valley St.

#### Wilkinson-

- Discussion about the crash that ended up being a fatal that occurred at the end of May. The first harmful event was a medical issue. He had internal injuries that resulted from the crash, therefore, since he died within 30 days of the crash, it was ruled a fatal.

#### Ponash and Nelson

- Review of Highway Safety Data
  - Average 11 fatalities county-wide
  - 2014: 498 fatalities; safest since WWII. This is due to safer vehicles, laws, and traffic grants. The culture is changing regarding driving while intoxicated
  - Total vehicle miles traveled has not changed
  - Total number of crashes is on a downward trend since 2000
  - Half of Wisconsin crashes occur on rural roads, the crash occurs because the vehicles leave the roadway
  - Iowa leads the surrounding states with the most fatalities.
  - Minnesota has lower speed crashes because of the large urban areas
  - At this time in 2014- 205 fatalities compared to right now we are at 249.

Ponash-

- Explanation of the grant money and how and where the deployments occur.
- Per the DNR, if a snowmobile vs vehicle crash occurs on a roadway and results in a fatal, this counts as a vehicle fatality.

Nelson-

- Winnebago County Crash Data (1994-2014)
  - STH116: most of the crashes occurred when vehicle left the roadway to the right
    - Possible measure to be taken: place rumble strips on shoulder and center line

Christie-

- The median on I41 has cut-down on cross traffic crashes

Wilkinson-

- Discussion about the DOT putting information on the DOT website to assist the Senior drivers

Ponash-

- Discussion about what is the renewal cycle for elderly drivers? At what age should they have to retest?

Christie-

- Discussion about going into Senior Living Facilities to re-educate on proper driving and law updates.

Nelson-

- Discussion on the upcoming budget- the Zoo Interchange and 441 monies may be cut from larger projects or delayed.

ROUNDTABLE-

Styka-

- The DOT predictions were close/accurate for the amount of traffic coming into Menasha as a result of the 441 ramp closures.
- Town of Menasha PD will handle the Racine St and Appleton Rd(North and South) roundabouts
- Appleton PD will handle the Oneida St roundabout

Wilkinson-

- The diverging diamonds should be complete by 2019.

Doemel-

- Construction Update-
  - County Rd N and County Rd I are done. Just need shoulder and centerline.
  - County Rd F: will be paved from Cty K to the Omro city limits.
  - County Rd Z: will be paved from Cty I to STH26
  - County Rd BB: will be paved from STH76 to Cold Spring Rd, bypass lanes

Nelson-

- November 2015- I41SB/CTH II in the curve will get the friction enhancement
  - The ramps will follow, this will be done at night and will be a 7-day closure

Next Meeting: October 14, 2015 @ 9:00am.

Motion to adjourn was made and seconded, motion carried.