

# WINNEBAGO COUNTY SAFETY COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes-October 14, 2015

## Members Present:

Mike Panosh-DOT-BOTS

Robert Doemel-Winnebago County Highway

Scott Morrison-Oshkosh Area School District

Mike McGinley-Community Representative

Nicholas Erickson-Wisconsin State Patrol

Lori Seiler-Winnebago County Sheriff's Office

Todd Christie-Winnebago County Sheriff's Office

Scott Nelson-DOT Traffic

Dan Kussmann-City of Oshkosh

Matt Albrecht-Menasha Police Dept.

Kevin Wilkinson-Neenah Police Dept.

Meeting was called to order at 0900 a.m. by Kevin Wilkinson. Members were recorded and collected. Motion made by Wilkinson to approve the minutes from last meeting was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Doemel. Motion carried.

Corrections from last meeting from Matt Albrecht: In reference to the roundabout at Appleton Rd Menasha Police Dept. with handle calls north and south and the Town of Menasha P.D. will be taking Racine St.

## NEW BUSINESS

Review of county-wide fatal/serious traffic accidents.

- So far for the year of 2015 there have been six county wide fatal accidents to date. Captain Christie credits the OWI enforcement efforts and crashes have been down since the completion of the I-41 corridor.

Doemel-

- 60 days worth of data is stored on the cameras positioned on the bridges in Oshkosh & the Tayco & Racine St. bridges.

Review of available highway safety data.

Mike Panosh & Scott Nelson-

- Data from Wisconsin (See Attached) The data shows Teen Drivers are high on the crash data and 10-14 year olds have a high number of incidents involving riding a bike.
- 40% reduction of people not leaving the roadway because of center/side rumble strips on two lane roads. Also the use of safety cables and rumble strips on the Interstate.
- Labor Day is high for crashes there was discussion/questions why Labor Day fatal accidents are going up. Maybe an explanation because it is the last push before school starts and the motoring public are bringing back campers, etc. Also maybe the weather and what day of the week the holiday falls on or even the date for the start of school.

Pending and potential legislation affecting highway safety:

Wilkinson-

- Review over OWI 1<sup>st</sup> offense legislation
- Ignition Inter-Lock penalties: attempt to have new penalties to have restriction on license also making the 2<sup>nd</sup> offense criminal and attached to license not vehicle specific.
- OWI arrests are going down partially because of a cultural change

P.A.R.T.Y. at PAC presentation:

Wilkinson-

- Explained to everyone that P.A.R.T.Y. at PAC means Prevent Alcohol and risk related trauma in youth. Wilkinson utilized You Tube to present to the group a video from P.A.R.T.Y. at PAC . This presentation is given to High School Sophomores from around the area November 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> at the PAC.

## **ROUND TABLE**

Albrecht-Midway Rd just east of Hwy 47 the curve by Kwik Trip the pavement has settled and is creating some traffic hazards. Highway shop aware and will fix the pavement that has settled.

Panosh-Fatal accidents are up by 60 % from 2014 maybe from the unusual weather but we are near the 5-yr. average.

Doemel-Paving projects completed for the year. Cth BB shoulders widened out just some touch ups for the shoulders.

Morrison-OWI questions about number of refusals. 10-15 % has been the average refusal rate.

McGinley-Brought up new legislation and for Driver's Education Classes. Only 30% offer Driver's Ed in high School and are mostly rural schools.

Erickson-Question to DOT-Traffic if the I-41(NB) to Ush 10(EB) ramp can be extend and the answer was it needed to stay as is because it is connected to the bridge structure.

Nelson-Next Emergency Response Meeting to discuss routes regarding 45/10 is going to be held 10/21/15. TIMA meeting involving Winnebago, Fond Du Lac & OUSO will be held at the Sheriff's Office on 10/29/15.

Wilkinson-The city of Neenah has been taking multiple complaints of loud motorcycles. Neenah Police Dept. will be conducting more enforcement for loud exhaust. Neenah P.D. will be hosting an in-house training put on by WSP Trooper Jim Binder to educate officers on equipment violations.

Next Meeting: January 13, 2016 at 0900 a.m.

Motion to adjourn was made and seconded, motion carried.