

WINNEBAGO COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes – July 12th, 2023

Members Present:

William Anthes – Winnebago County Sheriff's Office
Chris Gorte – Oshkosh Police Department
Bob Doemel – Winnebago County Highway Department
Rick Olig – WI DOT BOTS
Jennie Mayer – East Central WI RPC
Mike McGinley – Community Representative
Matt Albrecht – Menasha Police Department
Mason Simmons - WISDOT
Kevin Kuklinski – Winnebago Highway Department
Don Mjelde – Tavern League of Wisconsin
Ben Wyant – Wisconsin State Patrol

Attendance and introductions

Meeting called to order at 9:00 A.M. by Chris Gorte. Members were recorded and collected. Motion made to approve the minutes from the April 12th, 2023 meeting.

Public Comment

None

Review of county-wide fatal traffic crashes

- 1) Oshkosh PD: Motorcyclist was westbound on Algoma Blvd and was traveling at a high rate of speed (75 mph+) when it collided with a vehicle that was going east on New York Avenue. Motorcyclist was wearing protective gear but died on scene from injuries sustained in the collisions.

Place of Last Drink

Don Mjelde spoke to the group about Place of Last Drink and its success in Brown County. He talked about the possibility of implementing the program in Winnebago County. He talked about how bar owners become more invested in the safety of patrons leaving their establishments by providing them with placards to be placed on the cars so they do not get ticketed or towed when the individual is given a safe ride home. He also talked about how the Tavern League can monitor its members and not task law enforcement with following up with taverns to ensure that they are following through with the program's expectations.

Round Table Discussion

Rick Olig spoke about the upcoming Governor's Conference on Highway Safety in August. He also talked about the importance of documenting work zone crashes in police reports/citations.

Mike McGinley provided the group with a news article that highlighted the increases in fatal crashes due to high speeds throughout the state.

Ben Wyant reported that there will be increased trooper staffing in Winnebago County with several new hires.

Matthew Albrecht reported that his agency continues to address speed issues on I-441. Officers are seeing violators in the triple digit mph speeds.

Next Meeting: October 11th, 2023 at 09:00 A.M. at the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office.

Motion made to adjourn. Motion carried.