

WINNEBAGO COUNTY SAFETY COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes-April 12, 2017

Members Present:

- Kevin Wilkinson-Neenah PD
- Lori Seiler-Winnebago County Sheriff's Office
- Timothy McGrath-Wisconsin State Patrol
- Rick Olig-WIS DOT-BOTS
- Scott Nelson-WIS DOT-NE Region
- Robert Doemel-Winnebago County Highway
- Hank Mitchell-Winnebago County Highway
- Scott Morrison-Oshkosh Area Schools
- Chris Gorte-Oshkosh Police Department
- Mike McGinley-Community Representative
- James Merten-Neenah DPW

Attendance and introductions.

Hank Mitchell from the Highway Shop as a new member to the commission.

Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Kevin Wilkinson. Members were recorded and collected. Motion made to approve the minutes from January 18th meeting. Motion carried.

Review of county-wide fatal/serious traffic accidents

Lt. Seiler reports Winnebago County Sheriff's Office on 01/04/17 at Sth21/Sand Pit Rd two vehicle crash resulting in one fatality, 02/18/17 at Sth 116/Cth K one vehicle crash resulting in one fatality and on 04/07/17 at Sth 21/Rushford Ave a two vehicle crash resulting in three parties transported to Theda Care for non-life threatening injuries.

Scott Nelson-	
<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
Fatals-141	Fatals-106
Crashes-125	Crashes-106 and Pedestrian Fatals-12

Chief Wilkinson-Explanation about the T.S.C. fatality review discussion guide

Rick Olig-discussion about Bills of Interest to DSP/Law Enforcement 2017-2018 Legislative Session. Specifically AB-98/SB-74, Court Orders for IIDS: Requiring a court to specify the date by which an ignition

interlock device must be installed; allowing citation for operating without an IID if a person doesn't follow through with the order; currently a person cannot be cited for not having an IID although ordered until the license is reinstated.

Scott Nelson- Retro-fitting highways that currently are at 55 mph posted speed limits with rumble strips when repaving occurs to help prevent crossing the centerline.

Robert Doemel-The Highway shop will be in the process of cleaning up intersections for the upcoming motorcycle season.

Timothy McGrath-I-41/Ush 10 accidents data shows Ush 10(WB) to I-41 s.b. minor property damage crashes due to the construction.

Chief Wilkinson-Pending legislation

Fed Ex has been running a pilot program in Florida and are seeing positive results. There is some discussion to increase the maximum allowable single trailer size from 53' to 57'. The company is currently being able to pull 2-33' trailers. The trailers would increase productivity by about 17% while consuming the same amount of fuel. When it comes to wear and tear on the highway, increasing the payload still keeps the gross vehicle weight allotment to 80,000 pounds.

Then you must consider the "Platooning of multiple trucks" that is also being discussed. This method of operation allows trucks to be driven in a convoy style fashion with only 50' between them and they are electronically linked together for speed to increase fuel economy. This topic was brought up five years ago and unfortunately it gets opposition from the railroads and some safety advocates.

Rick Olig-Discussion about the possibility of the fine amount to increase for Texting and Driving; so far unable to get it increased. VIN replacement discussion and smaller counties are using court commissioners for search warrants.

Chris Gorte-Canadian National will be adding a transfer station on the south side of Oshkosh to assist Oshkosh Truck with vehicle movement.

Accident Review for intersection of Cth A/Snell Rd

January 1, 2014-April 1, 2017

25-crashes

13-minor

9-crashes involving injury

Contributing factors:

Speed

Possible solutions:

Lower the speed limit, visible stop signs that are more vibrant.

Robert Doemel the highway shop will speak to the Town of Oshkosh about striping the intersection to make the intersection safer.

Mike McGinley-Conducted a neighborhood canvass about their thoughts about the intersection of Cth A/Snell Rd.

Roundtable:

James Merten-Complaints from pedestrians not being able to use the crosswalks throughout the city of Neenah safely. Chief Wilkinson advised the Neenah Police department could do another traffic enforcement again with the motoring public.

Rick Olig-Community Maps program and agencies entering crash data into is sporadic at times.

Robert Doemel-Oshkosh Truck has a 52 mile testing phase before shipping. Oshkosh Truck has currently signed a 15-year contract for production of multiple vehicles. The Highway shop is working with Oshkosh Truck for designated testing routes.

Chris Gorte-Updates on the Milwaukee Bucks Arena

Mike McGinley-Newspaper article for everyone to read about roundabouts.

Next meeting scheduled for 07-12-17 at 09:00 a.m.

Motion made to adjourn. Motion carried.

