

# WINNEBAGO COUNTY SAFETY COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes-April 13, 2016

## Members Present:

Todd Christie-Winnebago County Sheriff's Office

Lori Seiler-Winnebago County Sheriff's Office

Kevin Wilkinson-Neenah Police Dept.

Mike McGinley-Community Representative

Bob Doemel-Winnebago County Highway

Rod Hamilton-WI DOT

Timothy McGrath-WI State Patrol

Mike Panosh-DOT-BOTS

Brett Halderson-Menasha PD

Scott Morrison-Oshkosh Area School District

Chris Bordeaux-NM Transfer Co.

## Special Guests:

Glen Armstrong-Town of Neenah

Bob Schmeichel-Town of Neenah

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

## New Business:

### Public Comment:

- Bob Schmeichel inquired about the Cth CB/Oakridge data. Captain Christie went over the crash data. The town of Neenah is currently working with the Highway Shop. A more in depth study will be done to assess the pavement, environment, crash data and signage will be part of the study. Bob Doemel indicated rumble strips will be installed at the intersection on 04/14/15. Currently the Highway shop is looking at three different firms to do the study and they will choose one. The funds are available and once the firm is chosen they will have it fast tracked for completion. Rod Hamilton (WIDOT) Any type of intersection change they will look at the study and funding available.
- County wide fatal report

Panosh-

3-fatal crashes in Winnebago County for 2016

129-fatal crashes statewide for 2016 and 115-fatal crashes at this time last year for 2015

12-Pedestrian involved crashes for 2016 and 7-Pedestrian involved at this time last year for 2015

Motorcycle crashes usually increase from May-September

- Menasha Traffic Update due to the 441 Construction Project

Halderson-

Traffic volume is up due to the 441 construction and they estimate 11,000 cars daily driving through Menasha

- Upcoming Highway Shop Projects

Doemel-Marking/Stripe Placements

220-miles of county roads, 1200-miles of local roads. The white lines have to be repainted every three years and the yellow lines every year. The winter months are hard on the water base paint and need to be repainted.

Hamilton-The State also paints and they epoxy every 3-4 years. \*Townships have to meet the traffic volume and if they do not meet the threshold they may not see the centerlines or fog lines.

- Act 308-  
Discussion about the Act 308. An operator of a motor vehicle can still use blue tooth and if operating a vehicle that requires a CDL that operator can only use Bluetooth. If a holder of a CDL is operating under the CDL restrictions and is cited, OSHA may get involved.

**SECTION 1.** 346.89 (4m) of the statutes is created to read:

346.89 (4m) No person may drive, as defined in s. 343.305 (1) (b), any motor vehicle while using a cellular or other wireless telephone, including using the telephone for a purpose other than communication, where persons engaged in work in a highway maintenance or construction area or in a utility work area are at risk from traffic, except to report an emergency. This subsection does not apply to the use of a voice-operated or hands-free device if the driver of the motor vehicle does not use his or her hands to operate the device, except to activate or deactivate a feature or function of the device.

**SECTION 2.** 346.95 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

346.95 (1) Any person violating s. 346.87, 346.88, 346.89 (4), (4m), or (5), 346.90 to 346.92, or 346.94 (1), (9), (10), (11), (12), or (15) may be required to forfeit not less than \$20 nor more than \$40 for the first offense and not less than \$50 nor more than \$100 for the 2nd or subsequent conviction within a year.

- Act 139-

Roundabout discussion

**SECTION 1.** 346.13 (5) of the statutes is created to read:

346.13 (5) Notwithstanding sub. (1), the operator of a vehicle or combination of vehicles with a total length of not less than 40 feet or a total width of not less than 10 feet may, with due regard for all other

traffic, deviate from the lane in which the operator is driving to the extent necessary to approach and drive through a roundabout.

**SECTION 2.** 346.18 (8) of the statutes is created to read:

346.18 **(8)** ROUNDABOUT. (a) The operator of a vehicle shall yield the right-of-way to any vehicle or combination of vehicles with a total length of not less than 40 feet or a total width of not less than 10 feet when approaching or driving through a roundabout at approximately the same time or so closely as to constitute a hazard of collision and, if necessary, shall reduce speed or stop in order to so yield.

(b) If 2 vehicles or combinations of vehicles each having a total length of not less than 40 feet or a total width of not less than 10 feet approach or drive through a roundabout at approximately the same time or so closely as to constitute a hazard of collision, the operator of the vehicle or combination of vehicles on the right shall yield the right-of-way to the vehicle or combination of vehicles on the left and, if necessary, shall reduce speed or stop in order to so yield.

- Pedestrian Traffic has been increasing on Bergstrom Road near Menasha Corporation

Bordeaux-

Neenah/Menasha Transfer Co. drivers have been seeing an increase in pedestrian traffic on Bergstrom Road and brought up the possibility of the City of Neenah to look into a pedestrian pathway.

#### **Round Table**

Neenah police Department set up a traffic detail to educate probationary license holders on their restrictions.

Panosh- K-I convention center, Green Bay will be hosting the Governor's Conference is set for August 23-25

McGrath-Work zone awareness week major strides have been made since the enforcement of the move over law has been enacted

Hamilton-Sth 116 will be undergoing a resurfacing from Omro-Winneconne

Doemel-Cth G from Green Valley to Wooden shoe will be closed for the demolition of the last wooden bridge and a new bridge will be installed this project is slated to begin in the fall.

**Next Meeting:** July 13, 2016 at 0900 a.m.

Motion made to adjourn. Motion carried