

## WINNEBAGO COUNTY SAFETY COMMISSION Meeting

Minutes-July 12, 2017

### Members Present:

Kevin Wilkinson-Neenah PD

Lara Vendola-Messer - Winnebago County Sheriff's Office

Tamaira Rettie-Wisconsin State Patrol

Michael Blahnik – Wisconsin State Patrol

Rick Olig-WIS DOT-BOTS

Scott Nelson-WIS DOT-NE Region

Hank Mitchell-Winnebago County Highway

Chris Gorte-Oshkosh Police Department

Mike McGinley-Community Representative

James Merten-Neenah DPW

Chris Bordeaux – NM Transfer

LeAnn Brinker – WIS DOT – NE Region

Pete DeBoer – Fox Crossing PD

Mike Panosh – WIS DOT - BOTS

### Attendance and introductions.

Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Kevin Wilkinson. Members were recorded and collected. MM/S to approve the minutes from April 12th meeting. Motion carried.

### Review of county-wide fatal/serious traffic accidents

None.

### Pending and Potential legislation affecting highway safety

Mike Panosh mentioned that every year includes a discussion about raising the seat belt fine amount above the current \$10. Rick Olig provided information about potential changes in IID legislation that would make the IID a requirement promptly, rather than when the subject again becomes licensed.

### Update on changes at Hwy A and Snell Road

Hank Mitchell reported there have been sight line improvements through grass/brush cutting. No change has occurred in marking. He will discuss possible options and cost shares with City of Oshkosh through Sgt. Chris Gorte.

### **Community Maps Presentation**

Rick Olig demonstrated many of the features of Community Maps, both from the public portal, which anyone can use, and from the restricted portal that requires ID and password. All fatal and "A" injury accidents in the state are mapped back to 2002. Rick encourages individual departments to voluntarily map all their crashes. Waupaca County and Waushara County are examples of agencies doing that now.

Eventually, the TRACs reporting system is expected to feed the mapping program so that crashes will be mapped within a day of being entered. There are some current technology obstacles that have to be resolved before that happens.

Anyone who wants to get a transportal username and password to access the deeper data available through community maps can contact Rick Olig, Scott Nelson, or Mike Panosh.

### **New Items**

Kevin Wilkinson suggested naming a vice-chair for the committee. This will be brought up at the October meeting.

Kevin Wilkinson asked Pete DeBoer to see if there was a particular intersection in Fox Crossing that was a crash problem that would be worthy of review by the group. He will look into it and possibly prepare a report for a future meeting.

### **Round Table Discussion**

**Hank Mitchell** asked about any speed surveys that have been done on Hwy A near Snell Rd. No one was aware of any.

**Mike Panosh** reminded everyone that the Governor's Conference on Highway Safety is scheduled for August 22-24 at the Paper Valley Hotel in Appleton. He will send a notice/invite to Chief Wilkinson to forward to the group. He also reminded the group of the "Dive Sober" mobilization that will be occurring August/September for 2 weeks.

**Chris Gorte** advised his agency is participating in a roundabout safety event for pedestrians which will include a group of walkers traversing several roundabouts in Oshkosh on September 21 from 3 – 5 p.m. Interested parties are invited to observe or participate.

**Scott Nelson** discussed some of the challenges with completing road construction during the busy events season, especially around Oshkosh. EAA is expected to have an exceptionally large attendance

this year due to the presence of the Blue Angels and the Apollo astronauts. Scott also gave a quick update on the 441/10 project.

**Mike McGinley** reminded the group that 1 in 5 drivers on the road are over age 65. Fresh roadway markings really help this generation of drivers. Mike recommended a highway safety book: "Why we drive the way we do, and what it says about us" by Tom Vanderbilt (available at Amazon here: <https://www.amazon.com/Traffic-Drive-What-Says-About/dp/B001FVJH3E>). Mike also complimented the commission on their work and believes the group is working very effectively now.

**Chris Bordeaux** educated the group on federal changes coming to the trucking industry through Electronic Logs. Some groups, including cattle haulers, have asked to be exempted. Chris said he believes the radar speed warning signs 41 n/b at 441/10 are very helpful. Chris also opened a short discussion on portable speed bumps/rumble strips.

**James Merten** advised that the East Central Regional Planning Commission has a Mio-Vision cameral available for municipalities to use. It is a portable video camera system that telescopes to a significant height to record intersection or other roadway activity. It can also be used to provide movement counts, for a cost.

**Kevin Wilkinson** mentioned that the City of Neenah has gone to a new parking enforcement system that includes Automated License Plate Readers.

**Next meeting** scheduled for 10-11-17 at 09:00 a.m. at the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office.

Motion made to adjourn. Motion carried.

