

WINNEBAGO COUNTY SAFETY COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes – April 11, 2012

Members Present:

Mike McGinley – Community Representative
Scott Nelson – Wis DOT – NE Region
Bob Doemel – Winnebago County Highway
Kelly Schmitz – Winnebago County Sheriff's Department
Michael Panosh – DOT – BOTS
Daunita Kline – Community Representative
Kevin Wilkinson – Neenah PD
Michael Krueger – Town of Menasha PD

Meeting was called to order by Mike McGinley at 9:00 a.m. Members were recorded and collected. Minutes from the previous meeting on January 11, 2012 were not on the county's website and as such not approved by the committee.

NEW BUSINESS

McGinley – National conference at the Paper Valley hotel on July 14th thru the 17th. Subject is driver's education for both public and private entities. Also asked about the new ban on cell phone usage for teen drivers. Question as to the number of crashes at the intersection of Harrison and Murdoch. Question as to the stop lines at Oakwood and 4th Street Road.

Nelson – Hwy 45 will be open in June. Hwy 21 will be open in November. The causeway will be open on July 1, 2013. Question as to safety concerns at the Breezewood ramp.

Doemel – Navigation season opens next week Monday. Reconstruction south of Y to GG. Increased truck traffic from Oshkosh Truck is a temporary issue. There have been three incidents where snow trucks were involved in incidents with the public.

Kline – Concern about Algoma and Congress regarding sign issue at the intersection, specifically a no right turn. Daunita will revisit and look at it on her own. Question as to whether or not riding bicycles on sidewalks is legal in the city of Oshkosh.

Panosh – Wisconsin has 120 traffic fatalities as of Monday versus 101 last year at this time. Motorcycle fatalities are up, pedestrians are down. 1 fatality thus far in Winnebago County, 10 for the year last year and the five year average is twelve.

Schmitz – Fatal crash on 26 and N, semi truck versus vehicle. Vehicle pulled out from stop sign and was struck by semi. Vehicle failed to yield to oncoming semi and driver of the vehicle was killed. The sun was an issue at that time, in terms of visibility for the driver.

Krueger – Question regarding updating GPS and truck routes, if anyone from the state or county informs GPS companies when changes occur so that truck drivers have the most up to date information.

Wilkinson – Discussed angled parking where vehicle backs into space instead of pulling in. Also discussed artwork that will be in place at one of the roundabouts in Neenah, how such is common in other parts of the country. Near fatal pedestrian crash at Park and Winnebago Heights. Also distributed pamphlet “Parents are the Key” safe driving for teens.

The next meeting is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 11, 2012 at the Winnebago County Sheriff’s Department.

Motion to adjourn by Krueger; 2nd by Schmitz. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.