

# DODGE COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

January 12, 2015

Members present: Bob Sell, Dodge County Traffic Safety Coordinator; Trace Frost, DSO; Ryan Mayer, Wisconsin DOT, Pete Thompson, Dodge County Highway Department, Brandon Stommel, Beaver Dam Police Department and AJ Llanas, Wisconsin State Patrol. Also present were Matthew Christian, Beaver Dam Fire Department, Dave Beal, Juneau Police Department, Steve Allerman, Tn Emmet Police Department, Ted Sullivan, Dodge County Sheriff Department Crash Reconstruction Team and Eugene Goodearle.

Members absent: Del Yaroch and Corey Foster.

I. The meeting was called to order by Bob Sell at 9:30 am in Del's absence.

II The minutes from October 13, 2014 meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Frost and second by Mayer.

III. Fatal crash review, 4th quarter of 2014.

A. There were six fatal crashes with 6 fatalities in the fourth quarter. YTD total was 15 fatalities.

The Commission reviewed videos of the crash locations.

1. Single occupant pickup on Hickory Point Road spun and crossed centerline and rolled in far side ditch. Occupant was not belted. Driver was intoxicated.

2. Single occupant motorcycle on St. Helena Road fled from police in a very short pursuit. Cycle failed to negotiate a curve and struck a utility pole. Driver was intoxicated.

3. Single occupant car traveling southbound in the northbound lanes of USH 151 near CTH S and struck a northbound vehicle. Southbound driver died. Severe injuries to the other driver.

Early morning crash in foggy conditions. Offending driver was intoxicated.

4. Driver with passenger eastbound on CTH E at the CTH A intersection failed to negotiate a curve and failed to stop. Vehicle launched and rolled on the far side of the intersection. The passenger died. Investigation shows estimated speed prior to launch was 68-69 mph. Driver was possibly unfamiliar with the intersection. Both occupants were belted.

5. Single occupant vehicle northbound on CTH G approaching the STH 16/60 overhead/bridge. Vehicle left pavement, struck driveway and vaulted across STH 16/60 and landed in the far bank. Investigation shows estimated speed prior to launch was more than 100 mph.

6. Single occupant vehicle in a police pursuit traveling westbound on STH 33 near Spruce Road left pavement and struck multiple trees. Driver died. Investigation continues.

#### IV. Old Business

A. CTH E railroad viaduct near CTH DJ. Pete updated the committee with new signage depicting the low clearance and establishment of a truck route on adjacent county routes.

B. Pete and Trace updated the committee on the on-site visit and demo by Bob Bott from BOTS to explain the Community Maps program. It is another resource in reviewing crash patterns. Trace will update the system with fatal crashes, but any further input will be highly unlikely with current workload.

#### V. New Business

A. CTH A/STH 68 intersection in Fox Lake. Local officials requested review of the intersection. Ryan reported there were no crashes in the recent past. He

estimated \$4000-5000 to install a flashing beacon. Info will be relayed to Fox Lake.

B. Hauling manure info. Greg Farnham from the Lake Sinissippi Lake Board forwarded a letter to the editor that highlighted a manure hauling truck crash and release of manure in Kewaunee County. The letter was placed on file.

C. Elections. Del Yaroch and Peter Thompson were re-elected as Chairman and Secretary for another term.

D. CTH E and CTH A intersection. Matt Christian, BDEMS/FD gave input on calls for service at this intersection, including the recent fatality. Ryan supplied a crash history since 2000. The intersection was realigned with curves with a road construction project in 2007. There were 16 crashes from 2000 to 2006, averaging less than 3/year and 17 crashes from 2008 to July of 2014 averaging less than 3/year. No crashes in 2007. There are a mix of crashes where drivers fail to stop at all and drivers who stop and then pull out and get hit. The committee discussed existing traffic signage and possible additional signage and items including curve advance warning signs with advisory speed plaques, left side STOPS, "Traffic on CTH A does not stop" signs, rumble strips and flashing LED Stop signs. The deceased parents are requesting rumble strips. Pete will do further investigation.

E. Bob received a request to review a curve on CTH B just west of the CTH W intersection. The neighbor reports a lot of runoffs ending up in their yard. The speed limit is 45 mph here. There is an advance curve warning sign. Pete will do further investigation.

F. Steve Allerman, Tn Emmet PD was present to request Ryan review the proposed speed limit increase to 65 mph on STH 26 north of Watertown when construction is complete. He has issued many speed citations and is concerned with all the direct access side roads and driveways.

G. AJ reported there was one incident at the STH 60 and CTH P roundabout. A vehicle drove up and over the center island/mound.

H. Reports

a. BOTS. Corey was not present

b. DOT—Ryan asked if there were any recent incidents at the STH 33 and CTH P intersection. Trace said no. Ryan reviewed the USH 151 northbound offramp at STH 26. A concern was raised that it was too short. Ryan stated it met standards and no action is warranted. Ryan distributed the Traffic Guidelines Manual section on flashing beacons.

Ryan stated total 2014 fatalities in Wisconsin were 493, lowest since the 1940's.

c. County—Pete had nothing to report.

Bob announced that this will be his last meeting as Traffic Safety Coordinator. The county board or administrator will need to appoint a replacement.

The entire committee expressed their deep gratitude for all the work Bob has done making Dodge County as safe as possible. The committee wished Bob well.

Next meeting is scheduled for April 13, 2015 at 9:30 am in the Training Room

of the Dodge County Sheriff's Department.

Meeting adjourned 11:35 am.

Pete Thompson,

Secretary.