

DODGE COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION
October 9, 2017

Members present: Joel Kiesow, Dodge County Traffic Safety Coordinator; Brian Field and Pete Thompson, Dodge County Highway Department, Captain Scott Mittelstadt and Sergeant Dennis Walston, DSO, Ryan Mayer, WISDOT, E. Phillip Witkiewicz, Wisconsin State Patrol, Trace Frost and Joe Davis, Sr, WISDOT BOTS, Brandon Stommel, Beaver Dam P.D., Dave Beal, Chief Juneau P.D., Brad Brzezinski, Waupun P.D., Ryan Vossekuil, Mayville P.D.

Also present were Eugene Goodearle, Andy Caine, Dennis Kaczor, Mitch Peters, Advanced Towing, AJ Lanas, private citizen, Kim and Keith Tenerelli and daughters.

Members absent: Matthew Christian, Beaver Dam F. D., Mary Wendel, Jeremy Rasch, Waupun P.D.

- I. The meeting was called to order by Kiesow at 9:30 am.
- II. The minutes from the April 10, 2017 meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Beal and second by Walston.
- III. There were eight fatal crashes and 9 fatalities in the third quarter. YTD total is 15.
 - A. On 7/11/17, a crash occurred about 2:15 a.m. on USH 151 near Gunn Road. The committee reviewed the video. A northbound semi traveling approximately 50 MPH had just turned onto USH 151 and was struck by a northbound pickup truck with a trailer traveling approximately 80 MPH in the same lane. Jessica Miller, a passenger in the pickup truck died at the scene. She was belted, but ejected as a result of the crash. Toxicology report not back yet.
 - B. On 7/21/17, a crash occurred about 8:30 a.m. on CTH W at the CTH A intersection. The committee reviewed drone pictures. A westbound vehicle driven by Chad Sorenson failed to stop and entered CTH A and was struck by a northbound vehicle. Sorenson was not belted and died. Distraction was the probable cause.
 - C. On 8/12/17 a crash occurred about 9:40 a.m. on CTH TT at the STH 16/60 intersection. The committee reviewed the video and drone pictures. A northbound vehicle driven by Jeff Wojtkiewicz failed to stop at the STH 16/60 intersection and was struck by a westbound vehicle driven by Otho Wollenzien. Brady Wojtkiewicz, 3 yrs and Landon Wojtkiewicz, 7 yrs were killed in the crash. All occupants were belted or in child restraint seats. Distraction and unfamiliar roads were causes of the crash.
 - D. On 8/17/17 a crash occurred about 5:15 a.m. on USH 151 near Forest Road. The committee reviewed the video and pictures. Kayla Davis stopped her vehicle in the northbound fast lane to render aid to vehicles in the median from an unrelated southbound crash. Another northbound vehicle swerved into the median to avoid contact with the Davis vehicle and struck Davis who was now a pedestrian on the inside shoulder. Toxicology for the offending driver is not final yet.
 - E. On 9/1/17 a crash occurred about 5:19 a.m. on CTH G at Sunny Point Road. The committee reviewed pictures. A southbound vehicle driven by John Gerbensky slowed but did not completely stop and entered CTH G and struck a westbound motorcycle driven by Derek Lemkuil. Lemkuil died of his injuries.
 - F. On 9/2/17 a crash occurred about 2:30 a.m. on CTH G at CTH FW-south leg. A northbound motorcycle driven by William Golliher failed to stop and crossed the intersection and came to rest in the yard. He was ejected. At approximately 7:15 a.m. the owner discovered Golliher who died of his injuries on 9/17/17.

- G. On 9/13/17 a crash occurred about 5:10 p.m. on CTH TW at the CTH AY intersection. The committee reviewed the video and pictures. An eastbound vehicle driven by John Rockefeller entered the intersection and was struck by a southbound vehicle driven by Barry Sterr. Both drivers were belted.
- H. On 9/17/17 a crash occurred about 11:10 a.m. on STH 60 near Jefferson Road. The committee reviewed pictures. An eastbound vehicle driven by Robert Underwood completely crossed centerline and struck a westbound vehicle head on, whose driver, Beverly Vincent died at the scene. Toxicology report is not complete yet.

IV. Old Business

- A. Sign relocations to improve visibility at STH 26 and STH 33 are still on the list to be done by the WISDOT sign crew.
- B. Mayer has supplied Mittelstadt the high-crash intersections/sections on both state and county roads per his request from last meeting. Mittelstadt has broken that info into 4 sectors for targeted patrol and enforcement in rotating sectors. Research shows up to an 8 to 9 week halo effect of compliance after concentrated deployment. Mittelstadt will monitor results.
- C. Mayer has confirmed that STOP AHEAD signs on STH 33 at CTH P are properly spaced per standards.

V. New Business

- A. Kiesow will survey members on the best day for quarterly meetings soon.
- B. Kim and Keith Tenerelli were present requesting a 30 MPH speed zone on CTH Y north of CTH AY, being just north of Knowles. Their daughters, 4th and 6th grade, walk on CTH Y from their residence from the Lomira Town Hall after drop off by the Mayville School bus. The residence is in the Lomira School district but the girls go to Mayville in the School Choice program. Thus, the Mayville bus will not pick them up at their home. Kim showed pictures of the road and explained the girls are driven to the bus in the morning and must walk home at night. No other options exist for transportation at this time. Thompson explained that such a limited time for speed reduction, approximately 15 minutes per day for 180 days/year does not warrant any reduction. The Highway Committee has reviewed the site and has acted against any reduction. Committee members gave suggestions of working with the school on hazardous transportation options or possibly creating a path at the edge of the right of way and off the road. There will be difficulties with a ditch and during snow season. The DSO will monitor traffic and report back at the January, 2018 meeting.
- C. The CTH W and CTH A intersection was tabled until the proponent can be present.
- D. Dennis Kaczor, District Administrator of the Herman-Neosho-Rubicon School district, is asking for further signage at the Honor Intermediate School on CTH P south of STH 60. A hill somewhat limits visibility for northbound traffic. Thompson stated that all required signage is installed and at proper spacing. Dennis was asking for flashing signs of some sort. Thompson said those are not warranted, but the school could put out and take down auxiliary warning signs in the shoulder at necessary times. Dennis will research signs and send them to Kiesow for review prior to installation.
- E. Mayer stated the request for speed reduction on STH 16/60 between CTH TT and CTH T is not warranted. Thompson added that the Wayside is closed and will not be reopened.
- F. Andy Caine, Caine Transfer, asked for a review of the southbound STH 26 offramp at STH 16/60. The location of the guardrail limits visibility looking west. Mayer will look and stated that it is legal to stop at the stop line then move forward until visibility is clear. He will confirm this can be done without entering the live lane of through traffic.

Reports

- A. BOTS. Frost stated:
- Very soon the info from TRAX and the DT4000 crash forms will seamlessly and automatically populate into Community Maps for all crashes.
 - That traffic grants for DSO have been approved and could be deployed yet in October if manpower allows.
 - There have been 451 fatalities YTD vs. 446 YTD in 2016. We are above the 5-year average and trending upward.
 - He will forward the legislative update to Kiesow
- B. WIDSOT. Mayer stated that CTH AY and CTH TW may warrant a safety grant (HSIP) based on fatal crashes. He will help us as needed
- C. County. Thompson stated these 2017 projects will be done in the county very soon:
1. CTH S through Iron Ridge—complete reconstruction
 2. CTH C—Jersey Road to east of Buckhorn Road—complete reconstruction.

Next meeting is scheduled for January 8, 2018 at 9:30 am in the Training Room of the Dodge County Sheriff's Department.

Meeting adjourned 12:15 pm.
Pete Thompson,
Secretary.

Approved at 1/8/2018 meeting

Peter Thompson