

DODGE COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

January 14, 2013

Members present: Del Yaroach, Chairman, Trace Frost, DOSO; Bob Sell, Dodge County Traffic Safety Coordinator; Ryan Mayer, Wisconsin DOT, Matt Aslesen, State Patrol RPM, Pete Thompson, Dodge County Highway Department; Joel Kiesow and Jim Van Erem, Beaver Dam Police Department, Carl Schultz, Wisconsin State Patrol and Gordon Krobert, Beaver Dam. Also present was Eugene Goodearle.

- I. The meeting was called to order at 9:30 am by Chairman Yaroach.
 - A. The minutes from October 8, 2012 meeting were reviewed and approved on a motion by Kiesow and seconded by Frost.
- II. Fatal crash review, 4th quarter of 2012.
 - A. There were 5 fatal crashes with 5 fatalities in the 4th quarter of 2012. Commission viewed video of the crash scene on CTH TW south of Bayview Road. A motorcyclist failed to negotiate a slight curve. Excessive speed may have been a cause based on crash info.
 - B. Reviewed video of crash on STH 16/60 near CTH K. A driver crossed the centerline near a slight hill and was struck. A health issue was a possible cause.
 - C. Reviewed report only from crash at Hill St and Highland Ave in Watertown. Passenger was killed. Excessive speed was a major factor. Charges for the driver are pending.
 - D. Reviewed video of pedestrian fatal on CTH E near Lake Drive in Hustisford. Pedestrian crossed into path of vehicle. Was wearing dark clothing. No charges to the driver.
 - E. Reviewed video of driver fatal on CTH TW at CTH AY. Driver stopped, then entered intersection and was struck. Stop Ahead signs, rumble strips, double STOP signs and Cross Traffic Does Not Stop signs all present and functioning in both directions on CTH TW. Crash history shows 8 crashes since 2007 with a somewhat random pattern. No driver completely disregarded the STOP sign in either direction. No more than two crashes in any year. Failure to Yield Right of Way citations for some crashes. The Highway Department is working on maintaining good visibility on NW corner. Driver error seems to be the cause of all crashes.
- III. Old Business
 - A. Pete stated the conflicting speed limit sign near Dodgeland School has been relocated by the City of Juneau.
- IV. New Business
 - A. By unanimous consent, Del Yaroach was elected as chairman and Pete Thompson was elected as secretary for another term.
 - B. The Commission spoke at length about the intersections of STH 26 and STH 33 and also STH 33 and CTH A.

26 and 33 intersection has ground-mount beacons on STOP signs installed in 2006. There have been 2 crashes that blew the STOP signs in 2007 and none since. However, there have been 8 rear-end accidents and 8 other miscellaneous crashes since. 33 and A intersection had overhead beacons installed in August, 2010. There has only been one crash since, which is a significant reduction compared to the years prior. Ryan stated that the DOT is not totally against installation of rumble strips on STH 33. Commission had a lot of anecdotal info of semis particularly blowing STOP signs. The crash history does not support that, however.

The Commission consensus was to recommend the DOT install rumble strips on approaches to these two intersections where they do not exist now.

- C. Deer Crossing sign request on CTH D near Owl Road. Local resident requested signs based on 13-14 deer crashes in the last year. Only one was in the crash history log. Committee consensus was not to install signs based on the many other locations across the county that would then request signs.

D. Reports

- a. BOTS. Matt supplied info on the statewide 2012 fatal report which is up over 2011. A significant increase in passenger deaths could be a trend of passengers also distracting the driver. Motorcycle fatalities were also up. Dodge County had 11 fatalities in 11 crashes, up from 9 in 2011 and 2010, but lower than 5-year average of 14.
- b. County—Pete stated that the HSIP Safety Study has items now in design for 2013 construction. Items include tree removal, culvert extensions and guardrail improvements.

- E. Trace got an anonymous request for more speed limit signs on STH 60. Multiple signs were installed in the last year or two. Deputies will review as time allows

- F. Carl state that No Passing pennants on Oaklawn Road in Town of Hustisford are installed incorrectly. Pete will work with the chairman on corrections.

- G. Bob asked how snow removal went in the roundabouts on CTH L. Pete said the plow drivers have no difficulty with them.

- I. Eugene stated he was a party to a crash at STH 33 and STH 67. He was struck by a vehicle that blew the STOP sign. There were rumble strips there. Driver admitted to his action.

- J. Next meeting is scheduled for April 8, 2013 at 9:30 am in the Training Room at the Dodge County Sheriff's Department.

Meeting adjourned 11:10 a.m

Pete Thompson,
Secretary.