



**Minutes of the
Dodge County Traffic Safety Commission
Tuesday, July 9, 2024**

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by the TSC Coordinator at 9:32 a.m. on July 9, 2024, in the Dodge County Sheriff's Office Training Room/EOC.

Commission Members Present: Scott Smith, Jason Boeck, Brian Field, Nathan Kempke, Chris Wells, Trace Frost, Matt Bartol, Erica Ballweg, Pedro Gallegos, Heather Cramer, Ted Sullivan and Brandon Stommel.

Others Present: Sheriff Dale Schmidt, Cameron Clapper, Eric Krueger, Bob Schmidt, Tom Mace, Jeramie Hurley, Mark Bobholz, Mary Bobholz, Dan Furseth, Tom Grotenhuis, Kyle Grotenhuis, Harold Blackburn, Kate Blackburn and Jeff Caine.

Consideration of Minutes: *Motion by Sullivan to approve the April 9, 2024, Minutes as written. Seconded by Bartol. Motion carried.*

Public Comment: Call for Public Comment made by Smith.

- a. Sheriff Schmidt commented on multiple sites in Dodge County with high crash rates. He cited some statistics, possible solutions and complaints called in by the public.
- b. Tom Grotenhuis commented on the intersection of CTH S/CTH G suggesting a stop sign on the left side of the road. Also noted the new stop sign, eastbound on CTH S, is missing the sign "cross traffic does not stop."
- c. Jeramie Hurley remarked on the same intersection-some signs hard to see.
- d. Mark Bobholz inquired if overhead stop signs might better for that intersection.
- e. Harold Blackburn asked if a four-way stop is better for that intersection. He inquired if flashing lights, activated on approach, are an option. Regarding STH 60/CTH TT, visibility west is limited by guardrail.
- f. Tim Mace agreed with statements by Harold Blackburn.
- g. Tim Fletcher requested two items for Town of Burnett: double yellow line with a 35 mph limit be restored and the crosswalk from the church to parking lot be repainted since the resurfacing work is completed.
- h. Bob Schmidt provided information and request of possible reduction in speed limit to 55 mph on USH 151/CTH DE, near Neumann Pool, due to the hill and history of crashes at that intersection.
- i. Brian Field stated DC Highway is working with WisDOT on STH 60/CTH TT for solutions; safety engineer is looking for solutions to CTH S/CTH G and CTH W/CTH AI intersections.

Old Business: (take action/table/dismiss)

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- a. Online driver's education with LE-led presentation, or other in-person education segment.

Boeck and Sullivan remarked on education events at schools within DC. Motion by Field to remain on agenda for October. Seconded by Boeck.

- b. Trending of wrong way drivers on divided highways.

Chris Wells commented the WisDOT annual sign/marketing meeting held soon; discussion of reflective red strips and a dynamic radar sign system to be discussed. Motion by Sullivan to continue on agenda for October. Seconded by Field.

- c. Update of USH 151/CTH DE and USH 151/CTH C.

General discussion/suggestions: reduce speed from 65 mph but difficult on a STH; reduce hill coming to j cut; agreement lack of proper driving techniques (speed, fail/stop, viewing traffic) are factors.

New Business: (for information, discussion, and potential motion for action)

- a. Town of Burnett Chair, Tim Fletcher, requests TSC and WisDOT review of no passing zones on STH 26 in Town of Burnett (residential and business area). States that prior to resurfacing project, there were no-passing zones within that area.

Boeck agrees with Burnett Chair that no-passing zone warranted. Wells commented no passing zones are voluntary compliance; this in his view is speed reduction issue not a passing issue; will review prior crosswalk with team for compliance issues and Burnett Chair (Fletcher) committing Town of Burnett resources for crosswalk reinstallation.

- b. Nate Olson, Community Development Administrator, sent request for agenda item related to Generac facility at Beaver Dam's USH 151 Business Park, opening 2025.

Smith received no additional information. Motion to carryover for October meeting by Field. Seconded by Bartol.

Fatal Traffic Crash review: Fatal Traffic Crash review, April 2024 – June 2024 and potential recommendation(s) for action(s) to appropriate department, board, committee, or other applicable branch government.

- a. CTH D/Owl Rd (Town of Calamus) 04/14/2024 @ 1:17 a.m; one fatal, single vehicle, MC

Discussion, no action was brought forward for action by the Commission.

- b. STH 33/Hidden Valley Rd (Town of Beaver Dam) 05/11/2024; one fatal, single vehicle, MC

Discussion, no action was brought forward for action by the Commission.

- c. STH 16/STH 60 & CTH TT (Town of Elba) 05/27/2024 @ 3:58 a.m; four fatalities, two vehicles/intersection. Review Community Maps history.

Roundtable discussion culminated with motion by Bartol for TSC support for DC and WisDOT to close CTH TT northbound to STH 16/60. Seconded by Sullivan. Motion passed.

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- d. STH 33/Pierce Rd (Town of Herman) 06/19/2024 @ 1:21 p.m.; two fatalities, four vehicles/ left of center

Krueger spoke of new therapy program from DC Human Services & Health Dept. for crash victims without available services.

- e. CTH S/CTH G (Town of Beaver Dam) 06/25/2024 @ 2:21 p.m.; one fatal, two vehicles/intersection. Review Community Maps history.

Comment that dynamic stop signs are not as visible in broad daylight. Motion by Boeck to keep on October agenda. Seconded by Field.

- f. Added to agenda for discussion – CTH AI/CTH W (Town of Oak Grove) 07/02/2024 @ 2:41 a.m.; one fatal, three vehicles.

This will be placed on the October agenda for further discussion.

Commission Member Reports:

- a. BOTS – Bureau of Transportation Safety: *Frost - please refer to website trace@tracefrost.com; statewide fatalities are down; 55% of people in crashes wear seat belts; Safe Road Challenge, Governor's Conference on Highway Safety*
- b. WISDOT: *Wells covered information in earlier discussions.*
- c. Dodge County Highway Department: *Field suggested updated road construction information fund on website.*
- d. District Attorney's Office: *Not present*
- e. Law Enforcement – Review of Waupun PD Mock Crash: *Sullivan stated Mock Crash in Waupun a success. Mayville also had a successful event supporting traffic safety.*
- f. Medical, EMS, Emergency Management, 911: *No comment*
- g. Education/Schools: *Not present*

Items for Review and Placement on Next Agenda: Included are: Online driver's education with LE-led presentation, or other in-person education segment, trending of wrong way drivers on divided highways, fatal traffic crash review and information re: Generac plant in Columbus Business Park.

Determine Next Meeting Date and Time: Proposed next meeting continues the pattern of 2nd Tuesday each quarter - Tuesday, October 8th, at 9:30 A.M. *Motion by Field, seconded by Stommel. Motion carried.*

Meeting adjourned by Smith adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Gillen
Traffic Secretary

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**Disclaimer: The above minutes may be approved, amended or corrected at the next meeting of the Dodge County Traffic Safety Commission.*



DODGE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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FATAL CRASH CTH A/I at CTH W

On July 2, 2024 at 2:42 am, Dodge County Sheriff's Deputies responded to the intersection of County Highway A/I and County Highway W, town of Oak Grove, for a car verses semi crash. This intersection is approximately 2.5 miles west of the city of Juneau.

Through investigation, a silver 2012 Chevy Malibu driven by a 25 year-old male from Beaver Dam, was northbound on County Highway A/I and at the intersection with CTH W, was left of center and in the southbound lane. A 2022 Mack semi hauling a flatbed trailer with steel was southbound on County Highway A/I and collided with the Malibu. The driver of the Malibu was fatally injured and the driver of the semi suffered minor injuries. The driver of the semi is a 63 year-old male from New Holstein, WI and he was transported to the Marshfield Medical center in Beaver Dam. A second semi, northbound on CTH A/I, was also struck by the Malibu and the driver, a 59 year-old from Pulaski, WI was not injured.

Assisting at the scene were the Juneau Fire Department, Juneau EMS, Horicon Fire Department, Beaver Dam Paramedics, Burnett Fire Department, and the Dodge County Medical Examiner's Office.

This crash remains under investigation by the Dodge County Sheriff's Office Crash Investigation Team. Names are being withheld at this time pending family notification.

Questions may be directed to Sheriff Dale J. Schmidt

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Document Number Override		Primary Crash Document #		Agency Crash Number		Investigating Officer/Deputy DEPUTY A. KAUFMAN	
Crash Date 07/02/2024		Crash Time 02:41 AM		Date Arrived 07/02/2024		Time Arrived 02:43 AM	
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Description

Diagram		Reconstruction By DODGE COUNTY SHERIFFS OFFICE	
		Photos By G MILLARD #219	
		Additional Information PHOTOS, RECONSTRUCTION, WITNESS STATEMENTS, DASH CAMERA VIDEO, BODY CAMERA VIDEO, FATAL CRASH SUPPLEMENT	

I, a sworn law enforcement officer, agree that I have not added any CJIS data in this report.

UNIT 1 AND UNIT 3 WERE TRAVELLING NORTHBOUND ON CORD A. UNIT 3 WAS BEHIND UNIT 1. UNIT 2 WAS DRIVING SOUTHBOUND ON CORD A. UNIT 1 CROSSED OVER THE MEDIAN STRIKING UNIT 2 AND LATER STRIKING UNIT 3. UNIT 2 CAME TO REST IN THE DITCH ON THE EAST SIDE OF CORD A. UNIT 1 WAS STOPPED AFTER THE COLLISION. UNIT 3 CONTINUED PASSED THE INTERSECTION AND STOPPED ALONG THE GRAVEL.



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SINGLE VEHICLE FATAL CRASH

On July 27, at 1:45 pm, Dodge County Deputies were dispatched to a single vehicle crash at County Highway A and US Highway 151 in town of Trenton, Dodge County, WI. This is north of the city of Beaver Dam. The lone occupant of the vehicle was pronounced deceased at the scene.

Initial investigation shows a 2009 Ford Escape, driven by a 62 year old female from Marshall, was southbound on US Highway 151 when it gradually entered the median. The vehicle continued through the median then vaulted over the northbound lane of County Highway A where US Highway 151 crosses over. The vehicle then landed in the southbound lane of County Highway A and struck a concrete barrier. This resulted in severe front end damage. The driver was pronounced deceased at the scene and the Dodge County Medical Examiner's Office responded.

Assisting at the scene were the Beaver Dam Fire Department, Beaver Dam Paramedics, Dodge County Medical Examiner's Office, Dodge County Emergency Response Team (DCERT), and the Beaver Dam Police Department.

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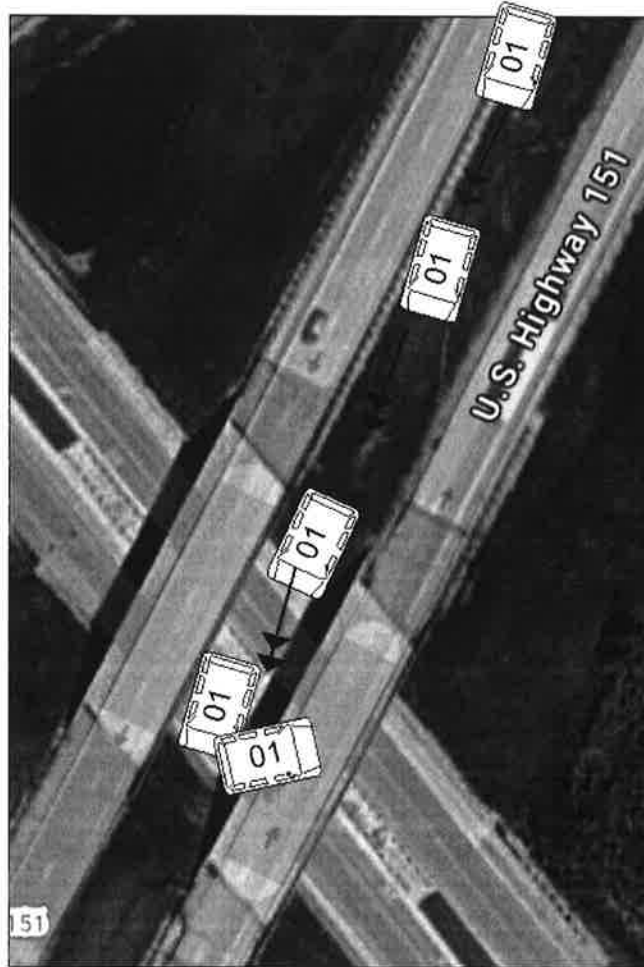
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Not Drawn to Scale

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Additional Information
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UNIT 01 WAS SB ON USH 151 AND RAN OFF ROADWAY LEFT. UNIT 01 DROVE THROUGH THE GRASS MEDIAN AND VAULTED BETWEEN THE TWO USH 151 OVERPASS BRIDGES. UNIT 01 LANDED IN THE SOUTHBOUND SHOULDER OF CORD A UNDER USH 151 AND STRUCK THE CONCRETE BARRIER WALL AGAINST THE SHOULDER. UNIT 01 SPUN AROUND 180 DEGREES AND CAME TO REST. UNIT 01 SUSTAINED HEAVY FRONT END DAMAGE AND DAMAGE ALL AROUND.

