

DODGE COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION
October 13, 2014

Members present: Del Yaroch, Chairman, Bob Sell, Dodge County Traffic Safety Coordinator; Trace Frost, DSO; Ryan Mayer, Wisconsin DOT, Pete Thompson, Dodge County Highway Department, Corey Foster, DOT-BOTS and AJ Llanas, Wisconsin State Patrol. Also present were Wayne Uttke, Dodge County District 11 Supervisor, Eugene Goodearle and Earl Kluz

- I. The meeting was called to order by Del Yaroch at 9:30 am.
- II. The minutes from July 14, 2014 meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Frost and second by Mayer.
- III. Fatal crash review, 3rd quarter of 2014.
 - A. There were five fatal crashes with 5 fatalities in the third quarter. YTD total is now 9 fatalities. The Commission reviewed videos of the crash locations.
 1. Single occupant car westbound on CTH G failed to negotiate a slight curve near the CTH DE intersection. Crossed the centerline and overcorrected coming back to the near shoulder, leaving the road and struck a tree. Crash happened at 1 am. No road factors contributed to the crash.
 2. Car stopped southbound on CTH A waiting to turn left at the Indian Hill Trail intersection. A semi rear-ended the vehicle forcing it into oncoming traffic where it was struck again. A 9-year old passenger in the car died. Semi driver cited in the crash. Inattentive driving appears to be the cause.
 3. Driver southbound on STH 26 near Buwalda Drive south of Waupun fully crossed centerline and struck a northbound vehicle. Southbound driver died. Severe injuries to the other driver. Investigation underway to determine possible cause.
 4. Driver eastbound on STH 60 approaching the CTH P intersection, which was under construction as a roundabout at the time. At least 4 vehicles were stopped by a flagman for construction activities. The offending vehicle did not stop and struck the last vehicle causing a 5-vehicle chain reaction crash. A passenger in the middle vehicle of the five died. Investigation continues with possible charges pending.
 5. Northbound driver on the STH 26 offramp to STH 60 failed to stop at the ramp end and t-boned an eastbound vehicle on STH 60, killing a passenger in that vehicle. This was a construction zone and various detour signage was in place. A traffic control stage switch occurred a few days before the crash. Inattentive driving appears to be the cause.
- IV. Old Business
 - A. Corey offered training by Bob Botts from DOT. Pete will coordinate with Trace to pick a time for an on-site demo. Bob Sell will be invited.
 - B. Earl Kluz again spoke on his difficulty traveling southbound on CTH A and turning eastbound on CTH W with a tractor and grain carts. He would like a no passing zone established to help. Pete explained the pavement markings are correct. Earl was told how to maneuver this turn again. AJ and Trace will step up enforcement as much as possible.

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- A. CTH NN speeding by Girl Scout camp. This is a seasonal issue and now done for the year.
- B. CTH E at CTH DJ—railroad viaduct. A video was shown. One additional advance warning was added at CTH E and CTH M. The correct warning sign locations have existed for a long time.
- C. Guardrails on CTH A and at the intersection with Burns Road. Pete explained these guardrails were installed as part of safety funding from WISDOT to protect steep slopes. A local farmer says it is now hard to maneuver farm machinery. No action was taken.
- D. Hemlock Road concerns. A local resident provided a copy of a letter sent to the town boards of Beaver Dam and Trenton. He listed concerns with the condition of the road and safety concerns. A video was shown. The commission has no authority in this matter.
- E. USH 151 northbound offramp at STH 26. A concern has been brought up that this ramp may be too short. It does meet current DOT criteria, but would also be reviewed with any future construction projects. Ryan will check if signage is proper.
- F. CTH O and CTH P intersection. Wayne Uttke, county board supervisor for the area, expressed his concerns regarding the intersection. He stated the surrounding neighbors are not in favor of rumble strips. Pete stated there have been 8 crashes in 5 years. Most were vehicles that stopped and then pulled out. Pete will review STOP sign size and upgrade if warranted. AJ and Trace will step up enforcement as much as possible.
- G. STH 33 and CTH P intersection. Ryan recapped the recent improvements which included new signs, addition of Cross Traffic Does Not Stop signs and installation of flashing beacons. There has been one crash since the last improvement. Ryan would like to monitor for a longer time to see the change.
- H. South Beaver Dam school zone. The current signage reflects the standard in the MUTCD. Reduced speed limits to 15 MPH are typically used in urban settings. This area is a 35 MPH zone already.
- I. School Bus Stop Ahead request. Resident request for signage on CTH A in/near Oak Grove. The warrant is met if a bus cannot be seen from 610' at 55 MPH and less at lower speeds. The area provides adequate sight distance and is a transition zone to lower speeds (30 MPH). Signs are not warranted.
- J. Reports
 - a. BOTS. Corey supplied the YTD fatal crash history with a downward trend versus 2013. He stated there are many varied grants available. Trace will look into a speed grant. Corey mentioned a new tool to reduce high-speed pursuits called Star Chase. Squads project a GPS tracker on the vehicle and then call off pursuit, track the vehicle and make contact without high speed. A demo will be done at Racine Co Sheriff Dept on November 12.
 - b. DOT—Ryan reviewed two School Bus Stop Ahead sign requests. One was granted on STH 16/60 near CTH T. The other on STH 68 was denied.
 - c. County—Pete stated that all county pavement projects are either complete or will be in about 2 weeks.

Next meeting is scheduled for January 12, 2015 at 9:30 am in the Training Room of the Dodge County Sheriff's Department.

Meeting adjourned 12:05 pm.
Pete Thompson,
Secretary.

Approved at January 12, 2015
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Peter Thompson