

## ROCK COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

January 12, 2011 at 9:00AM  
at the Rock County Sheriff's Office Conference Room

The quarterly meeting of the Rock County Traffic Safety Commission was held on January 12, 2011, at the Sheriff's Office at 9:00AM. Present were: Capt. Jude Maurer-RCSO, Hank Brill-Co. Board, Barbara Abraham-Retired BTC, Dennis Ryan-City of Janesville Eng'g, Jeff Berens, WI DOT, Andrea Loeffelholz, WI DOT, Mike Flesch-City of Beloit, Dan Davis-City of Janesville, Shirley Connor-RC Emergency Mgmt, and Pat Swartout, RCSO

Capt. Maurer called the meeting to order at 9:06AM.

Dennis Ryan made a motion to approve the minutes of October 13, 2010. Jeff Berens seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **Fatal accidents reviewed**

- 10/02/10 – Hwy B/Mineral Pt - Motorcycle crash – 600 ft off roadway. Speed a factor. Autopsy shows a possible subdural hematoma prior to accident. No helmet worn.
- 10/23/10 – N Old 92 – Vehicle was a golf cart with a snowmobile engine. Road conditions were not a problem. Speed and altered vehicle factors. Group discussed what is considered a motor vehicle.
- 11/02/10 – S CTH K – Unlit area. Based on report, speed was a factor. Over correcting also a possibility. Road conditions were dry. Seatbelts worn.
- 11/23/10 – STH 59 @ Clear Lake Rd. 2 vehicle crash. Elderly victim (age 88) died 3 days after crash. Dry, dark conditions.
- 12/12/10 – Reported by State Patrol. Excessive speed for conditions determining factor. Ice/snow. Vehicle spun into median striking a tree. Victim was 21 year old female in rear passenger seat.

### **Old Business**

Jeff Berens reported on the vehicle crash of last quarter at 167 & 140. After reviewing the plan sheets, it was determined the intersection had adequate site distance. A 33' right of way on both sides of both roadways.

## **New Business**

Shirley Connor reported her concern regarding transports of Wind Generators. She has spotted these wide load transports during the dark and early morning hours. Shirley asked what is mandated on these types of loads as there were no reflectors present. Jeff Berens will report on the guidelines for these moves at next meeting.

Shirley also asked the group if they knew why there were two stop signs, back to back of each other on 11 & 213. It was suggested that a new one may have been installed and the old had just not yet been removed

Andrea Loeffholz distributed statistical packets for those interested. Statewide fatalities were up 22 from last year. She reported that both motorcycle and pedestrian fatalities were up.

## **Public Input**

None.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 6, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. at the Rock County Sheriff's Office.

Mike Flesch moved to adjourn the meeting; Barbara Abraham seconded. Motion carried

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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