

ROCK COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

January 21, 2015 @ 9:00 a.m.

Rock County Sheriff's Office – Large Conference Room

The quarterly meeting of the Rock County Traffic Safety Commission was held on Wednesday, January 21 at the Sheriff's Office at 9:00AM.

In attendance: Brian Zaemisch, Jeff Kuglitsch, Hank Brill, Tom Dunkin, Barbara Abraham, Dennis Ryan, Dan Davis, Ben Coopman, Ryan Mayer, Duane Jorgenson, Corey Foster, Jude Maurer, and Patricia Swartout

Absent: Mike Flesch, Robert Spoden, Gary Groelle, Sgt. Kohler, Madelyn Glaeden, Dan Davis, Tom Boguszewski

Capt. Maurer called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. and asked for introductions around the table.

Dennis Ryan motioned to approve the minutes of October 15, 2014. The motion was seconded by Tom Dunkin. Motion passed unanimously.

Fatal accidents reviewed

No fatal accidents for review

Old Business

None

New Business/Public input

Ryan Mayer advised he had been contacted by the Town of Clinton requesting a lighted stop sign be installed at the intersection of Hwys 140 & 67. He stated overhead signage had been installed 6 months ago, but on one side only. Ryan will look into the possibility of installing "Cross Traffic Does Not Stop" warning signs.

Corey Foster stated WisDOT has requested to increase the forfeiture for seat belt non-compliance to \$25. Cory advises WisDOT's goal is to achieve 88% compliance.

Corey also distributed Wisconsin's yearly statistics for fatal accidents. Fatalities declined 6.6% from 2013 to 2014. Capt. Maurer inquired as to how this compared to other states. Corey advised that fatalities are down in a number of neighboring states as well.

With regard to the new task force strategies, Corey reports the task force collaborations are going very well.

Ben Coopman inquired as to the availability of grant funds for added law enforcement services during the upcoming I39 project. Brian Zaemisch advised the road construction contracts always maintain funding for mitigation. Capt. Maurer stated the WI Traffic Incident Management (TIM) program is also in place for support. Brian advised determining alternate routes and route responsibilities be a task first and foremost. Brian also advised that two additional troopers will be assigned specifically to the construction. Hank Brill also added that the State Traffic Operations Center (STOC) has greatly improved their system for route changes. Hank suggested Jeff Gustofson may be a good contact and suggested he be invited to a Traffic Safety Committee meeting.

Jeff Kuglitsch asked the group if there had been any changes in legislation with regard to changing interstate speeds to 70mph. Brian stated that it is being considered again and the State is receiving numerous emails with regard to the proposal.

The next scheduled meeting of the Traffic Safety Committee will be held on Wednesday, April 15, 2015 at 9:00AM at the Rock County Sheriff's Office (large conference room).

Barbara Abraham motioned to adjourn the meeting. Hank Brill seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:07 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia Swartout
LES Secretary