

ROCK COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

A M E N D E D

Meeting Minutes

October 15, 2014 @ 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, October 15, 2014 at the Sheriff's Office at 9:00AM.

In attendance: Jeff Kuglitsch, Hank Brill, Tom Dunkin, Mike Flesch, Barbara Abraham, Adam Pritchard, Dennis Ryan, Dan Davis, Ryan Mayer, Tom Boguszewski, Duane Jorgenson, Corey Foster, Jude Maurer, and Patricia Swartout

Absent: Robert Spoden, Gary Groelle, Sgt. Kohler, Ben Coopman, Madelyn Glaeden

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

Mike Flesch motioned to approve the minutes of July 30, 2014. The motion was seconded by Tom Dunkin. Motion passed unanimously.

Fatal accidents reviewed

- 6/30/14 – 2 Vehicles (1-car/1-semi truck) – 1 Deceased. Crash occurred 81 and Olsen Road. Following too close attributed. Alcohol unknown. Video was reviewed. Capt. Maurer advised without the coroner's report, cause of death is unknown.

Old Business

None

New Business/Public input

Ryan Mayer discussed the 26 project and the 65 mph zones. A change to the current 55 mph limit has not been made at this time.

Dennis Ryan advised an "alternate route improvement", to prepare for the I90 project in 2019, will begin in 2015. A diverging diamond interchange is scheduled for completion in 2015 at 11 & Avalon. The same type of interchange will be completed at Milton & 26 in 2017. Improvements to County Road G are also scheduled for 2015.

Hank Brill stated he had received several complaints with regard to roundabouts. Complainants advise vehicles are speeding through them. Hank also advises complaints are being made regarding the elevated ground in the middle of the

roundabout, making it difficult to see traffic. Dennis Ryan advised the group that the elevation is by design to avoid drivers from focusing on traffic straight ahead.

Jeff Kuglitsch inquired as to whether there have been an usual number of problems at the roundabouts. Ryan stated the one located on the east has had the most issue. He stated vehicles are coming off of 59 into the roundabout at a high rate of speed. Signing improvements are being made to alert drivers to the oncoming 35 mph speed limit. The group discussed the three semi-truck, rollover accidents, which have occurred at the roundabouts in the past month.

Corey Foster reported the number of fatalities across the state has declined from 421 in 2013 to 378 in 2014 (as of this date).

Corey also advised the group of the StarChase GPS technology that is being reviewed after the Milwaukee fatality that occurred during a pursuit. A live demonstration of the system will be held on November 12 in Racine. Corey invited al to attend.

The next scheduled meeting of the Traffic Safety Committee will be held on Wednesday, January 21 at 9:00AM at the Rock County Sheriff's Office (large conference room).

Barbara Abraham motioned to adjourn the meeting. Tom Boguszewski seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia Swartout
LES Secretary