

ROCK COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes
January 18, 2017 – 9:00 a.m.
Rock County Sheriff's Office – Large Conference Room

The 2016, 4th quarter meeting of the Rock County Traffic Safety Commission was held on Wednesday, January 18, 2018 at the Rock County Sheriff's Office at 9:00AM.

In attendance: Jude Maurer, Jim Holford, William Miller, Hank Brill, Randy Wiessinger, Madelyn Glaeden, Jeff Kuglitsch, Lisa Wallenkamp, Barb Abraham, Dennis Ryan, Ryan Mayar, Joe Davis and Patricia Swartout

Public attendance: Leonard Mueller Jr.

Absent: Robert Spoden, Gary Groelle, Shena Kohler, Madelyn Glaeden, Dan Molland, Tom Boguszewski

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

Introductions

Approval of Minutes

Barbara Abraham motioned to approve the minutes of October 19, 2016. The motion was seconded by Dennis Ryan. Motion passed unanimously

With the attendance of a public citizen, Capt. Maurer suggested the meeting agenda be altered. Mike Flesch motioned to move agenda item number 7, Public Input, to agenda item number 4, ahead of the crash review. Hank Brill seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Input

Leonard Mueller discussed his concern with the intersection of Wildwood and Hillside in the Town of Fulton. Mr. Mueller was a witness to the fatal accident which occurred in this same area in 2015. He asks that a traffic count be done to determine whether additional or improved signage is needed. Mr. Mueller advised he has brought his concerns to the Town of Fulton Board of Directors, however, the Board's decision was to abstain from any alterations to the area at this time. Capt. Maurer will reach out to Fulton Police Chief Tom Kunkel and inform Mr. Mueller of his findings.

Fatal Crash Review

- **October 6, 2016** – 2 vehicles/1 deceased – 46-year-old female. Northbound 51, Town of Fulton. Video reviewed. Medical Examiner Wallenkamp reports the decedent had a blood alcohol level of 0.336.

- **October 7, 2016** – 2 vehicles/2 deceased – 28-year-old male and 16-year-old female. Northbound Hwy 26 at on/off ramp. Video reviewed. Wrong way driving and alcohol both contributing factors. No safety restraint worn on male decedent. ME Wallenkamp reports the male decedent's blood alcohol level was 0.164.
- **October 28, 2016** – 1 vehicles/1 deceased – 55-year-old female. St. Lawrence and Garfield, Beloit. Video reviewed. ME Wallenkamp advised the decedent had an aortic aneurysm and had deceased prior to the crash.
- **November 10, 2016** – 3 vehicles/1 deceased – 37-year-old male. Parkside and Edge Hill Drives, Janesville. Speeding and alcohol both contributing factors to the crash. 71-year-old driver arrested. Deputy Chief Holford reports the driver had no recollection of the crash at the scene. ME Wallenkamp advised the driver had a blood alcohol level of .15.
- **December 19, 2016** – 2 vehicles/2 deceased – 75-year-old female and 57-year-old male. Spring Hill Dr., Janesville. Icy roads and speed too fast for conditions contributing factors. ME Wallenkamp reports blood tests are unavailable at this time.

Old Business

New Business

Ryan Mayer has been requested to review crash data and signage on Highway 14, north of Union, for consideration in changing the speed limit to 45 mph.

Hank Brill noted County Road J, south from County Road O, is in bad condition and needs repair.

Capt. Maurer reports a Rock County Deputy recently attended a Town of Turtle town meeting. The town board expressed concern with the lighting at the intersection of County Road S and County Road BT. The issue will be forwarded to Duane Jorgenson of the Highway Shop for review. Dennis Ryan noted if Alliant Energy poles are already in place at the intersection, additional lighting may be possible without much issue.

Joe Davis distributed the BOT's Anatomy of Traffic Safety for Rock County. Joe advised that in 90% of crashes, behavior patterns were the contributing factor. That being said, BOT is focusing on the 15 to 24-year-old age group, hoping to change those driving behavior patterns in promoting Zero in Wisconsin.

Set Next Meeting Date

The 2017 1st quarter Traffic Safety Committee meeting will be held at 9:00AM on Wednesday, April 19, 2017 at the Rock County Sheriff's Office.

Dennis Ryan motioned to adjourn the meeting. Hank Brill seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:18AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia Swartout