

ROCK COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

January 20, 2016 – 9:00 a.m.

Rock County Sheriff's Office – Small Conference Room

The 2015, 4th quarter meeting of the Rock County Traffic Safety Commission was held on Wednesday, January 20, 2016 at the Sheriff's Office at 9:00AM.

In attendance: Jude Maurer, Dan Molland, Duane Jorgenson, Mike Flesch, Brian Zaemisch, Hank Brill, Ryan Mayer, Corey Foster, Madelyn Glaeden, Jeff Kuglitsch, Dennis Ryan, Lisa Wallenkamp, Firoz Khflji, Anthony Winscher, Alan Siska, Andrew Melloch, Richard Arrowood, and Patricia Swartout

Absent: Robert Spoden, Tom Boguszewski, Ben Coopman, Barbara Abraham, Gary Groelle, Shena Kohler, and Barry Irmen

Capt. Maurer called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Introductions

Approval of Minutes

Madelyn Glaeden motioned to approve the minutes of October 21, 2015. The motion was seconded by Hank Brill. Motion passed unanimously.

At Capt. Maurer's request, Hank Brill motioned to move agenda item "Public Input" up in the meeting agenda to follow minute approval. Jeff Kuglitsch seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Input

Richard Arrowood, an Afton resident, presented his concerns with speed limits on County Road D/Afton Road. He noted that without stop signs and traffic lights, Afton Road has become a main thoroughfare to access Highway 51. Although speed limits vary along this road, from 35mph to 55mph, most vehicles are traveling at the 55mph speed at every stretch.

Ryan Mayer advised Mr. Arrowood that speed limits on county roads are adjusted by county, not state and that limits are set based on surroundings.

Duane Jorgenson noted a speed study had previously been done on County Road D in 2014. He suggested Mr. Arrowood bring this concern back to the Public Works Committee Meeting for discussion.

Jeff Kuglitsch requested a report on the number of incidents and citations for this area from 2014 to present. Capt. Maurer will provide this data at the next quarterly meeting. Capt. Maurer also stated RCSO patrol would be asked to provide special attention to Afton Road.

Mr. Arrowood also expressed his concern regarding visibility at the intersection of Highway D/Afton Road and Bypass 11. Ryan Mayer will look into Mr. Arrowood's concerns at this intersection.

Fatal Crash Review

- **November 1, 2015** –1 vehicle/1 fatality - 58 year old male. Video reviewed. Hwy H @ Fulton Dr. in Fulton Township. No roadway issues. No safety equipment used. Prescription drugs and 12 pack of beer found inside the vehicle. Currently an open case; Medical Examiner will report at the next quarterly meeting.
- **December 17, 2016** – 1 vehicle/1 fatality - 95 year old female. Video reviewed. Hwy J @ Elm Drive in Prairie Township. Seatbelts worn. Fatigue noted on report entered in error. 95 year old victim succumbed 9 days after crash due to injuries.

Old Business

As a number of fatal crashes over the past year have involved older citizens, Corey Foster inquired as to the committee's interest in a safe driving campaign targeting persons over the age of 50. Capt. Maurer's opinion was the committee not participate in such a campaign. Madelyn Glaeden suggested AARP or local motorcycle groups be a source of participation.

Ryan Mayer advised the signage on the east side of Highway 14 has been adjusted.

New Business

Corey Foster advised both seatbelt and speed enforcement grants are available.

Corey reported there were 561 crash fatalities across the state of Wisconsin in 2015. He also noted that House Bill AB-536SB-455, Fourth OWI Offenses has passed through one house. The bill would make a fourth offense OWI a felony, class H.

The next scheduled meeting of the Traffic Safety Committee will be held Wednesday, April 20, 2016 at the Rock County Sheriff's Office (large conference room).

Dennis Ryan motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mike Flesch seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:36 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia Swartout