

WINNEBAGO COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes – October 9th, 2024

Members Present:

Ron Timm – Winnebago County Sheriff's Office
Mike McGinley – Community Representative
Chris Gorte – Oshkosh Police Department
Kevin Kuklinski – Winnebago County Highway Department
Todd Rasmussen – WI DOT BOTS
Matt Albrecht – Menasha Police Department
Scott Morrison – Oshkosh Area School District
Kate Blackburn – ECWRPC
Mason Simmons – Wis DOT

Attendance and introductions

Meeting called to order at 9:00 A.M. by Chris Gorte. Members were recorded and collected. Motion made to approve the minutes from the July 10th, 2024 meeting.

Public Comment

None

Review of county-wide fatal traffic crashes

- 1) Menasha PD: De Pere Street 7/13/2024
Crash occurred around 8pm involving 2 vehicles, striking vehicle crossed center line and collided with second vehicle. Passenger of second vehicle was not wearing a seatbelt and died from injuries. Driver from first vehicle was arrested for OWI.

Round Table Discussion

Todd Rasmussen

Todd reported that Winnebago County has experienced less fatalities this year than last year at this time. Todd also reported that the BOTS is offering DRE training to police officers. There is also TIME training available coming up in the near future. Todd talked about the court case of Smith versus Arizona which talks about the accused being able to confront the lab tech in chemical testing cases, such as OWI's. This could be problematic for hospital staffs during court procedures.

Kevin Kuklinski

Kevin stated that highway projects are nearly done but Hwy I is taking longer than expected.

Scott Morrison

Scott discussed how driver's education funding is now available but how it is being disbursed is still uncertain.

Chris Gorte

Chris talked about electric bikes and scooters in the roadway. Basically, they are restricted on roadways above 25 mph unless there is a designated bike lane. All electric scooters and bikes need to stay to the far right of the roadway and are prohibited from being on the sidewalk. Definitions can be found in Wisconsin SS 340-01, 349.236 and 349.237. The City of Oshkosh has adopted the statute under city ordinance 27-66.4.

Next Meeting: January 8th, 2025 at 09:00 A.M. at the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office.

Motion made to adjourn. Motion carried.