

WINNEBAGO COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes – January 8th, 2025

Members Present:

Craig Quick – 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
Kathi Hegrane – ThedaCare
Macalister Crowe – BOTS
Kim Bradley – Wis Dot – NER
Robert Doemel – Highway Dept.

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 October 9th, 2024 meeting.

Public Comment

None

Review of county-wide fatal traffic crashes

- 1) Oshkosh PD: On W. 9th Ave at Graceland Dr., 10/02/2024
Motorcyclist traveling westbound at a high rate of speed struck a vehicle that was turning east from Graceland. Driver making the turning maneuver never saw the motorcyclist. Motorcyclist was known to drive at a high rate of speed in that area in the past. Motorcyclist was transported but died at the hospital. Was wearing helmet. No arrests or citations issued.
- 2) Oshkosh PD: On W. New York Ave at Algoma Blvd; 10/05/2024
Adult male was walking west in the street of W. New York Ave when a westbound vehicle struck the pedestrian. The pedestrian died at the scene. The vehicle left the scene but the driver was later arrested and charged with hit and run causing death.
- 3) WCSO: On CTY II at Clayton Ave; 10/22/2024
Northbound vehicle on Clayton Ave failed to stop at stop sign and struck motorcyclist traveling east on II. Investigation is ongoing.
- 4) WCSO: On HWY 21 at Leonard Point Rd; 11/06/2024
Westbound vehicle crossed centerline and struck eastbound vehicle

2025 Major Winnebago Road Construction Projects

Kim Bradley from the DOT report the following highway/road construction projects scheduled for 2025:

- Hwy 91 from Berlin to Oshkosh (resurfacing and culver replacing)
- Interstate 41 (resurfacing and cable work)
- Hwy 45/Main Street Bridge in Oshkosh Fall of '25
- Hwy 76 at Larson Road (single land round-a-bout)

Round Table Discussion

Todd Rasmussen

Wisconsin reported 560 fatalities in 495 crashes in 2024. In comparison, there were 563 fatalities in 512 crashes in 2023. In Winnebago county there were 14 fatalities in 13 crashes in 2024 and in 2023 the county experienced 12 fatalities in 11 crashes. Todd also reported an overall increase in work zone crashes.

Kathi Hegranes

Kathi reported that 4200 teens from 31 schools attended the FOCUS event. She encouraged police agencies to utilize the Choose Your Ride vehicle at local event. She also promoted the Buckle for a Cup event that is going on with Fox Crossing PD that rewards young drivers for good driving behavior. Kathi also talked about how her organization is training on Traumatic Bleeding.

Kate Blackburn

Kate stated that the Complete Streets Guidebook will soon be available to the public.

Rob Doemel

Rob reported out on various county highway projects which include Hwy E (Oakwood to FF) and Hwy M (44 to 91). He also stated that Hwy P will be under full construction next year.

Mike McGinley

Mike made a motion to support Wisconsin 2023 Act 86 which supports funding for low-income households to afford driver's education programs. A vote was taken of those present and all present voted yes. Follow up will be done to see if Winnebago County families are benefiting from Act 86.

Next Meeting: April 9th, 2025 at 09:00 A.M. at the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office.

Motion made to adjourn. Motion carried.