

WINNEBAGO COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes – July 9th, 2025

Members Present:

Craig Quick – Winnebago County Sheriff's Office
Jonathan Kressin – Winnebago County Sheriff's Office
Dan Miller – Straight Shot Express
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
Chris Colla – ECWRPC
Gerry Kaiser – City of Neenah
Ben Wyant – WI State Patrol
Mason Simmons – Wis DOT
Kathi Hegranes

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 April 9th, 2025 meeting.

Public Comment

None

Review of county-wide fatal traffic crashes

- 1) WCSO: On HWY 45 at HWY Y; 5/10/25. Single vehicle traveling NW, left the roadway and rolled coming to a stop on its roof in a muddy marsh area. Driver was deceased on scene. Driver was highly impaired.
- 2) WCSO: On HWY II at Neuman Ln; 5/12/25. Motorcyclist was traveling westbound and failed to negotiate the curve in the roadway. Motorcyclist was wearing helmet but did not survive injuries. Motorcyclist was impaired.
- 3) WCSO: On HWY E at Old E Road; 6/30/25. Motorcyclist was eastbound on HWY E with a passenger when a car traveling westbound went left of center and struck the motor. Both occupants of the motorcycle were ejected and died from their injuries. On going investigation.

2025 Major Winnebago Road Construction Projects

Mason Simmons from the DOT report the following highway/road construction projects

- HWY 441 Bridge will be under construction through October 2025
- HWY 76 and Larson Rd roundabout should be completed in October of 2025
- Interstate 41 maintenance project through October 2025

Kevin Kuklinski added the following County Highway projects

- HWY E construction should be finishing soon
- HWY M should be starting soon
- 15 “blow ups” on I-41 and HWY 10 due to extreme heat; all areas should be repaired

Round Table Discussion

Todd Rasmussen

Todd provided current crash statistics (see attached slides). He focused on wrong way drivers on divided highways and encouraged law enforcement to report these incidents even if they are not immediately observed.

Todd also mentioned the Governor’s Conference on Highway Safety that is scheduled for August 19-20 at the Kalahari Resort.

Ben Wyant

Ben stated that the State Patrol will have 9 total troopers in Winnebago County.

Kathi Hegranes

Kathi stated the FOCUS event will be October 15th and 16th this year at the PAC in Appleton. She is looking for 2 police officers to assist her in the program. She encouraged the group to utilize the Choose your Ride vehicle for local special events.

Jonathan Kressin

Jonathan reported to the group that his team has been successful in getting phone downloads for distracted drivers. He stated the download should be done within 72 hours of when it is seized and should be placed in airplane mode when taken from the suspect.

Dan Miller

Dan informed the group that the week of September 15th is Motor Carrier Safety Week. He also explained that he attends regular safety meetings at his company where they share fatality data as it relates to commercial vehicles.

Chris Colla

Chris informed the group that there are federal grants available for roadway safety.

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

Motion made to adjourn. Motion carried.