

WINNEBAGO COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes – July 10th, 2024

Members Present:

Lori Seiler – Winnebago County Sheriff's Office
Mike McGinley – Community Representative
Chris Gorte – Oshkosh Police Department
Kevin Kuklinski – Winnebago County Highway Department
Bob Doemel – Winnebago County Highway Department
Rick Olig – WI DOT BOTS
Todd Rasmussen – WI DOT BOTS
Matt Albrecht – Menasha Police Department
Scott Morrison – Oshkosh Area School District
Kate Blackburn – ECWRPC
Ben Wyatt – WI State Patrol
Kathi Hegranes – ThedaCare
Miriam Brabham – Wis DOT
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 April 10th, 2024 meeting.

Public Comment

None

Review of county-wide fatal traffic crashes

- 1) WCSO: Lake Butte Des Morts Dr at Westwind Road, 4/14/24: Operator of motorcycle was inexperienced and did not have a class M endorsement. Operator laid motorcycle down in the roadway and died from injuries. Was wearing a helmet. No other crashes in this area in past 5 years.
- 2) WCSO: Wayside Dr. at 2nd St. Rd, 5/7/24: Possible self-harm ideations and alcohol consumption by driver, BAC .155. No seatbelt by driver. No other fatal crashes in past 5 years.
- 3) WCSO: Bonnie View Rd at Hwy 44, 6/11/24: Two juveniles were operating a ATV in a field when they entered Bonnie View Road and where struck by a vehicle. Driver of the vehicle was deemed not to be at fault. Both juveniles were died from injuries sustained in the crash. No other crashes in this area in past 5 years.

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 State of Wisconsin has built a total of 305 roundabouts in the state which has reduced injury crashed by 88% in their respective locations. Todd also reported that there has been more deer versus motorcycle crashes in the state this year than in previous years.

Katy Hegranes

Kathy reminded everyone that the Choose your Ride Vehicle is available for events such as graduations, proms, and other special events to educate people about making safe choices. She is also looking for new speakers to participate in the FOCUS event that is scheduled this year for October 9-10th.

Kevin Kuklinski

Kevin stated pavement work on Hwy II is finished and now work on Hwy S is beginning.

Ben Wyatt

Ben stated that the State Patrol will have an extra squad available along I-41 during 7a-10a and 3p-7p.

Kate Blackburn

Kate stated that ECWRPC will have a booth at the Oshkosh Farmer's Market to get public comment/survey to promote transportation system in Oshkosh area.

Mason Simmons

Mason reported that the I-41 project is in full swing with lane closures. Bridge work on Butte Des Morts Bridge in Oshkosh to extend the life of the bridge.

Mike McGinley

Mike reminded the commission about the unanimous support of Wisconsin Legislature approving funding for low-income teens for free driver's education.

Next Meeting: October 9th, 2024 at 09:00 A.M. at the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office.

Motion made to adjourn. Motion carried.