

MINUTES
WASHINGTON COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

PRESENT: Norbert Neuser, Chairman; Jack Peters, Coordinator; Mike Panosh, D.O.T.-W.S.P.-BOTS; Ken Pesch; Tom Heydel, WI D.O.T.; Daniel Nysse, Washington County Highway Dept.; Lt. Marty Schulteis, Washington County Sheriff's Dept.; Bret Richards, Washington County Sheriff's Dept.; Deputy Jeffrey Schwitz, Washington County Sheriff's Dept.

ABSENT: Chief Dean Schmidt, Slinger Police Dept., Trooper Kris Perales, WI State Patrol, Sheriff Dale Schmidt, Washington County Sheriff's Dept.

CALL TO ORDER

The Washington County Traffic Safety Commission meeting of **September 1, 2010** was held at the Washington County Sheriff's Department, and was called to order by Chairman Norbert Neuser at 9:02 a.m.

The Traffic Safety Commission Meeting Minutes of **June 2, 2010** were approved as presented on the motion of Ken Pesch, and seconded by Jack Peters. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Washington County is now using the TRACS system (Traffic and Criminal Software). This system keeps track of 5-day warnings, written warnings, traffic and criminal citations, and traffic accidents with diagrams. Deputy Jeffrey Schwitz will demonstrate.

Deputy Jeffrey Schwitz demonstrated the Badger TRACS system to the Commission. The Deputies are now able to complete 5-day warnings, written warnings, traffic and criminal citations, and traffic accidents with diagrams from their squad cars. Deputy Schwitz advised the Wisconsin State Patrol has been using TRACS for a few years. The Department of Natural Resources will also be using TRACS.

From the beginning of the stop to the end of the stop after writing out the violation is approximately 15 minutes. Ten different violations or offenses can be entered on one violation notice. Squad cars are equipped with Thermo Jet printers and do not use ink. It is located in the passenger side front seat head rest. It replaces the stock head rest. The cost of printing is approximately six cents a page and more cost effective as the Deputies are able to complete the traffic stop quicker and safer. The driver will receive only his copy of the violation. Deputy's copy will be printed in-house.

TRACS is able to log all information needed, effective January 1, 2011, for racial profiling for every passenger in the vehicle. TRACS has the ability to auto-populate from a warning to a citation and/or the accident form. All personal information and vehicle information will be transferred into another document saving the Deputy time on the stop. The violation will need to be inputted by the Deputy. When an accident report is completed, there is a diagram drawing program available. Several intersections within Washington County have been added into the program.

REVIEW OF FATAL ACCIDENTS

There were seven fatalities in Washington County for the year.

On August 26, 2010 a 17 year old West Bend girl was traveling northbound on Wildwood Drive. A full size pickup truck was following her vehicle northbound on Wildwood Drive. The truck was being driven by a 34 year old man from the City of George West, Texas. When the girl reached the intersection with Beaver Dam Road, she appears to have attempted a sudden U-turn at Beaver Dam Road. As she turned her vehicle in the intersection, her vehicle was struck on the driver's side by the northbound pickup truck.

The girl was pronounced dead at the scene by the Washington County Medical Examiner. Her 18 year old male passenger from West Bend was treated by West Bend Rescue at the scene and transported to St. Joseph's Hospital. He was then transported to Froedtert Hospital by Flight for Life with internal injuries.

The truck driver was treated by West Bend Rescue at the scene and transported to St. Joseph's Hospital for neck and back injuries. There were no passengers in the pickup truck.

REPORTS AND OTHER BUSINESS PERTINENT TO THE COMMISSION

There were no reports.

Daniel Nysse reported to the Commission all digital plans available in Washington County highways archives are now accessible on the Washington County website for review.

ADJOURN

The Commission Meeting was adjourned at 10:29 a.m. upon motion by Jack Peters, and seconded by Norbert Neuser. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be held on **December 1, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.** in a meeting room at the Washington County Sheriff's Department.

Respectfully submitted,
Lt. John C. Peters, Coordinator