



**TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION  
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**MINUTES  
WASHINGTON COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION  
MARCH 6, 2013**

**PRESENT:** Jack Peters, Coordinator; Tom Wondra, Washington County Highway Dept.; Daniel Nysse, Washington County Highway Dept.; Ken Pesch; Andrea Loeffelholz, UW-TIC; Sheriff Dale Schmidt, Washington County Sheriff's Dept.; Norbert Neuser, Chairman; Tom Heydel, Wisconsin D.O.T.; Matthew Aslesen, Wisconsin D.O.T.-BOTS

**EXCUSED:** Dean Schmidt, Slinger Police Dept.

**GUESTS:** Dave Rank, West Bend Daily News; John Reblin

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Washington County Traffic Safety Commission meeting of **March 6, 2013** 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 **September 5, 2012** were approved as presented on the motion by Ken Pesch, seconded by Jack Peters. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Representative Jim Ott of the Wisconsin Legislature asks us to review the enclosed six (6) OWI bills and provide him with any suggestions, questions, and/or concerns. See Attachments.

After a discussion, Jack Peters made the motion to support tougher penalties for OWI, seconded by Sheriff Dale Schmidt. Motion carried. Sheriff Dale Schmidt will contact Jim Ott.

Andrea Loeffelholz will present a program about Community Mapping.

Andrea Loeffelholz presented the program of Community Mapping to the Commission. A handout of information was given to the Commission. This item has been tabled until the next meeting due to Internet access unavailability.

Ken Pesch asks if a member of Highway Department can comment on completion of HY 60 between Slinger and Jackson, and HY 60 roundabout at CTY TK G, and any other significant road construction for 2013.

Tom Wondra presented to the Commission the following information for 2013 road construction:

Project Name	Roadway Name	Limits	Distance (Miles)	Estimated Construction Date
2013 County Paving Project Open to traffic	CTH M	CTH MY to CTH H	4.09	April 29-July 12
	CTH K	Peacefull Hills Road to STH 144	0.80	April 29-July 13
	CTH W	STH 33 to CTH D	3.36	April 29-July 14
	CTH W	CTH H to STH 28	1.01	April 29-July 15
	CTH P	Sherman Road to STH 60	1.06	April 29-July 16
STH 33 Reconstruction Open to traffic	STH 33	USH 41 to CTH Z	4.82	April-October
STH 144 Box Culvert Closed to traffic	STH 144	1000 FT North of CTH A	N/A	September-October
2013 County Sealcoating	CTH E	STH 83 to STH 164	5.02	June 17-21
	CTH H	US 45 to STH 144	4.03	June 17-22
	CTH O	Dodge County line to STH 83	2.41	June 17-23
	STH 164	3500 FT North	0.66	June 17-24

Tom Wondra reported the STH 60 roundabout at CTY TK G is complete with no complaints, and STH 60 between Slinger and Jackson was done on time and completed.

Ken Pesch asks for an update on the County's radio system.

Sheriff Dale Schmidt reported the initial system project is completed. The County Board has approved a consultant to study it and recommend any improvements. There are about 10,000 transmissions a day.

Tom Heydel will comment on time table and revisions to HY 164.

Tom Heydel submitted to the Commission some information regarding the project. A public information meeting was held on February 14, 2013. Real estate acquisition is anticipated to begin in the summer of 2013. For more project information visit the project website: <http://www.dot.wi.gov/projects/seregiion/164/>.

The plan is for construction in 2016. They will not be widening it to four lanes. They will be cutting down four hills at Shady Lane, Monches, Pleasant Hill, and HY 167 due to sight distance criteria to improve safety significantly. They will be improving the intersections by adding turn lanes and bypass lanes throughout the corridor. They will flatten out the steep slopes. A cul de sac will be constructed at the southern end of Shady Lane. Signalized and roundabout intersection alternatives were being considered. Presently it will be a roundabout. There are four alternatives being considered for shifting HY 164 to the west at Pleasant Hill Road. Center line and shoulder rumbles will also be completed. The speed limits would remain the same with this project. Eighty percent of the funding for design and construction would come from federal

sources and state funding would pay the remaining 20 percent. The estimated construction cost for this project is \$13 million.

### **REVIEW OF FATAL ACCIDENTS**

There were 19 fatalities in Washington County for 2012.

On 09/08/2012 Helen Woznick, DOB 12/20/1973, died as a result of a two vehicle accident (second vehicle no contact) in the Town of Polk. Helen was the driver of the fatality listed previously with Timothy Jerdee.

On 09/14/2013 Courtney Laack, DOB 09/09/1991, died as a result of a two vehicle accident involving a cement truck and passenger car in the Town of Erin. The vehicle Courtney was in was traveling southbound on STH 83, the driver of the vehicle had his left turn signal on as they were approaching West Waterford Road. They were being followed by a cement truck as they approached the intersection, the cement truck started to pass on the right. Just then the driver of the vehicle abruptly turned right on to CTH E rather than go left on to West Waterford Road. The cement truck braked when he saw the vehicle was turning right, but was unable to avoid a collision. The collision occurred on the passenger's side where Courtney was riding. The vehicle then started on fire. The driver of the vehicle was able to escape, however, he was not able to get Courtney out in time. Courtney was pronounced dead at the scene. Courtney was wearing her seatbelt.

On 09/26/2012 Andrew Oehler, DOB 12/12/1990, died as a result of a car vs. motorcycle accident on STH 167 at the entrance to Richfield Truck Stop. On STH 167 .10 of a mile west of USH 41, in the Village of Richfield, Andrew was driving westbound on STH 167 behind a large truck and trailer. The large truck was in the turn lane and turned north into the Richfield Truck Stop. At that time another vehicle pulled out of the Richfield Truck Stop planning to go eastbound on STH 167. However, when they pulled out to go eastbound they pulled out right in front of the motorcycle. Andrew was ejected from the motorcycle, transported to Community Memorial Hospital, where he was later pronounced deceased. Andrew was not wearing a helmet.

On 10/14/2012 Angel Luis Medina, DOB 07/14/1948, died as a result of an auto vs. pedestrian accident. Angel was walking with his dog in the southbound lane of CTH K .1 of a mile north of Patton Drive (City of Hartford) when he was struck by a southbound vehicle. It was raining at the time of the accident and the roadway was not illuminated. Angel was transported to Aurora Medical Center, where he was later pronounced deceased. Alcohol or excessive speeds are not believed to be contributing factors.

On 10/30/2012 Gerald Malsom, DOB 08/31/1945, died as a result of a vehicle vs. pedestrian accident. This occurred at the 700 block on South Main Street in the City of West Bend. Gerald was transported to the hospital and on October 31, 2012 Gerald succumbed to his injuries. This investigation was handled by the City of West Bend Police Department.

On 11/11/2012 Marjean Boots, DOB 06/20/1955, died as a result of a vehicle vs. bicycle with injuries accident, which occurred on November 6, 2012. Marjean was riding her bicycle and entered the intersection at South Indiana Avenue and East Kilbourn Avenue in the City of West Bend. Marjean was struck by a northbound vehicle. Officers arrived and found Marjean laying in the intersection with her bike at her feet. She was conscious at the time of their arrival. However, went unconscious just as West Bend Fire/EMS arrived and took over patient care. This investigation was handled by the City of West Bend Police Department.

On 12/25/2012 Pamela Matenaer, DOB 05/09/1956, died as a result of a three vehicle accident on Fond du Lac Avenue 200 feet South of Roseland Drive in the Village of Kewaskum. Pamela was a passenger in the backseat of the vehicle traveling southbound on Fond du Lac Avenue when it was struck head on by a vehicle traveling northbound. It was determined the northbound vehicle was traveling at a high rate of speed just prior to the accident. Pamela was flighted from the scene and on 12/25/2012 succumbed to her injuries. Washington County Recon was called to assist at the scene. Alcohol and speed appear to be contributing factors. This investigation was handled by the Kewaskum Police Department with the assistance of the Washington County Sheriff's Department Recon Unit.

There were 3 fatalities in Washington County for 2013.

On 01/01/2013 Jeffrey Hasby, DOB 03/27/1984, died as a result of a two vehicle accident on STH 164 South of Pioneer Road in the Village of Richfield. Jeffrey was traveling northbound on STH 164 when a southbound vehicle made a passing maneuver striking Jeff's vehicle head-on in the northbound lane. Jeff was fatally injured as a result of the accident and his passenger was transported via Flight for Life. Jeffrey was not wearing a seatbelt and was trapped/extricated from the vehicle.

On 01/01/2013 Billy Cleveland, DOB 08/03/1952, died as a result of a one vehicle rollover accident on CTH C at Hillside Road in the Town of Polk. Billy was traveling northbound on CTH C and was not able to negotiate a curve at the above intersection. His vehicle rolled on its roof and he was partially ejected. He was not wearing a seatbelt. He was pronounced deceased at the scene.

On 01/31/2013 Diane Polsin, DOB 12/05/1975, died as a result of a one vehicle accident on Lake Bernice Drive .2 of a mile north of Western Lane in the Town of Wayne. Diane was the sole occupant in the vehicle and was traveling northbound on Lake Bernice Drive and for an undetermined reason at this point veered off of the roadway into the east ditch line. Her vehicle then slid sideways through the ditch making contact with several trees and an electrical pole prior to rolling onto its roof and coming to rest in an easterly direction. Diane was trapped/pinned in the vehicle due to the damage as a result of the accident. Diane was pronounced deceased at the scene. Alcohol appears to be a factor.

#### **REPORTS AND OTHER BUSINESS PERTINENT TO THE COMMISSION**

The Commission welcomed Matthew Aslesen as our new regional representative from DOT-BOTS.

Matthew Aslesen submitted to the Commission the fatalities by date. 2012 was the most fatal year since 2008. There were 600 fatalities on Wisconsin roadways. Since September there were 81 fatalities, which was the most fatal month.

2012 Fatalities		2011 Fatalities	
Bicyclist	10	Bicyclist	12
Driver	309	Driver	319
MC Driver	101	MC Driver	77
MC Passenger	13	MC Passenger	7
Passenger	123	Passenger	90
Pedestrian	43	Pedestrian	57
Unknown	0	Unknown	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>564</b>

2013 Fatalities		2012 Fatalities	
Bicyclist	0	Bicyclist	0
Driver	50	Driver	56
MC Driver	0	MC Driver	0
MC Passenger	0	MC Passenger	0
Passenger	14	Passenger	22
Pedestrian	8	Pedestrian	3
Unknown	0	Unknown	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>81</b>

Matthew Aslesen will report on the OWI statistics at the next meeting. Sheriff Dale Schmidt reported there were 223 arrests in Washington County in 2012.

**Legislation**

There was no legislation to report.

**Other Business**

Tom Heydel updated the Commission on the systematic safety projects D.O.T. is funding statewide. In 2012 signs have been replaced with a more fluorescent sheeting, stop ahead, signal ahead, crossroad warnings, and exit speed limits off freeway road signs, any of the signs that were older than five years old were replaced. Grooved and epoxy was completed on some roadways. In 2013 for each region there was a report. D.O.T. worked off of a certain budget to complete as much as they could. Some curves were flagged and they will be adding chevrons, delineators, grooved in and epoxy, and center line rumbles through curves, along with the

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flashing yellow arrows for left turns, and cross road signs within Washington County. The Washington County Highway Department is also participating by contract.

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**ADJOURN**

The Commission Meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m. upon motion by Jack Peters, and seconded by Sheriff Dale Schmidt. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be held on **June 5, 2013 at 9:00 a.m.** in a meeting room at the Washington County Sheriff's Department.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lt. John C. Peters, Coordinator  
JPC/mew  
quarterly traffic safety minutes 03/06/2013