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MINUTES
WASHINGTON COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

PRESENT: Jack Peters, Coordinator; Chris Walter, Washington County Highway Dept.; Norbert Neuser, Chairman; Sheriff Dale Schmidt, Washington County Sheriff's Dept.; Ken Pesch; Tom Heydel, Wisconsin D.O.T.; Dean Schmidt, Slinger Police Dept.; Matthew Aslesen, Wisconsin D.O.T.-BOTS

GUESTS: Linda McAlpine, West Bend Daily News; Andrea Loeffelholz, UW-TIC; Joseph Gonnering, Public Safety Committee

CALL TO ORDER

The Washington County Traffic Safety Commission meeting of **September 4, 2013** was held at the Washington County Sheriff's Department, and was called to order by Chairman Norbert Neuser at 9:03 a.m.

The Traffic Safety Commission Meeting Minutes of **March 6, 2013** were approved as presented on the motion by Ken Pesch, seconded by Jack Peters. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Andrea Loeffelholz will present a program about Community Mapping.

Andrea Loeffelholz presented the program of Community Mapping to the Commission.

Norbert Neuser requested input from the Commission regarding HY 144 just north of CTY TK H there are skid marks there and a guard rail is pushed back. Chris Walter will check into the movement of the guard rail. Sheriff Schmidt was not aware of a crash.

Norbert Neuser also commented on roundabouts that the State was giving the City more input or some input about whether roundabouts will be put in. Matthew Aslesen advised there are two bills working through the Assembly and the House. Both bills would require local municipalities to approve the installation of a roundabout in the State the D.O.T. is looking at installing. Matthew is checking on any action in the committees, but it has not been assigned into law yet. Tom Heydel reported the legislation bills are to have the final analysis made by the Community not D.O.T. No action was taken by this Commission.

NEW BUSINESS

Sheriff Dale Schmidt would like a discussion on unusually hazardous transportation plans for schools and possible changes in the criteria.

Sheriff Schmidt submitted to the Commission the Transportation to Public Schools handout. There was a discussion by the Commission members to change the criteria in the Statute. A motion was made by Ken Pesch that this Committee not attempt to review this legislation. Jack Peters seconded motion. Motion carried.

Ken Pesch would like our input into Assembly Speaker Vos's bill to increase the speed limit on Wisconsin freeways to 70 mph.

There was a discussion by the Commission members. No action was taken by this Commission.

Ken Pesch would like discussion on crosswalk laws and enforcement. The Milwaukee Journal had an article on Saturday, August 17, 2013, on Page 1B about Milwaukee's participation in an FHWA study on the effectiveness of round versus square flashing becons at crosswalks that Tom Heydel could discuss.

Tom Heydel was unfamiliar with this article. Ken Pesch advised the becons are installed in the pavement at crosswalks that flash very rapidly when someone is in the sidewalk. Ken reported the video looked very effective in stopping vehicles when someone is in the crosswalk. Tom reported there are several Federal Highway studies completed, for example the rectangular flash becons. It all comes down to application and where they are used; there have been mixed results. Tom reported the pavement becons were used a long time ago in Wisconsin, but did not stand up well to maintenance. Milwaukee may be using the becons again to see if they will withstand maintenance. Tom reported he is aware Milwaukee is participating in a Federal Highway study, but is not aware of the device and how they are completing the study.

Jack Peters will discuss the August 2013 Governor's Conference on Highway Safety.

Jack Peters reported to the Commission on the Governor's Conference in Stevens Point, Wisconsin.

Sheriff Dale Schmidt will discuss a new Coordinator as I (Jack Peters) am resigning after this meeting as I feel I have outlived my effectiveness.

Sheriff Schmidt has notified the County Board Chair of Jack Peters' resignation/retirement of Coordinator/Secretary for the Washington County Traffic Safety Commission. The Coordinator/Secretary will need to be appointed by this Commission. This was tabled until the December meeting.

The Washington County Traffic Safety Commission would like to commend Jack Peters for his many years of service with the Commission. The Commission thanks you, Jack, for all your knowledge and the contributions you have given. You will be deeply missed. Best of luck on your retirement.

REVIEW OF FATAL ACCIDENTS

There were 4 fatalities in Washington County for 2013.

On 03/22/13 Dustin Heyn, 12/14/1982, succumbed to his injuries as a result of a two vehicle accident at the intersection of HY 33 and CTY TK M in the Town of Trenton on 03/13/2013. Dustin was traveling southbound on CTY TK M and neglected to stop at the stop sign when entering the intersection at HY 33. As he went through the intersection he was struck by an eastbound semi. Dustin was critically injured and taken to Froedtert Hospital.

REPORTS AND OTHER BUSINESS PERTINENT TO THE COMMISSION

Matthew Aslesen submitted to the Commission the Year-To-Date Traffic Deaths and Fatal Crashes as of 08/26/13.

2013 Fatalities		2012 Fatalities	
Bicyclist	9	Bicyclist	8
Driver	186	Driver	201
MC Driver	54	MC Driver	64
MC Passenger	2	MC Passenger	10
Passenger	52	Passenger	83
Pedestrian	24	Pedestrian	25
Unknown	7	Unknown	0
Total Fatalities	334	Total Fatalities	391
Total Crashes	310	Total Crashes	342

Legislation

Matthew Aslesen submitted to the Commission the 2013-2014 Legislative Session Bills of Interest to the Wisconsin Traffic Safety Community.

Other Business

Matthew Aslesen reported to the Commission on the OWI statistics. Sheriff Dale Schmidt reported there were 223 arrests in Washington County in 2012. The following OWI grants in Washington County have been targeted:

Germantown Police Department:	$20,000.00
Hartford Police Department:	$10,000.00
Town of Hartford Police Department:	$10,000.00
Washington County Sheriff's Office:	$30,000.00
West Bend Police Department:	$15,000.00
Town of West Bend Police Department:	$15,000.00

Norbert Neuser requested information on bicycle legislation laws. Matthew Aslesen will report at the next meeting.

Sheriff Schmidt requested the basic criteria for grants. Matthew Aslesen will report at the next meeting.

Tom Heydel reported Village of Jackson law enforcement requested left turn lane pavement markings on HY 60 at Jackson Avenue. Tom advised they added an exclusive left turn lane. Tom asked if there were any comments or if it was working o.k. Sheriff Schmidt reported there have not been any additional problems that he is aware of or Jackson would have contacted the Commission or D.O.T.

Chris Walter reported to the Commission HY 144 north of CTY TK A will be closed for a replacement of a box culvert the week of September 9 and possibly as long as November 15.

Chris Walter also reported the Highway Department will be replacing about 14 culverts, which will not include road closures, but are part of their scope of roads being paved for next year. CTY TK Z south of HY 33 was started September 3. Most of them are on CTY TK Z and on CTY TK D, CTY TK W, and CTY BB south of the county line.

ADJOURN

The Commission Meeting was adjourned at 11:19 a.m. upon motion by Jack Peters. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be held on **December 4, 2013 at 9:00 a.m.** in a meeting room at the Washington County Sheriff's Department.

For agenda items, please contact Merrilu Wright by email merrilu.wright@co.washington.wi.us or telephone (262) 335-4381.

Respectfully submitted,
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