

MANITOWOC COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

July 16, 2019

Manitowoc County Sheriff's Office

Present: Scott Nelson, Jason Orth, Robert Barbier, Marc Holsen, Steven Denzien, Barb Herrmann, Joe Collins, Dan Hartwig, Andrew Hyer, Michael Panosh, Michael Polich, and Holly Herzog.

Excused: Allan Hibbard

Also Present: Anna Schenk and Robert Tylo, BOTS

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 10:01 a.m. by Chairman Jason Orth.

Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes as submitted by Dan Hartwig, second by Joe Collins; motion carried.

Public Input: None

Site Evaluations: Village of Kellnersville requesting 4-way stop at CORD K and CORD T. Correspondence was received from the Village of Kellnersville along with a petition requesting additional stop signs at the intersection of CORD K and CORD T. The speed limit on CORD T is 35 mph. There are visibility obstructions at this intersection including a hill, funeral home, and restaurant requiring vehicles to pull forward to see on-coming traffic. Scott Nelson stated regulations require 300 vehicles per hour for 8 hours on the main road and 200 vehicles per hour on the side road. Regulations also state 5 or more crashes in a one year period. This location would not meet those requirements. Visibility is not taken into consideration by the regulations. There is a similar intersection in the Village of Maribel where CORD Z and CORD T meet and this intersection is a 4-way stop.

Marc Holsen stated additional signage could be added, but the cost and maintenance of any electrical signage would be the responsibility of the village. Matter tabled until the next meeting to give the Village and citizens the opportunity to attend.

DOT Update Report from WI DOT-BOTS Representative: Mike Panosh reported that the Oral Fluids Project is underway and is a little behind projections on samples taken. The sample period may be extended and agencies are encouraged to try and submit more samples.

There are no special enforcement grants for Manitowoc County this year. Grants are awarded based on the number of accidents and severity. Not getting any grants means that Manitowoc County is doing well.

Statewide fatalities are down at 241 in 2019 as compared to 298 in 2018. Last year in June there were 63 versus 40 in 2019.

The Governor's Conference will take place next month.

Robert Tylo a BOTS Analyst spoke about data collection and trying to provide more information to the counties. Two charts were distributed and discussed. Suggestions were made to Robert about information that would be useful including the correlation between special enforcement efforts and how long it takes to get back to the baseline.

Recent Fatalities:

05/03/19 at Ucker Point Creek Road .49 miles E of Steinthal Road. Accident occurred on a curve with warning signs. Speed and alcohol were contributing factors. Driver was not wearing a seatbelt when he left the roadway and struck a tree.

05/08/19 on STHY 310 WB .73 miles E of Woodland Dr. This crash occurred at 2:32 pm on a rainy afternoon. Vehicle drifted off roadway, struck an embankment and overturned. An 80 YO female in the backseat was not wearing a seatbelt and died several days later. Driver was not impaired.

06/26/19 on USHY 151 NB 777 feet E of CORD CS. Unit 1 was drastically left of center and collided with a loaded cement truck. Crash remains under investigation.

07/14/19 on USHY 10 EB 490 feet E of CORD W. Crash occurred at 3:22 am as pedestrian was walking on the south side of USHY 10 in the dark. Road is flat and level. Crash is under investigation awaiting toxicology reports for pedestrian and driver.

Other Business: Jason Orth reported that he attended the regional traffic safety meeting. It was suggested at this meeting that local traffic safety programs be proactive, encourage community involvement, and put out more news releases to help gain voluntary compliance. The committee also discussed promoting seatbelt usage, information about alcohol and drug use, and reducing distracted driving. Construction zone safety was also discussed.

Next Meeting: October 15, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at the Manitowoc County Sheriff's Office.

A motion to adjourn at 10:56 am by Joe Collins, second Dan Hartwig; motion carried.

Submitted by: Holly Herzog, Secretary