

# UNAPPROVED MINUTES

## Clark County Highway Safety Committee

The meeting was held on Tuesday, June 21, 2016 in the Clark County Sheriff's Office Law Enforcement Training Room (309).

### Call to Order

Chief Deputy Hirsch called the meeting to order at 9:01 AM.

### Roll Call

Committee Members Present: Charles Ramberg, Sergeant/Interim Patrol Captain; Greg Herrick, Sheriff; Allan Hoesly, Educator; Patrick Kraetke, State Patrol; Steven Bachman, Wisconsin DOT Traffic Engineer; Randy Wiessinger Wisconsin DOT/BOTS Liaison.

Committee Members Absent: Randy Anderson, Highway Commissioner; Jason Bakken, State Patrol; Dennis Buchholz, Highway Operations Manager; Francis Carl, Medicine; Scott Jalling, Citizen; Robert Bott, Regional Program Manager for Wisconsin State Patrol/Bureau of Transportation Safety (WSP/BOTS); Bruce Sautebin, Law.

Other in Attendance: Diane Evans Stasko, Wisconsin Association of Women Highway Safety Leaders.

### Minutes

Motion by Sheriff Greg Herrick, seconded by Allen Hoesly to approve the Tuesday, March 15, 2016 meeting minutes. Voice vote with all "aye"; motion carried.

### Bureau of Transportation Safety

Randy Wiessinger reviewed the following information for members to review:

- Fatality Report
  - Daily Fatality Report
    - 247 as of June 20, 2016
    - 236 fatalities YTD 2015
  - Weekly Report
    - 5-year average is 217 as of June 20, 2016
- Anatomy of Traffic Safety – Clark County Packet from Bureau of Transportation Safety 6-17-2016

### State Highway Engineer

Steven Bachman discussed the following:

- Constructions update on State Highway 29

## **Other Statistics/Reports**

Nothing at this time.

## **Area Safety Concerns**

Nothing at this time.

## **County Fatality Update**

Sergeant Charles Ramberg reported six (6) fatalities since our last meeting:

- On March 23, 2016 at approximately 6:44 AM, a 49 year-old man was traveling south on Shiners Road, south of Walkers Road, in the Township of Mentor, when the motorcycle he was driving struck a deer. The operator of the motorcycle lost control and was ejected. The motorcycle and operator were found near other on the roadway. The deer was located in a nearby ditch. Alcohol and speed were not factors; the motorcyclist was not wearing a helmet.
- On April 2, 2016 at approximately 5:47 PM, a 23 year-old woman was traveling east on Granton Road by Pray Avenue, in the Township of Grant, when the van she was driving lost control on a patch of mixed snow, slush, and ice. The van then entered the north ditch and tipped onto its passenger side causing the top of the van to strike a tree, collapsing the passenger compartment. The operator of the van was flown by helicopter to St. Joseph's Hospital for her injuries. The other occupants, her two children, a three (3) year old girl and five (5) year old girl were pronounced dead at the scene. Alcohol was not a factor; speed and road conditions were factors. A seatbelt was worn by the driver, but the two children were not restrained.
- On April 2, 2016 at approximately 6:50 PM, a 53 year-old male was traveling west on Pine Street, in the township of Mayville, when he failed to stop at the stop sign at Hi Line Avenue. The vehicle entered the intersection and was hit on the passenger side by a truck that was unable to avoid the collision. The truck was driven by a 44 year-old male, who was traveling south. Both vehicles came to rest on their sides in the west ditch. The 53 year-old male was pronounced dead at the scene. The driver and the four (4) occupants of the truck were transported to St. Joseph's Hospital for non-life threatening injuries. Alcohol was a factor in the accident. The 44 year-old driver and the occupants of the truck were all wearing seatbelts, but the 53 year-old male was not wearing a seatbelt.
- On April 9, 2016, at approximately 10:59 PM, a 29 year-old man was traveling east on State Highway 29 by Sterling Avenue, in the Township of Withee, when the vehicle struck a driverless horse and buggy head-on that was traveling west. The horse and buggy freed itself from where it was tied up earlier that evening. The vehicle came to rest after entering the grass area of the median. The driver of the vehicle was pronounced dead at the scene. Alcohol was not a factor; a seatbelt was worn.
- On June 18, 2016, at approximately 1:23 AM, a 21 year-old man was traveling north on Badger Avenue by County Highway A, in the township of Mayville, when he lost control of the truck he was driving. The vehicle entered the east ditch and struck two trees, collapsing the passenger compartment. The operator was airlifted to the St. Joseph's Hospital in Marshfield for life threatening injuries. He was pronounced dead at the hospital. Alcohol was a factor in the accident. He was wearing a seatbelt.

## **Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for 9 AM on Tuesday, September 20, 2016 at the Clark County Sheriff's Office Training Room (309).

## **Public Comment**

None at this time.

## **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn by Allen Hoesly, seconded by Sheriff Greg Herrick. Voice vote with all "aye"; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 AM.

*Submitted by:*

*Jim Hirsch*

*Chief Deputy*

*Clark County Sheriff's Office*