

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

Clark County Highway Safety Committee

The meeting was held on March 20, 2018 in the Clark County Sheriff's Office Law Enforcement Training Room (309).

Call to Order

Chief Deputy Hirsch called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

Roll Call

Committee Members Present: Jim Hirsch, Chief Deputy; Charles Ramberg, Patrol Captain; Greg Herrick, Sheriff; Allan Hoesly, Educator; Jeremy McNulty, State Patrol; Rick Olig; Wisconsin DOT/BOTS Liaison; and Steven Bachman, Wisconsin DOT Traffic Engineer.

Committee Members Absent: Brian Duell, Highway Commissioner; Dennis Buchholz, Highway Operations Manager; Francis Carl, Medicine; Scott Jalling, Citizen; and Bruce Sautebin, Law;

Other in Attendance: Diane Stasko, Wisconsin Association Women's Highway Safety Leaders (WAWHSL)

Minutes

Motion by Allan Hoesly, seconded by Greg Herrick to approve the minutes of the December 19, 2017 meeting. Voice vote with all "aye"; motion carried.

Bureau of Transportation Safety

Rick Olig reviewed the following information for members to review:

- Fatality Report
 - Crashes
 - 92 crashes YTD 2017
 - 94 crashes YTD 2018
 - Daily Fatality Report
 - 102 fatalities YTD 2017
 - 103 fatalities YTD 2018

He also stated that Clark County has mapped 124 crashes out of 139 crashes so far in 2018 in the Community Maps.

State Highway Engineer

Steven Bachman discussed the following:

- Two (2) projects starting this year:
 - Chip Seal from Greenwood to State Highway 29 will start July 13th
 - Resurfacing and bridge work from east of State Highway 73 on Meridian Avenue to County Line does not have a start date yet

Other Statistics/Reports

None at this time.

Area Safety Concerns

None at this time.

County Fatality Update

Patrol Captain Ramberg reported two (2) fatalities since our last meeting:

- On January 10, 2018, at approximately 5:53 PM, a 57 year old woman was traveling east on CTH GG, by Bachelors Ave, in the Township of Hendren, when her vehicle struck the rear end of a tractor driven by a 70- year old male who was also traveling eastbound. The truck came to rest in the east bound lane and the tractor stopped immediately after being struck. The driver of the tractor was transported by ambulance to the Neillsville Memorial Medical Center for non-life threatening injuries. The female driver of the vehicle was pronounced dead at the scene. She was not wearing her seatbelt. Speed and weather conditions appear to be the factors in the accident.
- On February 24, 2018, at approximately 8:49 AM, a pickup truck, being driven by an 84 year old man was westbound on State Highway 29 when he signaled a right hand turn as he approached French Town Avenue, in the township of Longwood. A milk truck driven by a 51 year old man was traveling behind the truck and moved into the left lane to pass. The driver of the pickup truck discovered he was turning the wrong way on French Town Avenue and decided to turn left from the right lane in front of the milk truck. The milk truck then struck the pickup truck on the driver's side and both vehicles entered the median. The driver of the pick-up truck was pronounced dead at the scene. The passengers were a 50 year old male who was not injured, two 16 year olds, one with minor injuries and the other with serious injuries, and an 18 year old with minor injuries. The 16 year old with serious injuries was transported by ambulance to Marshfield Medical Center. The driver of the milk truck was not injured. Both drivers and the 50 year old passenger were all wearing seatbelts. The two 16 year olds and the 18 year old were not wearing seatbelts. Failure to Yield the Right of Way and Improper Turn appear to be the factors in the accident.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for 9 AM on June 19, 2018 at the Clark County Sheriff's Office Training Room (309).

Public Comment

None at this time.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Allan Hoesly, seconded by Greg Herrick. Voice vote with all "aye"; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:44 AM.

*Submitted by:
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