

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

Clark County Highway Safety Committee

The meeting was held on December 18, 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 9:01 AM.

Roll Call

Committee Members Present: Brian Duell, Highway Commissioner; Jim Hirsch, Chief Deputy; Francis Carl, Medicine; Charles Ramberg, Patrol Captain; Allan Hoesly, Educator; Rick Olig, Wisconsin DOT/BOTS Liaison; Carl Rowan, State Patrol; Jon Luck, State Patrol; and Steven Bachman, Wisconsin DOT Traffic Engineer.

Committee Members Absent: Dennis Buchholz, Highway Operations Manager; Greg Herrick, Sheriff; Scott Jalling, Citizen; Jeremy McNulty, State Patrol; and Bruce Sautebin, Law.

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

Minutes

Motion by Allan Hoesly, seconded by Steven Bachman to approve the minutes of the September 18, 2018 meeting with the correction of Allan Hoesly's name added under "Committee Members Present". Voice vote with all "aye"; motion carried.

Bureau of Transportation Safety

Rick Olig reviewed the following information for members to review:

- Fatality Report
 - Daily Fatality Report
 - 496 Fatality Crashes YTD 2018
 - 524 Fatality Crashes YTD 2017
 - 552 Fatalities YTD 2018
 - 577 Fatalities YTD 2017
 - 5-year average is Seven (7) Fatalities for Clark County
 - Six (6) Fatalities for Clark County as of YTD 2018

He also stated that the Drive Sober Motivation has started. Clark County did not participate as of yet.

State Highway Engineer

Steven Bachman stated there was nothing new to report.

Other Statistics/Reports

None at this time.

Area Safety Concerns

Highway Commissioner Brian Duell discussed two (2) safety concerns:

The Highway Department is looking to get portable rumble strips for construction sites. The department will like to coordinate with State Patrol to do patrolling around the construction sites. They did the patrol for construction on Highway 29 for the bridge work and it seemed to go well.

The ATV route ordinance for all county highways to allow ATVs is going to the full county board this week for approval.

County Fatality Update

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

- On Friday, November 9, 2018, at approximately 4:47 PM, a 54 year old man was traveling north on CTH J, in the Township of Dewhurst, when the Jeep he was driving stopped for a stop sign at the intersection of STH 95. He then entered the intersection and pulled out in front of a milk truck traveling westbound driven by a 22 year old male. The milk truck attempted to avoid the Jeep, but struck its passenger side. The Jeep came to rest on its roof at the south-west corner of the intersection. The milk truck struck a road sign and came to rest in the north ditch. The driver of the Jeep was pronounced dead at the scene. Failure to yield at a stop sign and alcohol appear to be a factors in the accident. Both drivers were wearing their seatbelts.
- On Wednesday, December 5, 2018 at approximately 8:48 AM, a 17 year old female was traveling east on CTH H, in the township of Fremont, west of Hi Line Avenue. As she was driving, the vehicle ahead of her swerved to the left and saw a horse drawn buggy traveling east along side of the road. She struck the buggy with the front right corner of her car. The buggy had 4 passengers, all children, ages 13, 10, 8, and 6. All children were ejected from the buggy after the crash. The buggy came to rest in the south ditch. The 8 year old died as a result of her injuries. The 10 year old and 6 year old received incapacitating injuries and the 13 year old received non-incapacitating injuries. The 17 year old operator was alone in the vehicle and was wearing her seatbelt.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for 9 AM on March 19, 2019 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 Steven Bachman. Voice vote with all "aye"; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:17 AM.

*Submitted by:
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