

**JEFFERSON COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, July 19, 2017

The Jefferson County Traffic Safety Commission met on Wednesday, July 19, 2017, at 1:00 P.M. for a meeting at the Jefferson County Highway Office.

ROLL OF THE HIGHWAY COMMITTEE:

Members present: Kern, Delzer, Milbrath, Jenswold, Kutz, Davis, Mayer

Members absent: Cooper, Hinzmann

Also Present: Brian Udovich, Highway Department
Ann Jenswold, Highway Department
Rachael Ellias, WisDOT
Trace Frost, State of Wisconsin
Dean & Sue Andersen, Aztalan-CTH N Speed Reduction
Sharon Volla, Jefferson – Traffic/Drivers

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MINUTES: The minutes from the April 19, 2017, Jefferson County Traffic Safety Commission meeting, having been distributed in advance, it was moved by Milbrath and seconded by Kutz to approve the minutes as printed. Motion Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Wisconsin 43rd Annual Governor's Conference on Highway Safety, August 22-24, 2017
- 4th Annual Milwaukee Brewers Law Enforcement Appreciation Night, August 11, 2017

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Residents present from CTH "N" spoke on behalf of having the speed reduced along CTH "N".

OLD BUSINESS

8a. Discuss CTH "X" / Saucer Road sight line issues

Commissioner Kern stated that Patrol Superintendent, Russ Cooper, has had discussions with the owner regarding the sight issue along CTH "X" and Saucer Road. The area is being cleared up, although there is still more work to be done. The area will continue to be monitored, and more discussions will be had with the owner if the location starts to fill in again. No Motion.

8b. Speed zone on US 18 (Cambridge to CTH A)

The road construction on US 18 will be starting soon, a pre-construction meeting will be held next week. A speed study will be done once the construction is complete. No Motion.

8c. Speed zone on CTH G (STH 89 – STH 19)

Commissioner Kern stated that he looked back at the accident history of this area. He noted that there were 8 accidents in the last 10 years. The prevailing speed is 58 – 59 MPH, within the 85 percentile. He stated that by the current information, there is not a good trigger to lower the speed. He stated that a couple other areas along the roadway may be checked, as well as truck traffic. However, nothing is currently standing out for the speed to be reduced. No Motion

8d. Speed zone on CTH N (CTH B – CTH A)

Commissioner Kern stated that there were 10 accidents in the last 10 years. A counter was placed south of the hill on CTH “N”, between CTH “B” and Interstate 94. The prevailing speed is 59 – 61 MPH, for the 85 percentile. It was stated that some higher speeds were picked up, but not any particular pattern. The Sheriff stated that more people are walking and biking along the roadway, which is a concern from the residents. Commissioner Kern stated that more research of speeds and data collection could be done, to see if a reduction in speed would be warranted for pedestrians. This item should be placed on the next agenda. No Motion

9. NEW BUSINESS

- NONE

10. Traffic Accident Spot Map – Jefferson County Sheriff’s Department

Sheriff Milbrath shared information regarding the fatality yesterday on the north side of CTH “E”, and the recent motorcycle fatality by Rita Lane.

The 2017 Rural Car Crashes in Jefferson County report showed the following:

Sheriff Department January 1 through May 30, 2017: Fatalities 2; Personal Injury 43; Property Damage Only 215; Deer Crash with Fatality 0; Deer Crash with Injury 2; Deer Crash 113;
State Patrol January 1 through June 30, 2017: Fatalities 1; Personal Injury 14; Property Damage Only 53; Deer Crash with Fatality 0; Deer Crash with Injury 2; Deer Crash 12.

11. WisDOT Southwest Region, Madison - Traffic Section (Ryan Mayer)

Ryan Mayer followed up with the committee on the report from Traffic Operations and Safety (TOPS) Laboratory plotting rural crashes along state roadways. CTH “F” in Jefferson County shows higher than average crashes. He stated that it was recommended for rumble strips to be placed along the centerline and edge line. He stated that it would be up to the County if they wanted this done. The strips need to meet the road criteria. No Motion

12. WisDOT Bureau of Transportation Safety – Transportation Safety Report & Highway Safety Input

Joe Davis reported on the National Campaign for Drive Sober, or Get Pulled Over, which will run August 18 – September 4, 2017. He reported on the Wisconsin 43rd Annual Governor’s Conference on Highway Safety, August 22-24, 2017. He stated that mobilizations grants will be given out during the law enforcement luncheon.

Trace Frost from WisDOT Bureau of Transportation Safety, reported on the number of fatalities in the State of Wisconsin to date is 308: last year 318 were reported.

13. Wisconsin State Patrol (Greg Jenswold)

Sgt. Jenswold addressed the Committee regarding State Patrol accidents. He reported on the accident/fatality on Interstate 94 where a semi brake came off the semi-truck and went through a vehicle windshield. He stated that this is an ongoing investigation. He discussed the June 25, 2017 accident with motorcycle vs car on Highway 26; Northbound bypass. He stated that this accident was not a fatality, human error caused the injury crash. He talked about seatbelt usage in Wisconsin versus the United States, and the increase of seatbelt usage over the past year.

14. Village/City Police Department-Reports

No reports.

15. Jefferson County Highway Department – Report

Commissioner Kern updated the Committee on the CTH “Y” project, stating it will be complete within the next week or two. The CTH “P” , full reconstruction project, will run into the fall and then will restart next year.

The next Traffic Safety Commission meeting is set for Wednesday, October 18, 2017 at the Jefferson County Highway Department, at 1:00 P.M.

Motion by Mr. Jenswold and seconded by Mr. Kern to adjourn at 2:40 p.m. Carried unanimously.