

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

Clark County Highway Safety Committee

The meeting was held on Tuesday, March 19, 2019 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; Dennis Buchholz, Highway Operations Manager; Francis Carl, Medicine; Charles Ramberg, Patrol Captain; Allan Hoesly, Educator; Rick Olig; Wisconsin DOT/BOTS Liaison; Carl Rowan, State Patrol; and Steven Bachman, Wisconsin DOT Traffic Engineer.

Committee Members Absent: Brian Duell, Highway Commissioner; Scott Haines, Sheriff; Scott Jalling, Citizen; Jeremy McNulty, State Patrol; and Bruce Sautebin, Law.

Other in Attendance: None.

Minutes

Motion by Allan Hoesly, seconded by Francis Carl to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2018 meeting. 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
 - 74 fatal crashes as of YTD 2019
 - 77 fatalities as of YTD 2019
 - 99 fatal crashes as of YTD 2018
 - 107 fatalities as of YTD 2018
 - Two (2) fatalities YTD 2019-Clark County
 - Six (6) fatalities YTD 2018-Clark County
 - Four (4) were not wearing seatbelts
 - Three (3) were high speeds
 - Clark County crashes for 2015-2017
 - 1400 crashes with 114 no seatbelts

He also discussed the "Click It or Ticket" grant program that will be starting May 13th through June 2nd.

State Highway Engineer

Steven Bachman discussed the one construction bridge project on State Highway 29 will be out for bids in May of this year. This will be the only major construction project for Clark County.

Recent Snow Event

The Highway Safety committee members discussed that because of the excess snow this winter, the Highway Department did their best they could with pushing the snow off the roads. They also discussed that the Highway Department at this time does not have the authority to close a State Highway without the permission of the governor.

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 Saturday, January 5, 2019 at approximately 9:10 AM, a 87 year old man was traveling south on Borglin Avenue near Pine Road in the Township of Hixon, when he failed to yield for a CN Railway Train traveling Southeast bound through the railway crossing. The train hit the vehicle and the vehicle spun multiple times and came to rest in the east ditch, just south of the railroad tracks. The driver of the vehicle was transported to Marshfield Medical Center in Marshfield where he passed away. Failure to yield appears to be the factor; it is unknown if the driver of the vehicle was wearing a seatbelt.
- On Tuesday, January 22, 2019 at approximately 1:50 PM, a 38 year old man was traveling eastbound on USH 10 near Resewood Avenue in the Township of Hewett, when he lost control of his semi and entered the south ditch. The trailer jack-knifed and blocked both lanes of the highway. A truck driven by a 58 year old male was traveling west hauling a vehicle on a trailer when it struck the rear driver's side of the semi-trailer and came to rest in the north ditch. The driver and passenger of the semi-truck were uninjured. The driver of the truck was transported to Marshfield Medical Center in Neillsville where he was passed away. Weather conditions appear to be the factor; a seatbelt was used by the driver of the semi-truck, but unknown if the driver of the truck was wearing a seatbelt.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for 9 AM on Tuesday, June 18, 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 Francis Carl. Voice vote with all “aye”; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 AM.

*Submitted by:
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