

Meeting Minutes from Highway Traffic Safety Commission
Thursday, April 27, 2017 – 9:00 a.m.

1. Meeting called to order and certified Open Meeting notice by Capt. Mike Stoddard.

Members in attendance:

Capt. Mike Stoddard - Sauk County Sheriff
William Laughlin – Lake Delton PD
Jeff Spencer – Sauk County Sheriff
Mark Schauf – Baraboo PD
James Hodges – Sauk County Sheriff
Kevin Stieve – Baraboo FD
Marty Krueger – Sauk Co. Board
Jack Meegan – Concerned Citizens
Trace Frost – BOTS LEL
Bob Bott – WSP BOTS
Daniel Hardman – Lake Delton PD
Dana Sechler – Baraboo EMS
Brad Byom – WisDOT La Crosse
Diana Fox - Sauk County Highway

2. Motion by Meegan, seconded by Schauf to adopt the agenda.

Motion carried.

3. Motion by Laughlin, seconded by Sechler to approve minutes of the previous meeting.

Motion carried.

4. Correspondence:

None.

5. Public Comment:

J. Meegan expressed concerns of the road conditions deteriorating, especially STH 33 breaking up due to the bypass construction truck traffic.

6. Old Business:

M. Stoddard followed up a question regarding the number of vehicles registered in Sauk County. There are 71,000 vehicles county-wide. A brief discussion ensued regarding wheel tax implementation statewide.

B. Byom reviewed concerns regarding a passing zone on STH 33, Baraboo – Reedsburg corridor. The passing zone markings have not changed in years and most likely will not be altered due to low crash statistics (2012-2016). Might consider left turn lane at STH 136.

B. Byom updated on the speed zone at southbound USH 12 and Gasser Road intersection. A minor change to speed limit will be made.

7. New Business:

J. Spencer inquired if cameras will be installed on the by-pass when completed. B. Byom did not believe that was likely.

M. Schauf expressed concerns regarding the "Brown Route", mainly that interstate traffic diverted onto USH 12 will cause severe traffic congestion in the Baraboo area.

8. Review Sauk County Quarterly Reports & Statistics:

M. Stoddard reported one fatality for 1st quarter on the interstate involving State Trooper Anthony Borostowski who lost control of this patrol car and was killed. J. Hodges gave a brief overview of the crash investigation for possible cause.

9. Review WisDOT Quarterly Reports & Statistics:

B. Bott reported fatalities are down 14-15% for the 1st quarter, 5 year average is still up.

"Click It Or Ticket" campaign May 22-June 4, will be a "Border To Border" operation. Law enforcement agencies across the country will be enforcing seatbelt usage. Grants are available to law enforcement agencies that participate.

Next Governor's Conference on August 22-24 at the Paper Valley Radisson Hotel in Appleton.

"Drive Sober" - there are grant opportunities still available to participate.

Trace Frost introduced himself as the new BOTS Law Enforcement Liaison. Invited TSC Regional Coordinators to attend regional meeting on May 22 to discuss TSC topics and updates.

B. Bott encouraged law enforcement members to attend Open House/Workshop on May 25, 10 am to 2 pm, in Richland Center. DT4000 form will be discussed and representatives are encouraged to bring screenshots of the form regarding concerns or issues.

B. Bott demonstrated example of queries available on the Community Maps – Wisconsin County TSC Crash Mapping. Advanced Tap query option can be helpful to plan allocating law enforcement deployments needed for specific dates or events. J. Spencer commented this tool/query can also be helpful for grant requests.

10. Transportation Safety Report & Highway Safety Input.

B. Byom reported cable guard installation along interstate exit 92.

M. Stoddard would appreciate continued attendance of TSC meetings.

Next meeting scheduled July 27.

11. Adjourn.

Motion by Sechler, seconded by Meegan to adjourn at 9:45 a.m.

Motion carried.