

AGENDA
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2023 – 10:00 A.M.
OCONTO COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION
LEC CONFERENCE ROOM – NORTH/SOUTH
301 WASHINGTON ST. OCONTO, WI 54153
www.co.oconto.wi.us

This is an open meeting of the Oconto County Traffic Safety Commission. Notice of this meeting was given to the public at least twenty-four hours prior to the meeting, by forwarding the complete agenda to the newspapers and to all news media who have requested the same as well as by posting. Copies of the complete agenda were available for inspection at the Office of the County Clerk and from the County's website calendar: www.co.oconto.wi.us

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Agenda
 - 2.1. Change of Sequence
 - 2.2. Removal of Items
3. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting (Enc.)
4. Public Appearances/Communications
5. Reports
 - 5.1. Status of Area Highway Construction and Repair Proposals
 - 5.2. WDOT BOTS Report and Updates
 - 5.3. Traffic Safety Legislation Report
 - 5.4. Traffic Safety Coordinator Report
 - 5.5. Commission Member Reports
6. Locations of Traffic Hazard and Recommended Improvements to Enhance Safety
7. Traffic Crashes – Community Maps Review
 - 7.1. Spot Map Report
 - 7.2. Fatality Crash Review
8. Traffic Safety Training
9. Announcements/General Information (No action to be taken)
10. Set Next Meeting Date
11. Adjournment

Wisconsin Department of Transportation Traffic Safety Education
<http://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/safety/education/default.aspx>

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c: Committee, County Administrator, Finance Director, Corporation Counsel, Media (via email); County Website; Central File, Official Posting Location (Physical Copy)

RK/Date Posted: 10/18/2023

MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JULY 26, 2023 – 10:00 A.M.
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(Draft minutes not approved by committee)

COMMITTEE PRESENT: Darren Laskowski, Chief Deputy, designee for Todd Skarban, Sheriff; Jon Spice, Emergency Management; Vanessa Hasenberg, Program Coordinator, designee for Brandon Hytinen, Highway Commissioner; Jaelyn Staidl designee for Debbie Konitzer, Public Health Officer

COMMITTEE ABSENT: Carol Andrews, Education Representative; Beth Ellingson, Corporation Counsel

OTHERS PRESENT: Rod Hamilton, WIDOT; Randy Wiessinger, WIDOT; Jenny Austin, WI State Patrol; Kim Pytleski, County Clerk

1. Call to Order

The meeting was not properly noticed. Notice was given to the public and media on 07/20/2023 via the county website. There was no agenda posted in the official posting location nor in the Office of the County Clerk. On advice of Corporation Counsel, the committee may meet for informational updates but take no legal action.

Chair Laskowski called the informational meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

2. Approval of Agenda – No action taken.

2.1. Change of Sequence

2.2. Removal of Items

3. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting – No action taken.

4. Public Appearances/Communications – None.

5. Reports

5.1. Status of Area Highway Construction and Repair Proposals

Rod Hamilton, WIDOT, reported:

- Only current project is paving project on 41; estimated finish is August 2023.
- Reminder for all County Dispatch Centers of the protocol for WIDOT incident notification process requirements. Handout on file in the Office of the County Clerk. Discussion followed.

5.2. WDOT BOTS Report and Updates

Randy Wiessinger, WIDOT, reported:

- The quarterly WIDOT information slideshow. Types of crashes were reviewed and discussion followed. More information can be found at <http://zeroinwisconsin.gov> and from the presentation on file in the Office of the County Clerk.
- Group discussed the importance of crash report information entered by Law Enforcement Officers (LEO). Factors and description of how the incident occurred is being captured, but LEO thoughts of what may have caused or contributed to the incident is not being entered. Wiessinger noted that if a citation is not issued, the LEO is not always entering details on the DT4000 Wisconsin motor Vehicle Crash Report Driver actions box. Discussion on how information is used for statistical purposes and use of accident tags for matching location with appropriate repair charges followed.
- Work zone crash reports. Discussion of data quality, review of what DOT does with the data, Before the Work Zone data tracking, how notice of an approaching work zone is given, and how data tracking and trends drive future counter measures.
- Dashboard feature on Community Maps can be used to compare data and recognize trends.
- Speed Awareness Day is July 26, 2023 (today).

5.3. Traffic Safety Legislation Report

Wiessinger reviewed the UWEX DSP Legislative Update.

5.4. Traffic Safety Coordinator Report

Jon Spice, Emergency Management Director, reported the number of incidents is minimal, signage is good, and there have been no comments/complaints regarding queue warnings. Discussion followed.

5.5. Commission Member Reports

- Public Health: Safe Kids Walk to School had four districts participate, Village of Lena hosted the Bike Rodeo, National Night Out was held in Lena, Oconto, and Oconto Falls, Child Passenger is slow in 2023 with only four seats installed, but a 3rd tech is now trained. Suggested getting an information card printed for troopers to hand out promoting the Child Passenger program and seat checks/installs.
- Highway: Thank you to Sheriff and State Patrol for presence in work areas, EAA traffic is noticeable, concern for report that troopers were only pulling over vehicles at a speed of 70 and above in the 55 work zone (Austin will address), department is doing work for towns, cost of County W may allow for paving of County P, concrete work continues north of Chicken Shack on 41/141, LEO presence is appreciated as it helps with slowdowns and move overs, and emails are sent to dispatchers from Highway Superintendent to LEO for notifications.

6. Locations of Traffic Hazard and Recommended Improvements to Enhance Safety – None.

7. Traffic Crashes – Community Maps Review

7.1. Spot Map Report

- Wiessinger provided an update on the Map Locations and WisDOT Crash Comparison Dashboard showing an increase of 12% for all crashes.
- Reviewed trends and comparison of a one year average.

7.2. Fatality Crash Review

There were two fatalities in Oconto County in the second quarter:

- June 30, 2023 on Hwy 41 and County W in Town of Little River accident between a motorcycle and vehicle occurred at 7:00 p.m. The motorcycle driver and victim were both wearing full-face helmet. Driver impairment was not determined. Driver only had an instructional permit and not allowed to have a passenger.
- July 19, 2023 on Hwy 41/141 and County S in Town of Little Suamico two vehicle crash in construction zone. Unit 1, the striking vehicle, crashed into Unit 2 at significant speed causing damage to both vehicles; front of Unit 1 and rear of Unit 2. A passenger in Unit 1 was 78 years old and sustained fatal injuries. Victim was wearing a seatbelt. Traffic incident still being reviewed.

8. Traffic Safety Training

- The Monday prior to the Governor's Conference there is a free teen driving curriculum and train the trainer offering.
- Spice conducted a Traffic Incident Training activity in March 2023.
- Train derailment exercise in conjunction with the EPA.

9. Announcements/General Information (No action to be taken)

- 2019 accident data report was distributed to those in attendance and is on file in the Office of the County Clerk.

10. Set Next Meeting Date

Next regular meeting of the Traffic Safety Commission is scheduled for October 25, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. in the LEC Conference Room.

11. Adjournment

Chair Darren declared the meeting adjourned at 11:07 a.m.

Kim Pytleski, Recorder

Date Posted: ~~08/22/2023~~ 10/18/2023