

## CALUMET COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING

October 19, 2021

The Calumet County Traffic Safety Commission meeting was called to order on October 19, 2021, at 1:05 PM, by Chief Deputy Brett Bowe.

**Commission Members Present:** Chief Deputy Brett Bowe, Brian Glaeser, Joshua Falk, Rick Olig, and Pete Stier

**Others Present:** None

A motion was made by Olig, seconded by Stier, to approve the Agenda for the October 19, 2021 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Stier, seconded by Olig, to approve the Minutes for the April 20, 2021 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Committee Member Reports:**

- A. Review of 2 Fatal Crashes in Calumet County: Olig stated there were 493 fatalities to date compared 487 to date last year for the State of Wisconsin. Olig stated there has been an influx of multi-fatality crashes. Olig reviewed to date the 2021 Calumet County fatal crashes. The two fatals in Calumet County were:
  - a. On April 22, 2021, a one vehicle fatal occurred at the roundabout at Midway Road and Lake Park Road, which involved a motorcycle. The operator was thrown from the vehicle and was wearing a helmet. Excessive speed was involved. Glaeser stated he received calls asking for a lowering of the speed limit in that area. Olig stated patrol vehicles have been monitoring speed in this area. There was discussion of the wood line and new subdivisions being built in that area. There is a visibly issue on Midway at Coop Road because of wood line.
  - b. On August 30, 2021, at 7:35 AM, a two vehicle fatal crash occurred on CTH PP at CTH K, Town of Brillion, that involved a motorcycle vs. pickup truck. The person on the motorcycle was the victim. The pickup truck pulled out in front of the motorcycle. The driver of the pickup truck was a teen driver who was from the area.
- B. Review of 2021 Crash Numbers: Olig stated to date there were 439 total crashes in Calumet County for 2021 with 129 injuries and 2 fatals. Olig stated most of these occurred in the north end of the county. Speed related crashes are still a concern.
- C. Proposed Legislation – 2021 Assembly Bill 620 – Olig mentioned the proposed legislation AB620, which is to put into law to waive the road test for a person if certain criteria have been met, which is:

- a. The person is under 18 years of age,
- b. The person is applying for a “Class D” license.
- c. The person has satisfactorily completed a course in driver education,
- d. The person has held an instruction permit for not less than six months,
- e. The person has not committed a moving violation during the six month period,
- f. And, the person has an adult sponsor.

Wisconsin DOT had temporarily suspended the road test for first time drivers because of COVID. Discussion was held regarding teen drivers and the effect of these changes on crash data. Olig stated that statistically there were more citations issued and crashes that occurred for those who took the road test. Olig stated he spoke to one of the Driver’s Ed instructors who stated the driver’s education classes have focused on providing a more detailed training for first time drivers and they will not sign off until the person is ready.

- D. Other Proposed Legislation – Olig mentioned proposed legislation relating to electronic driver license renewal, which does not qualify for the Real ID. Olig mentioned that there was a public hearing on the Failure to Yield Work Zone. Glaeser mentioned proposed legislation which would allow flagmen may be able to issue a citation for failure to yield to violators. Glaeser stated there is an excessive amount of people using cell phones while driving. Glaeser commented that people are not paying attention to flagmen. Discussion was held regarding the proposed legislature of usage of the green light lamps on DOT or local highway vehicles as studies have shown that they are more visible to the public.
- E. Olig updated the group on the changes to the TSC guidelines.

The next round of Drive Sober was mentioned which will be December 17, 2021 - January 1, 2022.

### **Communications:**

- A. Committee Members - Bowe informed the group that Amanda Jacobson submitted her resignation for her position with this committee, due to time commitments. Bowe recommended to the group that we need to add three more committee members. Those could include one from education, one from the medical field, etc. Bowe asked the group to think of potential new members.
- B. Construction Project-HWY 55/114 from HWY 10 through Sherwood: Glaeser indicated this will occur from May through September 2022 of which three to four months will be full closure and the rest will be flagging. The entire roadway section will be pulverized from HWY 10 to the roundabout at HWY 55 on HWY 114. There will be various detours at the various stages throughout the summer. Olig asked about the crossing by the ice cream shop in Sherwood. Glaeser mentioned installing traffic crossings for foot traffic at that location.

- C. Statewide Traffic Counts – Glaser mentioned the statewide traffic counts for September, 2021, compared to September 2019, are about 2 percent lower. Glaeser stated last year traffic counts in April was down 50 percent compared to April of 2019.
- D. CTH N from CTH KK to Schmidt Road – Glaeser stated there will be sidewalk installed on the west side of the road and a 10 foot trail on the east side. Glaeser stated a roundabout will be installed on Schmidt Road at CTH N. Glaeser stated in about May of next year that project should be in full gear. Glaeser stated there will be light crossing movements at Hoelzel Way and at Jochmann Drive.

**Items for Action or Discussion:**

- A. Agenda Item - Speed limit on Fox Street – This should be addressed by the Chilton City Counsel as it in the city limits.

The next meeting was scheduled for January 18, 2022 at 1:00 PM.

A motion was made by Glaeser, seconded by Stier, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Unapproved minutes.

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