

RACINE COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

Summary Minutes – November 14, 2019

Public Works & Development Services Conference Room
Ives Grove Office Complex
14200 Washington Avenue,
Sturtevant, WI 53177

Members Present:

David Maack - Racine County Emergency Management
Julie Anderson – Racine County Public works & Development Services Director
Michael Payne – Racine County Medical Examiner
John Barnes - Retired Caledonia Police Department
Lt. Jon Massie – Racine County Sheriff's Office
Chief Matt Johnson – Town of Waterford Police Department
Sgt. David Stroupe - Mount Pleasant Police Department
Sgt. Gary Larsen - Caledonia Police Department
Tom Knitter – TRIAD
Randy Wiessinger, BOTS Law Enforcement Liaison
John Strack – Racine Unified School District
Kim Parsons – Racine County Public Works Admin. Assistant

1. Call to Order

David Maack called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

2. Minutes of the September 12, 2019, meeting

Tom Knitter MOVED, seconded by Gary Larsen, to approve the September 12, 2019 minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Fatalities since the last meeting

Michael Payne updated committee on fatalities from last meeting:

5/2/2019 7 Mile .058 BAC, no other drugs.

6/27/19 BAC .126 with Diazepam in her blood

5/16/19: changed from accident to suicide based on investigation completed on 8/7/19.

6/19/19: blunt force & thermal injuries, negative toxicology

7/18/19: blunt force injuries, toxicology negative; opposing driver toxicology still out

7/29/19: negative toxicology; failure to yield

8/10/19: BAC .146, multiple blunt force injuries

8/25/19: negative toxicology; stroke and blunt force injuries

7/14/19: BAC .212 with cocaine; multiple blunt force injuries

11/1/2019: Caledonia, occurred at 1:59am; North Green Bay Rd, single vehicle high rate of speed struck a tree. Believe driver was the fatal victim. Alcohol and drugs are suspected. Autopsy and toxicology still pending.

10/18/19: Waterford, occurred at 3:00pm; 2 vehicles: 50-year-old female in an SUV, north of Maple Road, failed to stop at Hwy 20 and struck 1993 Sunbird which rolled several times. 70-year-old male driver of Sunbird died. Weather not a contributing factor. Waiting for toxicology on both parties. Autopsy also pending.

10/19/19: I-94 & Hwy 11, occurred at 6:00pm; Mr. Shingleton drove mini-van into construction zone, dropped into unpaved roadway and struck new concrete roadway and came to a complete stop. State Patrol taking the lead on this. Waiting for autopsy and toxicology.

10/28/10: Shoop St in City of Racine, DPW worker, David Shelton. Garbage truck against tree, he had head injuries, found lying in the street. Autopsy and toxicology pending.

4. Upcoming construction projects

In the County, Julie Anderson discussed:

Since last meeting Highway's A and 32 are open.

Central section of I-94, northern section will not be expected completed until next Spring.

Signals ordered for intersections C & V. Poles are in and signal heads are still backordered. Hwy 20 will be under construction next spring and closing all four ramps. DOT is also replacing a bridge West of the round-a-bout on Hwy 20. Looking for temporary signals on the bridge-deck on Hwy C. Frontage roads and Hwy C will be heavily utilized.

Segment of Hwy S in the Town of Norway, culvert being replaced and being repaved. Hwy 83 may not be completed this season due to weather.

5. Review of the 2020 Monthly Safety Campaign

Committee reviewed and approved monthly spokesperson and topics. Committee to provide David Maack with any updated posters and additional information to be promoted each month on the County website and other social media.

6. Around-the-table

Julie Anderson shared a letter she received from Drought School regarding the numerous accidents at the intersection of Hwy 45- and 7-Mile Road. They are requesting flashing stop signs. She explained all that has been done so far and some of the items that are pending. Traffic signs and signals have been ordered but are backordered and are waiting to see if the DOT will be implementing a speed limit reduction in that area. Hwy C will be a big issue as well with pending construction next Spring and the backordered items. She will reach out to contacts at DOT to see if she can get an update.

John Strack introduced a program by Buspatrol.com which offers motion activated stop-arm cameras to be install on school buses. He asked for input as to whether the information would be useful. Most committee members indicated that prosecutors would find this useful. He will do more research and take it to other municipalities if the program is feasible and truly at no cost.

Jon Massie discussed the I-94 closure the previous week was due primarily to speed and secondarily weather. The media helped in getting the word out quickly to notify commuters to take alternate routes.

The I-94 project must be completed before Memorial Day weekend next year. This change in deadline is due to the DNC in Milwaukee as well as Illinois toll way work next year.

Randy Wiessinger discussed County and State year-to-date fatality statistics and the five-year average. He reviewed the weekly legislative summary will share the link with Kim to forward to committee members.

7. 2020 Elections and proposed meeting dates for TSC

2020 Secretary: Kim Parsons
2020 Vice-Chairman: Michael Payne
2020 Chairman: David Maack

Next meeting: February 13, 2020.

8. Other Business

None

9. Adjournment

David Maack adjourned the meeting at 3:11 p.m.