

**RACINE COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION**

**Summary Minutes – May 13, 2021**

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

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**Members Present:**

- Julie Anderson – Racine County Public Works and Development Services Director
  - Daniel Adams – Racine County Sheriff’s Office
  - Michael Payne - Racine County Medical Examiner
  - John Strack – Racine Unified School District
  - Tom Knitter – TRIAD
  - David Strobe – Mt. Pleasant Police Dept.
  - Randy Wiessinger – WisDOT/BOTS
  - Gary Larsen – Caledonia Police Department
  - Martin Pavilonis – Racine Police Department
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**1. Call to Order**

Michael Payne called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

**2. Minutes of the February 11, 2021, meeting approved as amended.**

**3. Fatalities since the last meeting**

Caledonia: April 14 approximately 12:00 p.m., on Hwy 32 near Botting Road, three-vehicle accident. Operator of vehicle causing accident was on the phone, crossed the center line, hit a truck and that truck hit another vehicle. A female died of internal bleeding. Operator did not speak English and interviewing was difficult. Autopsy reports are still pending. Road conditions not a factor, only operator error.

Mount Pleasant: April 30 just after 3:00 p.m., truck versus motorcycle at Sunnyslope Drive and Washington Avenue. Operator of truck was making a left-hand turn from east-bound Washington to north-bound Sunnyslope. Motorcycle was heading west bound. Operator of the truck thought he had a green arrow to turn left, a witness behind him said he had a blinking yellow arrow turning red as he began. Operator did not see the motorcycle at all. Motorcycle left about 10 feet of slid marks before impact. Trauma to the face and legs; Still waiting for autopsy and toxicology.

City of Racine: April 7 in the 3800 block of Northwestern Avenue. Truck involved in a single vehicle crash left roadway and was observed swerving prior to crash.

May 1 on Water Street and College Avenue, a group of motorcycles heading north on College at Water. Single motorcycle crash, operator struck head, not wearing a helmet. Autopsy and toxicology pending. Possibly operator error.

**4. Upcoming construction projects**

State: Hwy 38 from MM to K was started.  
Hwy 11 from Kearney to 31  
Hwy 20 from Roosevelt to Monroe  
Hwy 20 from C to International (completed)

County: Repaving project on Hwy K.from 45 west.  
Complete closure of Hwy S for culvert replacement this spring.  
Large paving projects in 2022: Hwy P and Hwy C.  
Many spot paving projects being done in 2021.

**5. Around-the-table**

Randy Wiessinger stated that Racine County trending down currently, however, Motorcycle deaths are up about 20 percent. Nation-wide Click-it or ticket campaign starts May 24<sup>th</sup>.

RUSD: Operating at 56%. There is discussion about buses running for summer school.

Michael brought up the fact that he was never called to speak on WRJN regarding drunk driving. Julie said WRJN has done a lot of restructuring. Place topic on next agenda to discuss whether radio spots are still effective. Creating a Facebook page may have a more immediate impact.

**6. Other Business**

The next meeting is scheduled for September 9, 2021, at 2:00 p.m.

**7. Adjournment**

There being no further business, **Gary Larsen** Motioned, seconded by **Tom Knitter**, to adjourn the meeting at 2:25 p.m.