RACINE COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

Summary Minutes - May 9, 2019

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

Members Present:

Julie Anderson - Racine County Public Works & Development Services Director Capt. James Weidner - Racine County Highway Safety Coordinator David Maack - Racine County Emergency Management Michael Payne - Racine County Medical Examiner Michael White - District Attorney's Office Lt. Dan Klatt - Racine County Sheriff's Office Lt. Dan Adams - Racine County Sheriff's Office Chief Matt Johnson – Town of Waterford Police Department Sgt. Bill Jeschke- Town of Waterford Police Department Sqt. David Stroupe - Mount Pleasant Police Department Chief Sean Marschke - Sturtevant Police Department Sgt. Gary Larsen - Caledonia Police Department John Barnes - Retired Caledonia Police Department John Strack - Racine Unified School District - Wisconsin State Patrol Rodrigo Martinez - WisDOT, DTSD Allison Blackwood - WisDOT, DTSD

Also Present:

Tom Knitter - TRIAD

Jacqueline Bratz – Racine County Communications Director State Trooper Daniel Mittelstadt - Wisconsin State Patrol Joe Davis, Jr., Bureau of Transportation Safety Regional Program Manager Rick Olig, BOTS Law Enforcement Liaison Randy Wiesinger, BOTS Law Enforcement Liaison

1. Call to Order

David Maack called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

2. Minutes of the February 14, 2019, meeting

Approval of the February 14, 2019, minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Fatalities since last meeting

Discussion of collision on 3/10/19 at CTH 20 at E. Old Yorkville in the Village of Rochester. Injured party pronounced 4/3/19. Alcohol involved. Tabled for next meeting.

5/2/19, at 13.52 76th Street and 7 Mile Rd. It will be 8 weeks for toxicology and autopsy to come back. Table for next meeting.

No weather-related fatalities so for this year.

4. Update on CTH "J"/STH 11 crash site (Discussion held over at the February 14, 2019, TSC meeting.)

New signs were installed on CTH 11 – approaching both each and west bound sides of the road/. Some signed were moved for the south bound lanes. WI DOT will monitor for additional crashes to see if that helps. Since October only two angle crashes at the intersection. No weather-related crashes and only during the day.

Michael Payne moved to receive the file, seconded by Dave Prott to receive the file. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Upcoming construction projects

Dave Prott discussed a couple large culvert projects on STHs A and J staring in early to mid-July with STH J. Anticipated to be a five to six-week project. The highways will be open for the 4th of July.

Progress is being made on MM, travel lanes expected to be open within the next few weeks.

Discussion regarding traffic signs being considered for STHs G & D and D & C.

6. Review and discussion of the Racine County Anatomy of Traffic Safety Report

Rich Olig discussed the report, requesting any information the committee would like to see other statistics or numbers added or changed. Suggested comparing the County to other areas in the region. The Chamber of Commerce uses it for talking points.

Nancy Iglinski to email the Legislative Update to the committee members. Rick suggested reading the first section for important information to bring up to legislators if committee members agree or disagree on an item and to know what is coming down from the state level.

7. Review and discussion of the Community Maps portal as presented by Rick Olig, BOTS Law Enforcement Liaison/Consultant

Brief demonstration of the portal shows 140 fatal crashes compared to 153 this time last year and 151 people killed to 166 last year. Also shows 414 crashes in work zones in the southern part of the state this year.

There is no cost for access to program which gives the ability to find crash reports (full unredacted).

8. Racine County Task Force update

Brief discussion on available grants and the fact that there have been a large number of OWIs.

9. Review of Monthly Safety Campaign

Changes at radio station, down to 3-5 minutes for monthly campaign. Discussion of the monthly topics through the remainder of the year.

John Strack discussed the option of asking Racine Unified School District to get information to Parents and students on their TV channel with a possibility of rolling it out in 2020.

Posters and monthly campaign on the website.

10. Around-the-table

John Strack discussed the switch from Durham School Services to First Student effective August 1, 2019.

Tom discussed TRIAD changing their structure expanding into Kenosha and Walworth Counties.

Mike Payne discussed WTMJ Radio broadcasting that there is a new law that headlights must be on when windshield wipers are on. This is not a law.

Brief discussion the Traffic Safety Conference in August with focus on Officer wellness. State Patrol Chaplain will be present.

RUSD will have mental health clinics at four schools to assist students.

11. Next meeting: November 14, 2019

12. Adjournment

David Maack adjourned meeting at 2:37pm.