

Minutes of the Bayfield County Traffic Safety Commission

Thursday, February 17, 2022

The regular meeting of the Bayfield County Traffic Safety Committee was called to order by Sheriff Paul Susienka at 8:55am on Thursday, February 17, 2022, in the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) as well as online via Microsoft Teams.

Attendees: Sheriff Paul Susienka, Bob Anderson- Highway Commissioner, Dan Kontos-WI DOT/DSP BOTS, Aaron Christ- WI DOT, Sgt. Pat Kraetke- WI State Patrol, J. Benton-Red Cliff, Sheree Collins-Education Representative, Meagan Quaderer-Emergency Management, Sara Wartman-Health Dept., Deb Milanowski-Sheriff's Office

Approval of minutes: Motion by Bob Anderson, 2nd by Sgt. Kraetke to approve the meeting minutes from November 17, 2021. Motion approved (6-0)

Public input: No comments

Report by WI DOT Traffic Safety Coordinator-Dan Kontos:

A. Review of 2021 numbers:

2021 total Crashes -279

2021 total fatal - 1

2021 total injured -65

B. Top crash Flags for 2021

41.6 %-Deer

21.9% -Speed

10%- alcohol

2.9%-drugs

Sheree Collins 9:02am

Seatbelt use Statewide is trending down. Bayfield Co. is going up (95%). Statewide crashes are up from 2020. Fatalities also up Statewide.

Statewide injuries also rose from prior years.

Predictive analytics –looked at Weekdays VS. Weekend. Locations of crashes are the same from weekdays & weekends. Just more occur on weekdays.

Dates to watch:

3/17 Intoxicated Drive campaign

5/16-6/5 Click it or Ticket

C. Legislative update

21 Act 103 -Rec vehicles around highways

21 Act 115-Violations in Emergency Response areas- forfeitures could double

Few new proposals but not much action on those yet.

D. New Program from DOT (they currently have 2 sets of these)

Fatal Vision-drugs, marijuana simulation Experience Kit -High tech goggles that simulate opioids.

Looking at sending these out to counties for 3 months at a time

3 questions asked of committee:

- 1. Does your community have a drug impaired driving problem?
Answer: yes
- 2. Does your community understand the effects of Marijuana use?
Answer: No
- 3. What about the effects of opioids, both non-RX and Rx?

Discussion of the age group to focus these on. Not so much a child's issue as an issue for 20- 40-year-olds.

The kits will be available soon.

Report of Wisconsin DOT- Aaron Christ

Projects 2022

1. Barnes -Old S. Shore Rd.- Bridge replacement. Will have 1 lane open during replacement work.
2. Pilsen- Pine Creek Bridge replacement
3. US 63 from Drummond to Co Hwy E -Mill and overlay. Will check on North bound lane from Drummond to Grandview
4. HSIP application for Hwy 13 and Engoe Rd. Will put in a northbound left lane. Looking at 2025 or 2026 for this.

Report of State Patrol-Sgt. Pat Kraetke:

Responded to a fatal on January 25th on Hwy 2 near Iron River. Involved an empty pulp truck heading east and a pickup truck heading west bound. The west bound pickup lost control and hit semi.

Recruit numbers down and there is no interest in coming north with those that are available.

Public Health-Sara Wartman

Update on Car Seat Program done with AFD partnership. Bayfield County residents can go to AFD to get a car seat and installation help.

Training for this program use to be 5 days, but now it is a 3-day training for Car Seat installation. Sherriff expressed interest in having a deputy trained again but concerned about the length of time for training.

Bayfield Co Highway Department-Bob Anderson

Projects Co. Hwy J-. Pulverize & pave-also wanted to do Co. Hwy I at the same time.

\$218,00 spent in December just on road Safety: salt & sand.

Education Representative-Sheree Collins-Nothing to report

Red Cliff -Jeff Benton-speed signs were put up on both boundaries of the Red Cliff reservation. Upgrading Bradum Rd in September. Working on a pedestrian and bike trail from Red Cliff to Bayfield

Emergency Management-Meagan Quaderer- suggested a topic for her fair both of "road safety" along with child safety seats. Would be a good venue for the drug googles. Could do an incentive. State Patrol expressed interest in attending. Highway dept would like to be there too with a snowplow.

8/12 and 8/13 -Fair days for the booth

Next Meeting is scheduled for May 19, 2022, at 9:00am at the Bayfield County Sheriff's Office in the EOC and remotely.

Meeting adjourned at 10:05am

Submitted by: Deb Milanowski

Minutes approved on: 5/19/22 @ 9:03am