

Iowa County Traffic Safety Meeting Minutes November 14th, 2006

Meeting called to order by Leo Klosterman at 9:30 a.m.

Present:

Leo Klosterman, Iowa Co. Highway Dept.
Jon Pepper, Iowa Co. Sheriff's Dept.
Tom Knoop, Wis. DOT-BOTS
Lisa Vosberg, Iowa Co. Highway Dept.
Bart Swindall, City of Mineral Point
Clint Beck, Wisconsin State Patrol
Jeff Hill, Wisconsin State Patrol
Jill Fehrman, WISDOT-SW Region-Traffic
June Meudt, Iowa County Health Dept.
Mark Springer, Drivers Ed. SWTC

Certification of open meeting by B. Swindall/J. Meudt. Carried.
Approval of August minutes by T. Knoop/J. Fehrman. Carried.
Approval of November agenda by T. Knoop/B. Swindall. Carried.

Old Business:

Walmart entrance roundabout:

The Walmart exits look well defined. The Roundabout is still slated for 2007.

New Business:

- Discussion of "Move over Law". The "Move over Law" states that drivers must move over a lane if possible or slow down if changing lanes is not safe when encountering a law enforcement vehicle, ambulance, fire truck, tow truck, utility vehicle or highway construction vehicle that is stopped on the side of the road with its lights flashing. The purpose of the law is to remind drivers help prevent needless injuries or death to the men and women who are trying to make our roads safer through regulation or construction. The fines are quite high if this law is violated.
- 151 Express Update. The State has purchased the 151 Express Truckstop building and approximately 7 acres. The closing of the purchase is scheduled for November 27th, 2006.
- Review of Accident Spot Map. Jon Pepper presented the accident spot map through October 31st, 2006. Jon reported there have been no fatalities since our August meeting. He reported that in September there were a lot of injury accidents and in October there were a lot of non-injury accidents.
- Tom Knoop discussed the fatality report. He stated that the State, at this point in the year, is down by 82 fatalities from 2005 and down by 77 fatalities from the five year average. The State is also down by 36 crashes from 2005 and down by 49 crashes from the five year average. Iowa County has 3 more fatalities at this point than the 2005 total. Tom also stated that the numbers of injuries resulting from motor vehicle vs. deer crashes are increasing. In July, 2006 75.4% of passenger vehicle occupants used their safety belts. Tom also explained that there is a gender difference of more than 10% in safety belt use. In the most recent survey, 81.8% of females wore their seatbelts compared to only 70.6% of males.
- Jill Fehrman asked that local municipalities need to let the State know of the oversize/overweight routes they have designated. This will avoid problems in the future.

Next meeting is February 13th, 2007 at 9:30 a.m. at the Iowa County Highway Dept. .

Adjourn by T. Knoop /J. Meudt. Carried.

Recorder: L. Vosberg