

Iowa County Traffic Safety Meeting Minutes August 11, 2009

1. Meeting called to order by Craig Hardy at 9:30 a.m.

Present:

Jon Pepper, Iowa County Sheriff's Dept.
Dan Pruess, WisDOT Traffic
Amy Seeboth, SWWRPC
Andrea Loeffelholz, WisDOT/BOTS
June Meudt, Iowa County Health Dept.
Briant Russell, Wisconsin State Patrol
Joe Thomas, County Board
Dale Schroeder, Dodgeville Police Dept.
Craig Hardy, Iowa County Highway Dept.
Jeri Grabbert, Iowa County Highway Dept.

Absent:

Dan Meuer, City of Dodgeville
Craig Lindgren, Wisconsin State Patrol
Mark Springer, Drivers Education
Tim Helmberger, Corporate Counsel

Agenda:

2. Certification of open meeting by Meudt/Pepper. Carried.
3. Approval of August agenda by Meudt/Pepper. Carried.
4. Approval of May 2009 minutes by Meudt/Pepper. Carried.

Old Business:

5. **USH 151 Improvement Study, Limited Access Points.** Craig Hardy reviewed the alternatives summarized by WisDOT Coordination Meeting held on July 9, 2009. Amy Seeboth was asked to look at jurisdictional and cooperative plan study for Iowa County. Construction is estimated to start in 2015/2016.

New Business:

6. **Review response from City of Mineral Point for committee representation.** Jeri Grabbert indicated that there was no response received from the City of Mineral Point.
7. **Traffic Study Report and Highway Safety Input – Andrea Loeffelholz**
 - The weekly fatality report was reviewed by Andrea Loeffelholz. As of August 10, 2009, accidents and fatalities are still lower than all of 2008, which has the best record since 1944 however, motorcycle fatalities have increased. Andrea reported that Iowa County has four fatalities as of July 20, 2009. Jon Pepper's records indicated there were three rather than four fatalities as one at Lone Rock was a suicide. Andrea also provided statistics on snowmobile fatalities through the 2008-09 winter season. The Final Year-End 2008 Crash Statistics was presented, showing vehicle crashes, fatalities, and injuries involving alcohol, speed, pedestrians, bicyclists, motorcycles, trains, construction zones, school buses, deer, large trucks, and various types of locations.
 - Andrea Loeffelholz noted that the seat belt law is now primary, yet the fine still remains at \$10.00.
 - Andrea provided articles on seat belt use, motorcycle use and helmets, teen driving, and "When Parents are Watching."
 - Andrea reminded the committee of the upcoming Governor's Conference.
 - Andrea Loeffelholz noted that any community that has been targeted for grant funding under BOTS has been notified.

8. **Review of Accident Spot Report – Jon Pepper**

- Jon Pepper distributed and reviewed the accident spot maps. From January 1 through August 11, 2009, Iowa County has had 199 reportable accidents. Jon points out the number of accidents on Hwy. 18 from Dodgeville to Montfort, indicating that people are driving too fast in this area.

9. **Reports from Members**

- None.

10. **Comments from Members or Audience**

- Joe Thomas asked about a bike event that was starting at Harris Park. Jon Pepper indicated that bike events are very frequent and not all of them go through the Sheriff's Dept.
- Joe Thomas asked the passing lane on Hwy. 191 before CTH BB. Craig Hardy indicated that an accident history would have to be considered before any changes were made.
- Craig Hardy informed the committee that a report will be issued on September 2 showing the advantages and disadvantages of each city under consideration for the next Olympics. The four cities are Tokyo, Japan, Chicago, Illinois, Madrid, Spain and Rio de Janeiro in South America. A presentation is scheduled for October 2, 2009.

11. Next meeting is November 10, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. at the Iowa County Highway Dept.

12. Meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m. with a motion by Jon Pepper and seconded by Briant Russell. Carried.

Minutes by Jeri Grabbert