



## Marinette County Traffic Safety Commission

### MINUTES

Wednesday, February 13 at 10:00 a.m.  
2161 University Drive, Marinette, WI  
Law Enforcement Center Conference Room

**Members Present:** Lt. Jim Albright, Randy Asman, Russ Bauer, Lt. Doug Erdmann, Mike Panosh, Dr. Dean Magnin, Ray Palonen, State Trooper Dave Meredith, Tom Westlund, Rick Ahrens and Dave Zahn-Peshtigo Times

**Excused:** Ida Soletske and Allen Brey

**Also Present:** Bruce Conover, Ken Connors-Bay Cities Radio, Marge Bauer and Fae Olson, Secretary

**1. Call to Order. Roll Call.**

Chair Albright called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**2. Approve/Amend Agenda Items.**

**MOTION (Palonen/Bauer)** to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion carried.  
No negative vote.

**3. Approve/Amend Minutes of November 14, 2012 Meeting.**

**MOTION (Bauer/Erdmann)** to approve the Minutes as written. Motion carried.  
No negative vote.

**4. Election of Vice Chairperson.**

Chair Lt. Jim Albright nominated Ray Palonen for Vice Chairperson.

**MOTION (Westlund/Ahrens)** to cast unanimous ballot. All members voting yes.

**5. Public Comment.**

Russ Bauer commented about loud exhausts on vehicles and motorcycles.

**6. Correspondence.**

None at this time.

**7. Speed limit on CTH X near Boat Landing 3 Road update.**

Lt. Albright contacted complainant regarding speed limit on CTH X near Boat Landing 3 Road and Sheriff's Office will wait until summer to conduct survey/speed study. Ray Palonen commented the HWY Department will be purchasing traffic counters that will also show speed of vehicles and the Sheriff's Office is welcome to use counters. Once data is collected it will be sent to WI Department of Transportation for review.

**8. Highway Department Report.**

New Marinette County Highway Commissioner Raymond Palonen was introduced. Commissioner Palonen commented he would like to work with County Board on a resolution to recognize “Work Zone Safety Awareness” week April 15 – 19, 2013. Two major projects that the HWY Department will be doing this spring are paving CO HWY D to CO B and from CO B, CO W to City of Peshtigo. Most work will be done under traffic. Complete road closures will only occur when replacing culverts.

**9. State Patrol Traffic Report.**

State Trooper Dave Meredith was introduced. He is currently assigned to Oconto County and will primarily be enforcing HWY 41, HWY 141, and HWY 64. Trooper Meredith commented he has concerns and enforces vehicle exhaust issues and work zone safety.

**10. Marinette Police Department Traffic Report.**

Lt. Doug Erdmann will be looking into issuing vehicle exhaust citations under State Law instead of City Ordinance and will report back to committee at next meeting. Marinette PD continues to be proactive in the Click It or Ticket program issuing 18 seat belt citations. Marinette PD also proactive in OWI Task Force with 251 stops and 17 OWI arrests. City of Marinette will be doing a quiet zones study for railroad crossings in the city.

**11. School Related Traffic Report.**

Tom Westlund reported in the 2012-13 school year there have been five missed days of school and three late starts due to road conditions. There have been few bus passing violations so far in 2013.

**12. D.O.T. Traffic Concerns and Updates.**

Randy Asman reported HWY 141/HWY 64 project still on schedule for 2014.

**13. B.O.T.S. Information and Updates.**

Mike Panosh reported in 2012 there were 602 fatalities in the State of Wisconsin compared to 565 in 2011. Motorcycle and passenger fatalities were up in numbers as were multiple fatalities. To date there are 53 fatalities in the State of Wisconsin compared to 52 in 2012.

**14. Marinette County Sheriff’s Office Traffic Report.**

Lt. Albright reported there have been two fatalities in 2013 with both occurring in the northern part of the county: February 3<sup>rd</sup> on CO N - alcohol/speed/no seatbelt use and February 5<sup>th</sup> on CO O – too fast for road conditions, passenger fatality.

**15. Future Agenda Items.**

None at this time.

**16. Next Meeting Date.**

*Wednesday, May 8, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. at LE Center.*

**17. Adjourn.**

**MOTION (Bauer/Palonen)** to adjourn at 10:43 a.m. Motion carried. No negative vote.