

**Marinette County
Traffic Safety Commission**

MINUTES

Wednesday, May 13, 2009, 10:00 a.m.
2161 University Drive
Law Enforcement Center Conference Room

Members Present: Lt. Jim Albright, Randy Asman, Russ Bousley, Bruce Conover,
Dr. Dean Magnin, Mike Panosh, Ida Soletske, David Thibodeau and Tom
Westlund
Excused: Rick Ahrens, Allen Brey, Mark Desotell and Brian Knapp
Others Present: 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 (Weslund/Magnin) to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion carried.
No negative vote.

3. Approve/Amend Minutes of February 11, 2009 Meeting.

MOTION (Bousley/Magnin) to approve the Minutes as written. Motion carried.
No negative vote.

4. Public Comment.

Dave Thibodeau inquired about turn signal enforcement.

5. Highway Department Report.

Highway Department will look into crosswalk roadway painting near Coleman School.

6. State Patrol Traffic Report.

State Patrol Officer, Bruce Conover reported the new radios are operable. State Patrol will be involved in "Click It or Ticket" Program.

7. Marinette Police Department Traffic Report.

None at this time.

8. School Related Traffic Report.

Tom Westlund stated the last day of school will be in the first week of June.

9. D.O.T. Traffic Concerns and Updates.

Randy Asman commented on the following:

- School zone speed signage on Hwy 41 in the City of Marinette will be changing soon.
- Speed limit signage on Hwy 41 before and after construction in the City of Peshtigo concern.
- Hwy 41 construction on schedule and should be completed by end of the year.
- Speed sign needed on Hwy 64 heading east off CP.

10. B.O.T. Information and Updates.

Mike Panosh reported there were 150 vehicle fatalities in WI so far in 2009, which is down from 167 at this same time last year. There have been 15 motorcycle fatalities so far in 2009, which are up from 6 at this same time last year. 40% of all traffic fatalities are alcohol related. In 2008 Marinette County had 9 fatalities and so far in 2009 there have been 10; Oconto County has zero fatalities, 2008 they had 7; Shawano County has 3 fatalities, 2008 they had 14. The "Click It or Ticket" Program will start Monday, May 18th and continues until the end of May. Friday, May 15th from 5pm-9pm there will be special enforcement on Hwy 41. There is possible legislation to change the State of WI from secondary seatbelt use to primary seatbelt use.

11. Marinette County Sheriff's Department Traffic Report.

Lt. Jim Albright commented the Sheriff's Department will be involved in the "Click It or Ticket" Program and also May 15th special enforcement on Hwy 41.

12. Traffic Fatalities in Marinette County.

There have been five (5) traffic fatalities since the last meeting. It was noted that the fatalities in Marinette County have been "multiple" fatalities in each case. Lt. Jim Albright attended a Town of Peshtigo meeting in reference to County Meadows Road. The Town is waiting a decision from the Railroad Department before proceeding.

13. Next Meeting Date.

Wednesday, August 12, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. at LE Center

14. Adjourn.

MOTION (Westlund/Soletske) to adjourn at 10:45 a.m. Motion carried. No negative vote.

Respectfully submitted:
Fae Olson

Date approved/corrected: