



Marinette County Traffic Safety Commission

MINUTES

Wednesday, November 14, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.
2161 University Drive, Marinette, WI
Law Enforcement Center Conference Room

Members Present: Lt. Jim Albright, Randy Asman, Russ Bauer, Bruce Conover, Lt. Doug Erdmann, Mike Panosh, Ida Soletske and Dave Zandt
Excused: Rick Ahrens, Allen Brey, Dr. Dean Magnin, Ray Palonen and Tom Westlund
Also Present: State Patrol Sgt. David Catalano 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 (Erdmann/Soletske) to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion carried.
No negative vote.

3. Approve/Amend Minutes of August 8, 2012 Meeting.

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

4. Public Comment.

Russ Bauer commented that Hwy Committee approved a portion of CO N and CO O for ATV usage. Russ Bauer thanked whoever was responsible for installing arrows along corner of HWY 64 near his property; this has been a safety issue.

5. Correspondence.

- Resolution requesting continuing WI State Patrol Resident Troopers stationed in Marinette County approved unanimously by County Board.
- Letter received from Representative John Nygren voicing his concern regarding safety on HWY 41 between Marinette and Peshtigo.

6. Highway Department Report.

- New Marinette County Highway Commissioner Raymond Palonen unable to attend and will be introduced at next meeting.

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

Highway Committee reviewed speed limit issue on CTH X near Boat Landing 3 Road and no changes proposed. Sheriff's Office will complete a speed study and forward to Department of Transportation. Report will then be brought back to Traffic Safety Committee at next meeting.

8. State Patrol Traffic Report.

Trooper Bruce Conover was thanked for his dedication through his many years of service and the committee wished Trooper Conover well with his retirement. WI State Patrol Sgt. David Catalano commented that Marinette County should contact State Patrol whenever assistance is needed. Trooper Conover thanked the committee and Marinette County for the great working relationships through his 20 years of service.

9. Marinette Police Department Traffic Report.

Lt. Doug Erdmann reported Marinette PD has issued 8 seatbelt violations and 43 other citations with the Click It or Ticket program. The OWI Task Force has been involved in 67 stops and 6 arrests; total of 19 OWI arrests to date with the program. The Task Force is funded through a grant with Department of Justice.

Lt. Erdmann stated he has had comments about installing a green arrow turning left off HWY 41 onto Cleveland Avenue. Randy Asman will check if the County or State is responsible for green arrow and report back to committee.

10. School Related Traffic Report.

None at this time.

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

Randy Asman reported the Wisconsin Department of Transportation will be having training opportunities for agencies free of charge. DOT has updated traffic incident management guidelines. HWY 141 and HWY 64 crossing still on schedule for 2014.

12. B.O.T.S. Information and Updates.

Mike Panosh reported there have been 543 fatalities to date statewide in 2012, compared to 487 in 2011. Statewide motorcycle fatalities and passenger fatalities have been on the increase. Mike Panosh also commented B.O.T.S. now has a Facebook page to education and interact with the public. www.facebook.com/wiowitaskforce

13. Marinette County Sheriff's Office Traffic Report.

Lt. Albright reported roadside brushing at railroad crossing near Loomis will not be done at this time.

14. Traffic Fatalities in Marinette County.

Lt. Albright reported there were four traffic fatalities in the county since last meeting. To date the number of traffic fatalities in Marinette County is 13.

15. Election of Vice Chairperson.

Election will be held at next meeting.

16. Future Agenda Items.

- Introduce new HWY Commissioner.
- Elect new Vice Chairperson.
- Speed limit on CTH X update.

17. Next Meeting Date.

Wednesday, February 13, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. at LE Center.

18. Adjourn.

MOTION (Bauer/Soletske) to adjourn at 11:01 a.m. Motion carried. No negative vote.

Respectfully submitted:
Fae Olson, Secretary

Date approved/corrected: