

HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING

Committee/Board: HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMISSION

Date of Meeting: Thursday, January 16, 2020

Location: 2nd Floor Conference Room
Buffalo County Courthouse - Alma, Wisconsin

Buffalo County Highway Safety Commission members present were:

NAME:	REPRESENTING
Josh Reed- EXCUSED	School Districts
Mike Schmidtknecht and Lee Engfer	Sheriff's Office
Dan Kontos	WI DOT
Rick Tumaniec	WI DOT
Jerilyn Baures	Population
Norita Willadsen- EXCUSED	Nurse
Bob Platteter	Highway Department
Bruce Fuerbringer-interim	Emergency Management
Sgt. Dean Haigh	WI State Patrol
Melissa Brunner	Coordinator, Sheriff's Office
Mike Johnson - EXCUSED	Alma Police Department

Ms. Baures called the meeting to order at 1:00pm.

Public: None

Sheriff Schmidtknecht made a motion to approve previous minutes, second by Mr. Tumaniec. Motion carried.

Sheriff Schmidtknecht: Reported that on February 18th there will be a 10th grade presentation at the Alma High School, which includes the simulator. Three vehicle accident in November on the Wabasha Dike Rd, near the first wayside. All three vehicles went into the water. Two vehicles went in on the north side, where the water runs about 17' deep and one vehicle went in on the south side. DOT will look into whether or not guardrails or some type of cable rail could be installed. No parties were physically injured.

Bruce Fuerbringer: Discussed regional response with the Menomonie teams, it's still up in the air. The 2003 command trailer was sold on online auction for \$8,650. He plans to use the funds towards the purchase of courthouse AEDs.

Bob Platteter: Discussed the stretch of Hwy 88 where only the spread of salt brine, not rock salt was done. They need to commit a stretch of highway in order to be approved for a purchase of a new brine maker, it's a 10 year sign-on.

County Rd. G out of Fountain City bridge replacement is happening now. There is a concern for safety.

Dan Kontos: Addressed the fatalities on Hwy 95 and Hwy 25 for 2019. Legislatives have been updated in 2020, regarding OWI-THC laws can be accessed by the public. April is National Distracted Driving month. Also, April 6th-10th focuses on work zone awareness.

Rick Tumaniec: The MN DOT is managing the work being done near Wabasha. There are only three carryover jobs to be done in 2020. He will provide the committee the 6-year upcoming program for work.

Jerilyn Baures: Expressed her concerns for the Wabasha Dike road situation in relation to the amount of crashes.

Josh Reed: Excused

Sgt. Dean Haigh: Reported 7 fatalities for the year, so far.

Norita Willadsen: Excused

Next meeting to be held April 16th, 2020 at 1:00pm.

Mr. Platteter made a motion to adjourn at 2:05pm, second by Sgt. Haigh.

Respectfully submitted:

Melissa Brunner, Coordinator