

# Buffalo County Highway Safety

1/17/19

- Call to order: 1:02 pm
- Approval of last meetings minutes
- Citizens' concerns- none
- BUSO updates
  - Semi vs SUV crash on STH 35 near CTH P
  - Increase in drug cases and drug related OWI violations within county
- Emergency Government
  - Response to any crashes involving hazardous materials has been a hot topic at WI emergency management
    - County has a response plan for such which states that if there is a release of hazardous materials, they will call a response team from Eau Claire.
    - State has advised that Buffalo County cannot call the Eau Claire team as it is a regional team that cannot be contacted directly by Buffalo County, and that they need to find a lower level local team to handle smaller incidents.
    - Having your own team requires maintaining a certified level B response team. If a county cannot do this, they need to contract with a level B team.
    - Emergency management is funded through grants and money is available for equipment, but that money is not available to the county unless they have a response team, and if they contract with a team, they can get the money, but it has to go to the contracted team.
    - Asking for clarification prior to the end of March
  - Exercise planning team organized for the upcoming incident response exercise with the next stage of the event planned for late fall.
- Buffalo County Highway Department
  - Not much for updates as there hasn't been much winter weather yet this year with the exception of ice.
  - Call from Railroad regarding parking along STH 35 south of Alma near Dairyland Power.
  - Mondovi ATV club has asked that all county roads be made into ATV routes.
    - This has come up before, but it died.
    - Considerable support has been demonstrated by the public, yet there were also dissenters present.
    - So far the townships have not come out in favor of this.

- BOTS update- Notes from Randy Wiessinger who wasn't present
  - 2018 fatalities down from the year before
  - Governor's Convention on traffic safety is August 22, in WI Dells
- DOT Hwy Engineering- Rick Tumaniec
  - Lights at 35/54 will have their timing readjusted in the near future to help clear traffic cues during morning and afternoon rush hours.
  - Bridge projects
    - STH 121, Elk Creek, near Lookout
    - Three structures in Fountain City area between CTH YY and Midway Rd
- Population Representative- Jeri Baures
  - River Road speed limits in Buffalo City addressed?
    - More signage and flagging on signs
- Education Representative- Josh Reed
  - Few issues with transport so far this winter
- WSP Update- Sgt. D Haigh
  - Law of the month regarding 200' following distance for plows engaged in snow removal.
- Next Meeting April 18<sup>th</sup> 1:00 pm
- Adjourn: 1:45 pm

Minutes taken by: Sgt. Dean Haigh/WSP