

**MINUTES OF THE BAYFIELD COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
THURSDAY – May 5, 2010**

The regular meeting of the Bayfield County Traffic Safety Committee was called to order by Chairman Toepfer at 8:30AM on May 5, 2010 at the Bayfield County Highway office in Washburn, WI.

Present were committee members: Robert Follis - Sheriff; Jan Victorson - Emergency Management; Dennis Johnson – WISDOT / BOTS; Morris Luke – WISDOT; Don Swedberg – Citizen Representative; Brett Heino – WI State Patrol; Sheree Collins – Traffic Education; Thomas Toepfer – Highway Commissioner

Motion by Luke / Victorson and carried to approve the minutes of the February 18, 2010 meeting of the Bayfield County Traffic Safety Committee with the following correction: At the time of the February meeting, 544 fatalities for 2009 was the preliminary total.

There was no public input.

Bayfield County Traffic Coordinator Sheriff Bob Follis presented a spot map and noted that there have been no fatalities since the first quarter. The committee noted the number of easily avoidable driver error crashes.

Wisconsin DOT Regional Program Manager Dennis Johnson reported that there have been 160 fatalities to date compared to 165 on this date last year and a 5 year average of 215. Johnson noted that the 2009 total of 542 fatalities was the lowest since 1944.

Johnson updated the committee on the June 1<sup>st</sup> start to Wisconsin's Insurance Law and the December 1<sup>st</sup> Texting Law. Johnson reported on State Patrol Laws of the months. The committee agreed to recommend to WIS-DOT to have Bicycle Traffic Law Compliance as a law of the month.

Bayfield County Emergency Management Director Jan Victorson updated the committee on local scholarship programs for public safety announcement submissions, local trauma training and EMT recruitment efforts.

Chairman Thomas Toepfer commended Sheriff Follis on his article on Bicycle Safety.

The next meeting was scheduled for August 19, 2010.

Motion made and carried to adjourn at 11:00 AM.

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Thomas R. Toepfer, Highway Commissioner  
Bayfield County Highway Department