

MINUTES OF THE BAYFIELD COUNTY TRAFFICE SAFETY COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, May 17, 2018

The regular meeting of the Bayfield County Traffic Safety Committee was called to order by Chairman Paul Susienka at 8:59 am on Thursday, May 17, 2018 at the Bayfield County Emergency Operations Center, Washburn, WI.

Attendees: Paul Susienka, Bayfield County Sheriff, Dan Bieberitz-WI DOT Representative, Rick Olig- BOTS LE Liaison, Don Swedberg-Community Representative, Sgt. Kraetzke-State Patrol, Deb Milanowski-Bayfield County Sheriff's Office

Approval of Minutes: Minutes tabled for next meeting-no quorum present.

Public Input: None

Report from Bayfield County Traffic Safety Coordinator: The Sheriff and Deb reviewed with the committee traffic accidents for the county using the Community Maps program. There are 99 accidents out of 101 that are mapped. Most likely parking lot accidents which don't map well. No big accidents for the first quarter. About half of our accidents are deer crashes. Community Maps was updated to allow access to the actual crash report from the accident summary window. Hoping to get citations accessible through Community Maps. Currently an issue due to the different maps that are used by TraCS and Community Maps. There is a new flag for teen drivers. There is no extra work involved in this flag. There is an algorithm in place that looks at the age of the driver and if they are between 16 and 19, it creates the flag for teen driver. 15% of our crashes are self-reported. These would be your deer crashes.

Currently running with two State Patrol Troopers in the area again. However, one of them will be off for a period starting in July for maternity leave.

Discussed the Oral Fluid Testing. This would be the PC needed for an OWI stop. Currently being used in Dane County.

Report from WI DOT Traffic Safety Coordinator: Dan updated the committee on the upcoming projects in Bayfield County. The first is flattening the curve on Hwy 13 (between Bayfield & Cornucopia) south of Turner Rd. This is now set to start in mid-July. The Iron River bridge project is currently underway. US 2 from Hwy 63 to Co Hwy G (west side)-this resurfacing project will begin in mid-July.

Report from Highway Commissioner: Tom Toepfer has retired. The Sheriff will make sure that the interim commissioner is aware of these meetings.

Report from BOTS LE Liaison:

A reminder that the Click-It or Ticket initiative will begin on 5/21 and run through 6/3. Make sure that Bayfield County is signed up. Governor's Conference is set for August 21-23, 2018 and will be held in Lake Geneva. Law Enforcement luncheon held that same day as well.

Report from Community Representative: Don indicated he has been getting complaints regarding the number of guardrails between Washburn and Bayfield that were installed last year. These complaints also are due to the end sections of these guardrails and the fact that they could be dangerous. Dan indicated that these end sections are built to be hit and designed to stop vehicles.

Report from the Education Representative: Sheree was unable to attend.

Next meeting is scheduled for 8/16/18 at 9:00am at the Bayfield County Sheriff's Office in the EOC.

Meeting ended at 10:02am

Submitted by: Deb Milanowski

Minutes Approved on: 8/16/18 9:05am