

MEETING OF THE ONEIDA COUNTY HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

HELD ON 02/15/2022 AT 12:30 P.M. AT THE ONEIDA COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT, 730 WEST KEMP STREET, RHINELANDER, WI

MEMBERS PRESENT: KIRBY/CHAIRMAN, HEGEMAN/COORDINATOR, COOPER/SECRETARY, OLIG/WISDOT, BOTS, BAIER/WISDOT, GAUTHIER/RHINELANDER POLICE DEPT, GRABOW-HOHENSEE/WI STATE PATROL, ENGLAND/NICOLET COLLEGE, KELLER/ONEIDA COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPT, JENSEN/PUBLIC

The following matters were taken up to wit:

1. Kirby called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. It was noted the meeting was properly posted and the media notified.
2. **Motion:** Olig/Jensen to approve the agenda. All ayes.
3. **Motion:** Olig/Gauthier to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. All ayes.
4. Oneida County Crash History and Data. Keller reported that the only fatalities lately are on snowmobiles. Three over this past weekend in nearby counties.
5. 2022 Budget items. Cooper mentioned that we still have quite a few slap bracelets and blinking lights. Kirby said the bike rodeo is going on this year, scheduled for May 13 at the YMCA. We will be able to hand them out there. Kirby and England agreed to attend. Discussed getting more reflective safety vests. Kirby mentioned that the Rhinelander High School Physical Education class might be interested in some for the students when they bike ride around town. Keller said he would check with the Rhinelander High School and the Three Lakes High School and see if they could use them. Kirby said he would check with Lakeland Union in Minocqua.
6. Discussed WisDOT New County Profile Report. Total fatalities in Wisconsin for 2021 was 600 compared to 593 in 2020. To date for 2022, 55 fatalities compared to 51 same time last year. 2021 crashes reported was 625 compared to 640 in 2020 and 746 in 2019. Wisconsin Department of Transportation Bureau of Transportation Safety, partnering with AAA, is providing an ideal resource for your opioid abuse prevention program. Fatal Vision Opioid Goggles and activities provide a unique demonstration of the impairing effects and severe consequences associated with opioid abuse. Contact your Law Enforcement Liaison to learn how to schedule training and access these resources for your program. Community Maps hoping to have DNR reports added to the database for ATV crashes. Department of Transportation has been waiving behind the wheel testing for a while now for students, and studies show that the ones that actually took the test got more citations than the ones that did not.
7. WisDOT Construction Updates. Baier updated the committee on the State construction projects. Projects for 2022 include:
 - Highway 32 east of Three Lakes to Argonne, large culvert replacements with detours
 - Highway 8 east from Monico to the Forest county line will be a resurface
 - Highway 8 from County P to Monico, Resurface
 - Highway 8 Scott Creek Box Culvert, Little Somo River Bridge
 - Highway 47 from Kildeer to Vilas county line resurface with culvert and beamguard replacement
 - Highway 45 from Highway 32 to Vilas county line resurface with culvert replacement

8. County Construction. Hegeman updated the committee on County projects.
 - County “D” from County “O” to Nokomis Cranberry Marsh
 - County “Z” from County “B” in Jennings to Langlade County line.
 - Chip sealing County “Q” and “B”
9. Public Comments.
10. Future meeting dates; May 17th, 2022, August 16th, 2022 and November 15th 2022.
11. **Motion:** Olig/Keller to adjourn at 1:40 p.m. All ayes.

Committee Chairperson

Committee Vice-Chairperson