

## **Taylor County Traffic Safety Committee**

December 4, 2007

3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Courtroom, Taylor County Courthouse

**Call Meeting to Order:** Chairman Toepfer called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**Members Present:** Jill Scheithauer, Tim Mason, Bruce Kinlen, Dorothy Falasky, Diane Niggemann, Patti Nelles, Nick Synol, James Seidl, Tim Ludwig, and Bill Daniels

**Approve Minutes:** Motion by Seidl/Niggemann and carried to approve the minutes of the September 4, 2007 meeting.

Taylor County Sheriff Sergeant Nick Synol reported on a September 8, 2007 traffic fatality at 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Pinewood involving a truck and a train. Sergeant Synol also suggested extending the 45 mph speed reduction on STH 64 further west of CTH Q. WISDOT Traffic Engineer Tim Mason will assess the area.

Northwest Region Transportation Safety Coordinator Patti Nelles distributed a regional program manager district map, drunk driving crackdown results, a Click It or Ticket timeline, information on car/deer crashes, Law of the Month information (headlights), and a legislative update.

**Next Committee Meeting:** The 2008 meetings of the Taylor County Traffic Safety Committee were scheduled for March 4, June 3, September 2 and December 2, 2008.

**Adjournment:** Motion by Falasky/Kinlen and carried to adjourn at 11:00 a.m.

## **September 4, 2007**

### Taylor County Traffic Safety Committee Minutes of Meeting

The regular meeting of the Taylor County Traffic Safety Committee was called to order by Chairman Thomas R. Toepfer at 10:00 A.M. on September 4, 2007 in the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor courtroom at the Taylor County Courthouse. Present were: Dorothy Falasky, James Seidl, Nick Synol, Patti Nelles, Tim Ludwig, Bruce Kinlen, Jill Scheithauer, Tim Mason and Diane Niggemann.

Motion by Nelles/Falasky and carried to approve the minutes of the June 5, 2007 regular meeting of the Taylor County Traffic Safety Committee with the following correction: Sergeant Synol provided information on the Restorative Justice Program not Ms. Nelles.

Taylor County Sheriff Sergeant Nick Synol reported on two serious crashes in Taylor County; one on August 2 at Gibson and Apple and another on August 8 at CTH O and CTH E. Both resulted from a failure of one vehicle to obey a stop sign.

WISDOT Traffic Engineer Tim Mason presented crash statistics for the CTH O and CTH E intersection. The intersection averages one crash per year, all of which were daylight crashes resulting from a failure to stop. Law enforcement reports that the rumble strips are effective and that the intersection is frequently monitored. Traffic counts indicate a 4-way stop is not warranted and that lighting would probably be ineffective. Commissioner Toepfer reported that he will contact the Federal Highway Administration for an impartial assessment.

Northwest Region Transportation Safety Coordinator Patti Nelles reported on the drunk driving crackdown and presented final 2006 crash statistics, 16 – 19 year old driver crash facts and a 2007 – 2008 legislative update.

Chairman Toepfer reported on his submission of a 2008 – 2011 Highway Safety Improvement Project Application for the improvement of the intersection of CTH M and Hillcrest. Motion by Seidl/Falasky and carried to support the application.

Motion by Kinlen/Mason and carried to adjourn at 11:00 A.M.

**June 5, 2007**

Taylor County Traffic Safety Committee  
Minutes of Meeting

The regular meeting of the Taylor County Traffic Safety Committee was called to order by Chairman Thomas R. Toepfer at 10:00 A.M. on June 5, 2007 in the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor courtroom at the Taylor County Courthouse. Present were: Dorothy Falasky, James Seidl, Nick Synol, Patti Nelles, Tim Ludwig, Bruce Kinlen, Jill Scheithauer and Kim Sybers.

Motion by Seidl/Falasky and carried to approve the minutes of the March 6, 2007 regular meeting of the Taylor County Traffic Safety Committee and to schedule the next meeting for September 4, 2007.

Taylor County Sheriff Sergeant Nick Synol reported on a May 4, 2007 crash on STH 13 near Correction Lane that resulted in three fatalities. The incident is under investigation.

Northwest Region Transportation Safety Coordinator Patti Nelles distributed the 2005 Wisconsin Traffic Crash Facts. Ms. Nelles provided information on the Restorative Justice Program and the display car which is available for use.

Motion by Kinlen/Seidl and carried to adjourn at 11:00 A.M.

**March 6, 2007**

Taylor County Traffic Safety Committee  
Minutes of Meeting

The regular meeting of the Taylor County Traffic Safety Committee was called to order by Chairman Thomas R. Toepfer at 10:00 A.M. on March 6, 2007 in the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor courtroom at the Taylor County Courthouse. Present were: Dorothy Falasky, James Seidl, Nick Synol, Tim Mason, Patti Nelles, Tim Ludwig, Bruce Kinlen, Diane Niggemann, Bill Daniels and Kim Sybers.

Motion by Seidl/Niggemann and carried to approve the minutes of the December 5, 2006 regular meeting of the Taylor County Traffic Safety Committee and to schedule the next meeting for June 5, 2007.

There was no public input for Agenda Item #3.

Taylor County Sheriff Sergeant Nick Synol reported that there were no fatalities in Taylor County in 2007. Sergeant Synol reported on a bad crash at the south county line during the last snowstorm. Blowing snow and ice were contributing factors.

Northwest Region Transportation Safety Coordinator Patti Nelles reported that the period for issuing warnings for the child passenger restraint law is over. Ms. Nelles gave an update on recent legislation, safe bicycling, safe routes to school, and provided the 2006 – 2008 Wisconsin Strategic Highway Safety Plan.

WISDOT Traffic Engineer Tim Mason reported on 2007 construction projects in Taylor County.

Diane Niggemann, Director of the Taylor County Commission on Aging, reported on four upcoming AARP driving classes.

Motion by Kinlen/Falasky and carried to adjourn at 11:15 A.M.