

## **Taylor County Traffic Safety Committee**

December 7, 2021

Third Floor County Board Room, Taylor County Courthouse

**Call Meeting to Order:** Ben Stanfley called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

**Members Present:** Dave Roiger, Rick Olig, Rick Tumaniec, Ben Stanfley, Jesse Holtz and Allen Diede

**Others Present:** Emily Gojmerac from the Star News

Motion by Roiger/Holtz and carried to approve the minutes of the September 7, 2021 meeting of the Taylor County Traffic Safety Committee.

Motion by Holtz/Roiger and carried to approve the agenda with 8 items.

Jesse Holtz, Taylor County Sheriff's Office, reported on a total of 123 accidents. 73 accidents were deer related, 15 involved teens, 19 involved individuals 65+, 2 had serious injuries and 3 fatalities.

Rick Olig, BOTS Law Enforcement Liaison

- As of 12/7/2021 there have been 557 fatalities in WI compared to 562 last year at this time.
- 246 total crashes, 6 fatalities and 103 injuries vs. 221 total crashes, 1 fatality and 77 injuries this time last year.
- Discussed fatalities with nothing concluding as a pattern at any of the locations.
- Discussed buggy accidents statewide and since 2017 there have been 168 crashes with 145 injuries and 10 fatalities.
- Predictive analytics show the City of Medford and Hwy 13 in the Town of Deer Creek for highest probability for accidents
- Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over campaign will run December 17, 2021 – January 1, 2022

Rick Tumaniec, WISDOT Traffic Safety Engineer

- Nothing to report
- 2022 construction information will be available at the March 2022 meeting

Other Traffic Safety Issues

- None

**Next Committee Meeting:** The next regular meeting of the Taylor County Traffic Safety Committee will be March 1, 2022 at 10:30 A.M.

**Adjournment:** Motion by Roiger/Holtz and carried to adjourn at 10:48 a.m.

## **Taylor County Traffic Safety Committee**

September 7, 2021

Third Floor County Board Room, Taylor County Courthouse

**Call Meeting to Order:** Ben Stanfley called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

**Members Present:** Dave Roiger, Rick Olig, Rick Tumaniec, Ben Stanfley, Jesse Holtz, Nathanael Brown and Chad Liske

**Others Present:** None

Motion by Roiger/Brown and carried to approve the minutes of the June 1, 2021 meeting of the Taylor County Traffic Safety Committee.

Motion by Roiger/Holtz and carried to approve the agenda with 8 items.

Jesse Holtz, Taylor County Sheriff's Office, reported on a total of 93 accidents. 47 accidents were deer related, 19 involved teens, 16 involved individuals 65+, 5 had serious injuries and 3 fatalities.

Rick Olig, BOTS Law Enforcement Liaison

- As of 9/7/2021 there have been 370 fatalities in WI compared to 376 last year at this time.
- 179 total crashes, 3 fatalities and 76 injuries vs. 147 total crashes, 1 fatality and 49 injuries this time last year.
- Predictive Analytics shows a higher potential for accidents in Medford and the largest contributing factors would be teen drivers.
- 2021 Drive Sober campaign will run December 17, 2021 – January 1, 2022

Rick Tumaniec, WISDOT Traffic Safety Engineer

- No construction is scheduled on our State highways this year.
- Will look at STH 13 taper improvements for future projects.
- Reduce Speed Ahead sign, STH 13 North of Medford, may be missing.

Other Traffic Safety Issues

- None

**Next Committee Meeting:** The next regular meeting of the Taylor County Traffic Safety Committee will be December 7, 2021 at 10:30 A.M.

**Adjournment:** Motion by Roiger/Tumaniec and carried to adjourn at 11:12 a.m.

## **Taylor County Traffic Safety Committee**

June 1, 2021

Third Floor County Board Room, Taylor County Courthouse

**Call Meeting to Order:** Ben Stanfley called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

**Members Present:** Dave Roiger, Rick Olig, Rick Tumaniec, Ben Stanfley, Jesse Holtz, Alan Diede, Jeff Nuernberger and Nathanael Brown

**Others Present:** Eric Howell, Northwest Regional Planning Commission

Motion by Roiger/Holtz and carried to approve the minutes of the March 2, 2021 meeting of the Taylor County Traffic Safety Committee.

Motion by Brown/Roiger and carried to approve the agenda with 8 items.

Jesse Holtz, Taylor County Sheriff's Office, reported on a total of 75 accidents. 3 accidents involved serious injuries and 2 occurred over the Memorial Day weekend. 17 crashes were drivers age 65+. No ATV/UTV crashes and no increased complaints.

Rick Olig, BOTS Law Enforcement Liaison

- As of 6/1/21, statewide, there have been 165 fatalities, compared to 162 at this time last year. None in Taylor County.
- Analytics show Medford and Stetsonville for potential crashes.
- Click It or Ticket campaign until June 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over will run August 20 – September 6
- Governors' Conference in August will be all online with free registration.

Rick Tumaniec, WISDOT Traffic Safety Engineer

- No construction is scheduled on our State highways this year yet.
- Concern with tapers north on STH 13 was discussed.

Other Traffic Safety Issues

- Watching a case in Vernon County regarding Amish with flashing yellow lights, waiting to see what happens. In Clark County, they do not pay the ticket and they have been sitting instead of paying the fine.
- Northwest Regional Planning talked to the group about traffic safety planning.

**Next Committee Meeting:** The next regular meeting of the Taylor County Traffic Safety Committee will be September 7, 2021 at 10:30 A.M.

**Adjournment:** Motion by Roiger/Tumaniec and carried to adjourn at 11:49 a.m.

## **Taylor County Traffic Safety Committee**

March 2, 2021

Sheriff's Department Training Room, Taylor County Courthouse

**Call Meeting to Order:** Ben Stanfley called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

**Members Present:** Dave Roiger, Rick Olig, Rick Tumaniec, Ben Stanfley, Chad Liske, Jesse Holtz, Alan Diede, Jason Lang, Jeff Nuernberger and Nathanael Brown

**Others Present:** None

Motion by Roiger/Olig and carried to approve the minutes of the December 1, 2020 meeting of the Taylor County Traffic Safety Committee.

Motion by Olig/Roiger and carried to approve the agenda with 8 items.

Jesse Holtz, Taylor County Sheriff's Office, reported on a total of 91 accidents. 37 cars vs. deer, 12 with injuries and 2 with severe injuries. No fatalities and 1 fatality in 2020. No ATV accidents and 1 snowmobile accident on a snowmobile trail. There has been an increase in accidents with drivers 65+.

Rick Olig, BOTS Law Enforcement Liaison

- As of 3/2/21, statewide, there have been 58 fatalities, compared to 61 at this time last year.
- Statewide in 2020 there were 599 fatalities, compared 550 fatalities in 2019.
- Overall, this year, 20-30% reduction in crashes, statewide
- Increase in 65+ driver crashes in 2020.
- Alcohol and drugs related crashes up 20% from 2019.
- Predictive analytics shows high crash probability on STH 64 west of Medford and STH 13 in Stetsonville.
- Taylor County has all crashes mapped for 2020.
- 2021 Click-It or Ticket will run May 24 – June 6
- Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over will run August 20 – September 6 and December 17 - January 1, 2022.
- 46<sup>th</sup> annual Governor's conference on highway safety will be held August 17 – 19 at Chula Vista Resort in Wisconsin Dells. Both in person and virtual attendance options will be available.
- ZeroInWisconsin.gov is updated with new resources and materials.

Rick Tumaniec, WISDOT Traffic Safety Engineer

- No construction is scheduled on our State highways this year yet.

Other Traffic Safety Issues

- State Patrol Officer Diede is working with the Amish community in western Taylor County for not using flashing light or lanterns. He has also been working with the Taylor County District Attorney. The State Patrol will be issuing citations to the driver and owner of the

buggy. A 17-year-old was killed two weeks ago on STH 64 in Chippewa and didn't have a flashing lantern or lights. The State Patrol is trying to find a device that will make a lantern flash due to the community refusing to use electricity.

**Next Committee Meeting:** The next regular meeting of the Taylor County Traffic Safety Committee will be June 1, 2021 at 10:30 A.M.

**Adjournment:** Motion by Roiger/Olig and carried to adjourn at 10:55 a.m.