

Taylor County Traffic Safety Committee

March 1, 2022

Sheriff's 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, Jesse Holtz and Jill Scheithauer

Others Present: None

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

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

Jesse Holtz, Taylor County Sheriff's Office, reported on a total of 87 accidents. 24 accidents were deer related, 10 involved teens, 5 involved individuals 65+, none had serious injuries or fatalities. In 2021: There were a total of 6 fatalities, which is up from previous years. There were no ATV/UTV or snowmobile accidents in 2021.

Rick Olig, BOTS Law Enforcement Liaison

- There were 599 total fatalities in 2021, in WI. The total from 2020 was 593 fatalities.
- Speed and teen crashes are up compared to 2020 and 2019.
- 50% of the county's fatalities were drug/alcohol related.
- Vehicle Safety Recall week will be March 7 – 11, 2022
- April is National Distracted Driver Awareness Month
- Senate Passed, Legislative Proposals
 - Allow DOT, Highway Departments and Municipals to use green and amber lights on vehicles.
 - Allow ATV/UTV speed limits to be different than the posted vehicle speeds.
 - ATV crashes are on the community maps and working to include DNR reports as well. Also, possibly including snowmobile in the future.

Rick Tumaniec, WISDOT Traffic Safety Engineer

- 2022 Construction Projects:
 - STH 64 (CTH B to STH 73S)
 - STH 97 (STH 64 to County Line)

Other Traffic Safety Issues

- None

Next Committee Meeting: The next regular meeting of the Taylor County Traffic Safety Committee will be June 7, 2022 at 10:30 A.M.

Adjournment: Motion by Roiger/Olig and carried to adjourn at 10:57 a.m.