

# HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING

**Committee/Board:** HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMISSION

**Date of Meeting:** Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**Location:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference Room  
Buffalo County Courthouse - Alma, Wisconsin

Buffalo County Highway Safety Commission members present were:

NAME:	REPRESENTING
Josh Reed	School Districts
Mike Osmond	Sheriff's Office
Dan Kontos	WI DOT
Rick Tumaniec	WI DOT
Jerilyn Baures	Population
Beth Sass	Medical
Bob Platteter	Highway Department
Lucas Teska	Emergency Management
Jason Bakken	WI State Patrol
Kasondra Serum	Coordinator, Sheriff's Office
Vacant	Alma Police Department

**Others:** In person: None

**#1. Call to Order/Roll call :**

Jerilyn Baures called the meeting to order at 1:04pm.

**#2. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:**

Rick Tumaniec made a motion to approve the previous minutes, seconded by Beth Sass.

**#3. Citizen concerns on posted Agenda items :** None

**#4. Citizen concerns on non-posted Agenda items:** None

**#5. Sheriff Osmond - Sheriff's Office update:**

Sheriff Osmond started off with there was a fatal crash on Hy 25 where a semi crossed the lane of traffic, rolled, and started on fire. Motorcycle crashes have been low.

**#6. Sheriff Osmond –Wabasha Dike Road**

Sheriff Osmond advised that the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> week the lights were a cluster. He had a meeting to discuss the lights and they were able to resolve the issue. They also wanted to put up no parking signs, but they wouldn't stay up and most of them were lying on the ground. They claimed they couldn't find sandbags to keep the signs up.

### **#7. Sheriff Osmond- 35/54 Intersection**

Sheriff Osmond advised that the lights have been adjusted and everything has been fine. Rick Tumaniec advised that the lights will go green at 5am and that there has been 1 accident that has happened 20 minutes before it turned green.

### **#8. Sheriff Osmond –Speed Grant**

Sheriff Osmond advised that Bakken advised that it was supposed to be an OWI grant and not a speed grant, Sheriff Osmond asked Dan Kontos if he could confirm what grant it was. Sheriff Osmond advised that if it is for an OWI grant that changes everything. Speed grant you can do anytime, and the OWI grant is 6pm and after. Dan Kontos was able to confirm that it was a speed grant.

### **#9. Emergency Management Report:**

Lucas advised the Fire Association will be meeting next on Wednesday January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024. There will be a traffic incident course at the Alma School, this will be the first time that they will be doing the class.

### **#10. Highway Department Update:**

Bob Platteter advised that the bridge on Hy 37 has been completed that is located by the highway shop and everything went well. They are in the process of finishing an emergency response trailer that will be used when there is an accident, it will have everything needed. Jason Bakken asked if it can be used for mutual aid, Bob stated yes, they would just have to contact Dispatch to get ahold of highway.

### **#11. Dan Kontos-DOT update:**

Dan Kontos started off with that there have been 127 total crashes as of October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023, with 4 fatalities and 53 with injuries. Dan advised that in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 31.7% of crashes were from speed, 19.5% were from aggressive and 12.2% were from distracted drivers. 24.4% were from intersection/related, 34.1% were from 1 unit lane departure and 9.8% were from 2 plus unit's lane departure. Alcohol and/or drugs were suspected in 7.3%. Dan went over a quarterly data quality reminder of the importance of crash reporting narratives and diagrams when completing a crash report.

### **#12. Rick Tumaniec -DOT update:**

Rick Tumaniec advised that the Hy 37 and the 3 bridges on Hy 35 have been completed. He also advised that the State Hy 95 N of Jefferson St to Cty Rd G is still ongoing they are working on paving surface then moving onto shoulders, and paint, they are looking to complete the project by November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### **#13. Jeri Baures-Population update : None**

### **#14. Josh Reed-Education update:**

Josh started off by asking Rick Tumaniec about the school, adding spinning signs that are reflective on 3 sides. Rick is going to check to see if they can do that. Josh asked who would be responsible for paying for the signs, the ones that he was looking at were \$2,000 a sign. Rick advised that the City of Alma would be responsible for paying for it. Josh is going to email Rick the signs he was looking at. Josh also brought up the gravel roads making the bus's shake, Bob stated that grating is up to the townships, but he will send out an email out to have them start working on them.

**#15. Jason Bakken -WSP update:**

Jason Bakken started off with they just wrapped up applications. Bakken advised they have a mixture of applicants that have no law enforcement and others that are employed. They had 88 applicants, 37 are in backgrounds and they are looking to hire 12 with over 100 openings. Bakken brought up an Amish Buggie accident that occurred where the horse didn't make it and there were 4 people seriously injured. Bakken stated that lighting was a factor on both ends. Bakken discussed a success story with flock camera, there was a bank robbery in Eau Claire on a dirt bike. They were able to locate the vehicle with a flock camera.

**#16. Beth Sass - Medical update:** None

**#17. Next meeting :**

The next meeting is set for January 18<sup>th</sup> at 1pm.

**#18. Adjournment:**

Rick Tumaniec made a motion to adjourn at 2:09 pm, seconded by Dan Kontos. Carried.

Respectfully submitted:

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Kasondra Serum, Coordinator