

MEETING OF THE ONEIDA COUNTY HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMISSION

HELD ON 08/16/11 AT 12:30 P.M. AT THE RHINELANDER, WI, HIGHWAY SHOP

MEMBERS PRESENT: KIRBY/CHAIRMAN, KNOOP/REGIONAL PROGRAM MGR, COOPER/O.C. HWY SECRETARY, SCHOLTES/O.C. HWY COMMISSIONER, DROES/WISDOT, FREESE/O.C. EMS, WOLK/CO BOARD SUPVR, McELDOWNEY/LEGAL

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:** Scholtes/Wolk to approve the agenda. All ayes.
3. **Motion:** Knoop/Freese to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. All ayes.
4. Scholtes mentioned that he looked into speed zone indicators for Highway K by the school and found they are \$3,800 each; well beyond our \$1,800 budget. The group discussed purchasing lighted 'Stop' paddles for the elementary schools for their crossing guards. Costs for the paddles are around \$300. each. We have 11 elementary schools in Oneida County, but some are very rural and have all children bused in; therefore they do not require crossing guards. Five paddles can be purchase this year and the remaining ones next year. The committee can rate the schools according to traffic volume and location to determine which schools would receive the paddles first. **Motion:** Knoop/Wolk to purchase lighted 'STOP' paddles for the elementary schools; half this year and half next year with any remaining funds being used for other safety related items. All ayes.
5. Tom Knoop distributed State reports:
 - Weekly Fatal Report as of August 14th, 2011; bicycle fatalities are double as of today compared to this time last year
 - Fatalities by County; so far fatalities in Oneida County are down
 - Wisconsin Governor's Conference packet
 - Bills of Interest to the Wisconsin Traffic Safety Community
 - Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Campaign
 - NHTSA State Traffic Data; Traffic Fatalities and Fatality Rates for 2009; Traffic Fatalities and Percent Change, 1975 – 2009; Alcohol Involvement in Fatal Traffic Crashes, 2000 – 2009; Speeding-Related Traffic Fatalities by Road Type and Speed Limit, 2009; Passenger Vehicle Occupants and Motorcyclists Killed, 2009; Traffic Fatalities and Vehicles Involved in Fatal Crashes by Type, 2009; Key Provisions of Occupant Restraint Laws and 2009 Seat Belt Use Rates; History of State Motorcycle Helmet Laws (as of January 2011); State Traffic Safety Laws as of June 2010
 - Law of the Month: August – Intersection crashes can be prevented by obeying traffic signals. Dries commented that the pillar, the area between the windshield and side windows, can sometimes block the view of intersecting traffic, especially when the intersection is not at 90°.
6. Public Comments
 - "No Passing When Traffic in Either Lane" signs for Highway 51 North are in and should be installed sometime next week
 - The 'Convincer' was at the Oneida County Fair on Sunday. It is the front and cab of a Ford Ranger that simulates what could happen to a child that is not buckled up and a roll over were to occur. The retired State Patrol officer also handed out coloring books, bumper stickers, and other various items.
7. Future meetings scheduled for: November 15th, 2011. All meetings at 12:30 p.m. at the Rhinelander Highway Shop.
8. **Motion:** McEldowney/Scholtes to adjourn at 1:40 p.m. All ayes.

Committee Chairperson

Committee Vice-Chairperson