

KEWAUNEE COUNTY HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMISSION

KEWAUNEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE

613 DODGE STREET

KEWAUNEE, WISCONSIN 54216

January 16, 2020

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| Present: | Lt. Jason Veeseer | Kewaunee County Sheriff's Department |
| | Randy Asman | WI DOT - NE Region |
| | Randy Wiessinger | WI DOT - WSP - BOTS |
| | Robin Mueller | City of Kewaunee Assistant Police Chief |
| | Sgt. Cody Gulbrand | City of Algoma Police Department |
| | Sgt. Jenny Austin | Wisconsin State Patrol |
| | Tracy Nollenberg | Director, Kewaunee Co. Emergency Mgmt |
| | Jeff Wisnicky | Kewaunee County Corporation Counsel |
| | Jeff Kassner | Dworak Bus Company |
| | Todd Every | Kewaunee County Highway Department |
| | Gary Paape | Kewaunee County Board Supervisor |
| | Joe Mastalir | Citizen Representative |

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 AM by Lt. Jason Veeseer.

All members had received a copy of the October 24, 2019 meeting minutes. Lt. Veeseer advised of one correction to the previous minutes. Under the Sheriff's Department's report section, where it states "He anticipates 2-3 extra shifts per week," it should read "**2-3 extra shifts per month.**" A motion was made by Jeff Kassner and seconded by Gary Paape to accept the minutes with the change noted. The motion carried.

CITIZEN COMMENTS AND REPORTS: No citizens were present at today's meeting.

REPORTS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS:

WISCONSIN DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION - ENGINEERING

Randy Asman was present at today's meeting but had no new information to share. A brief discussion was held by Randy and Todd Every as to an email which had been generated by Chief Gulbrand of the Luxemburg Police Department regarding Lynie Vincent's concern over traffic at or near the intersection of STH 54 and Fourth Street in the Village of Luxemburg - where vehicles access NEW Plastics' new driveway.

Todd and Randy both agreed that this has been an on-going issue with NEW Plastics but there have been no significant events that would prompt action by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation. In Randy's reply email he states, "There have only been 2 reportable property damage only crashes at this intersection in the last 5 years. So, the safety history is not a concern at this point. Also, the intersection does not meet any sort of warrants for a change in traffic control (all-way stop, traffic signal, etc...). With this information, WisDOT does **NOT** have any reason to investigate this any further unless there is something that we are not aware of."

WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION - BOTS

Randy Wiessinger highlighted just a few of the recent legislative changes that have occurred. Currently awaiting public hearing are three new pieces of ATV/UTV legislation. The most recent changes the definition of an ATV, eliminating the requirement for low-pressure tires. Randy and Lt. Veaser discussed the logistics of differentiating tire pressures as pertains to law enforcement's response to an ATV-related crash and a brief discussion followed.

KEWAUNEE COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Todd Every advised that the CTH E bridge and the CTH S bridge are both now open. He stated that the CTH E bridge has, however, been closed at times this winter due to water up to or over the road. He stated that the high water signs that have been placed will remain there for some time.

Todd stated that the CTH S bridge in Algoma is about 85% finished. The bridge was able to be opened to traffic just before winter started and the remainder of the work will finish in the Spring, once things thaw.

KEWAUNEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Lt. Veesper had few items to share. He stated that with the wet weather our area experienced this fall during harvest time, there were a lot of calls for mud on the road. He stated that deputies have issued a handful of citations, mostly to the larger farms. Lt. Veesper stated that Sheriff Joski has a "no tolerance policy" for those farms and operations who have failed to act upon the education they have received throughout the years and for those offenders, citations are issued. Lt. Veesper stated that for the most part, the farms have been using the proper signage and utilizing flag people where appropriate. They are also cleaning the roads the best they can given the conditions.

As a follow up to the news that the State Patrol would be sending Inspectors to Kewaunee County regularly, he stated that the feedback he has received from our patrol officers has been positive. Sgt. Austin stated that WSP will have Inspectors in the area on a regular basis for the foreseeable future, and that our patrol deputies should feel free to engage with any of the Inspectors if they see them in the area.

Lt. Veesper provided an update on our "Click It or Ticket" grant. The Sheriff's Department received approximately \$19,000.00 to assist in covering extra patrol shifts for seat belt enforcement. He advised that due to our recent critical incident, the department was unable to conduct more than the minimum amount of extra patrols. He anticipates that the majority of the extra shifts will be conducted during the summer months.

Finally, he advised that there have been very few ATV-related complaints filed this year. He said that many of the townships have yet to enact the ATV ordinance, however.

CITY OF ALGOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

Sgt. Cody Gulbrand was the representative for the City of Algoma Police Department at today's meeting. He had nothing of note to share.

CITY OF KEWAUNEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Assistant Chief Robin Mueller represented the City of Kewaunee Police Department at today's meeting. While she had nothing of note to share, the commission welcomed her as she was just recently appointed as the City's Assistant Chief.

VILLAGE OF LUXEMBURG POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Chris Gulbrand was unable to attend today's meeting.

COUNTY BOARD REPRESENTATIVE

Gary Paape was present for today's meeting but had nothing of note to share.

DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Tracy Nollenberg advised that Kewaunee County has again received a Clean Sweep grant. The event will be held on **SATURDAY, MAY 9, 2020** at the Hillside Highway Shop. Hazardous waste, agricultural waste, and pharmaceutical waste will all be accepted.

KEWAUNEE COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH

Cindy Kinnard was not present for today's meeting. Earlier in the week, however, Cindy dropped off car seat safety-related bookmarks which were distributed to the Luxemburg Police Department, Algoma Police Department, Kewaunee Police Department, Kewaunee County Sheriff's Department, and the Wisconsin State Patrol. These bookmarks are available for officers to distribute as they see fit and provide car seat safety information as well as the number for citizens to call should they need assistance with car seat safety-related issues, as Public Health now has one certified car seat technician on staff.

WISCONSIN STATE PATROL

Sgt. Jenny Austin was present for today's meeting. She shared Lt. Veese's positive reports regarding the State Patrol Inspectors' presence in Kewaunee County and look forward to working together with us for the foreseeable future.

She also wanted to add that there are currently 45 cadets going through the State Patrol's recruit academy. She said they are about 16 weeks through and anticipate graduating in April.

CORPORATION COUNSEL

Assistant District Attorney Jeff Wisnicky was present but had no updates to share at today's meeting.

SCHOOL BUS TRANSPORTATION

Jeff Kassner was present for today's meeting but had no updates to share.

CITIZEN REPRESENTATIVE

Joe Mastalier was present at today's meeting but had no new information to share other than he has been seeing an increased use in both speed trailers as well as speed signs being used in different communities to try to limit the number of speeding drivers.

CRASH SPOT MAPS/ACCIDENT STATISTICS: The Sheriff's Department shared the 4th Quarter and Year-to-Date Crash Data and Spot Maps. Randy Wiessinger also provided the Community Maps data for all agencies within Kewaunee County. Discussion followed.

Lt. Veese was asked how the Sheriff's Department's OWI incidents have been tracking and he advised that he would gather that information for the next meeting.

A brief discussion also took place regarding drugged driving cases and how they are tracked (or not tracked). According to Randy Wiessinger the Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene's policies have changed - whereas before drug testing was automatically cancelled by the lab when the blood alcohol level was over a certain amount. They have since

changed their policy and will do drug testing when requested by the officer. Additionally, felony OWI blood testing no longer needs to be sent to the Crime Lab - it can be sent to the Hygiene Lab, as well. Asst. Chief Mueller stated that it does seem to be taking longer than normal to receive drug test results back, however. Discussion followed.

Randy W. also provided some information on alcohol-related crashes. He stated that Brown County's numbers are down in 2019. He believes this is partly because of some initiatives that were recently put into place, such as "Place of Last Drink" surveys, changes in overnight parking in the downtown Green Bay bar district, etc.

Randy W. also stated that overall, in the State of Wisconsin, this has been the safest year - traffic safety-wise - since 2010.

OLD BUSINESS: There was no old business discussed at today's meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday April 23, 2020** at the Kewaunee County Courthouse, at 10:00 AM.

Motion to adjourn was made by Todd Every and seconded by Jeff Wisnicky. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 AM.

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