

KEWAUNEE COUNTY HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMISSION
KEWAUNEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE
613 DODGE STREET
KEWAUNEE, WI 54216

July 22, 2021

PRESENT:	Matt Joski	Sheriff – Kewaunee Co Sheriff’s Dept
	Jason Veese	Chief Deputy – Sheriff’s Dept.
	Eric L. Pieschek	Lt. – Kewaunee Co Sheriff’s Dept.
	Randy Asman	WI DOT – N/E Region
	Randy Wiessinger	WI DOT – WSP – BOTS
	Sgt. Jenny Austin	Trooper – WI State Patrol
	Jim Kleiman	Kewaunee City Police Chief
	Cindy Kinnard	Public Health Nurse
	Tracy Nollenberg	Emergency Management Director
	Jeff Wisnicky	Corporation Counsel
	Gary Paape	County Board Representative
	Jeff Kassner	Dworak Bus Service
	Todd Every	Kewaunee Co Highway Department
	Joe Mastalir	Citizen Representative

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by Sheriff Matt Joski.

All members had received a copy of the January 16, 2020 meeting minutes. A motion was made by Jeff Kassner and seconded by Todd Every to accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

CITIZEN COMMENTS AND REPORTS:

Sheriff Joski shared an email he received from Matt Charles regarding concerns Matt had with manure haulers in the area of CTH S and CTH D. He cites instances of manure haulers that speed, not stopping at stop signs, loud exhaust and noise at all hours of the night. Matt requested that the committee look into dropping the speed limit in that area to 45 MPH.

Sheriff Joski and Randy Asman agreed that the speed limit in an area can’t be dropped in an area with the hope that it will slow drivers down.

Discussion followed with regard to changes in the AG CMV laws. Previously, the semi-tractors still had to abide by standard motor vehicle equipment regulations and CDL licensure. Following the change in the law, the semi-tractors and drivers now fall under the AG CMV regulations which eliminates regulations for emissions, noise, and the necessity of having a CDL.

REPORTS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS:

WISCONSIN DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION – ENGINEERING

Randy Asman was present at today's meeting but had no new information to share.

WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – BOTS

Randy Wiessinger was present and went through the crash data reported on Community Maps, which is also available to the public. A few items of note were that Kewaunee County currently has a lower average of OWI cases than the rest of the state. Additionally, personal injury and property damage accidents are also trending downward.

Randy also showed us a new feature on Community Maps listed under the TSC Resources tab called Anatomy of Traffic Safety which collects three years' worth of crash data and breaks it down and compares it to the rest of the state. All 73 counties in the state are listed.

While looking at the Anatomy of Kewaunee County, one statistic that was of significance pertained to motorcycle crashes. In Kewaunee County, 84% of the motorcycle crashes that occur in the county involve riders who were not wearing helmets. In 43% of motorcycle crashes, the driver was either improperly licensed or not licensed at all.

Lane Departure crashes made up 56% of the crashes in Kewaunee County as compared to 36% statewide. Fifty-two percent of those crashes listed collision with a ditch/culvert as the most frequent *first harmful event*. Neighboring Brown County had done studies prior to this type of data being collected and took measures to reduce the number of these types of accidents such as: addition of rumble strips, posting chevron signs on banked turns, etc. As a result, only 14% of the crashes in Brown County list collision with ditch/culvert as the *first harmful event*. Discussion followed.

KEWAUNEE COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Todd Every was present for today's meeting and shared updates about a few of the construction projects going on throughout the county. On CTH C, the shouldering should be finished today (7/22/2021). The remainder of the bridge project should be complete in another 3-4 weeks.

The STH 42 project which is currently in progress from the southern Kewaunee City Limits to the Kewaunee/Manitowoc County line is progressing. There is one box culvert left to finish and then resurfacing will begin. This project is expected to be completed by October. He stated that STH 42 from the northern Kewaunee City Limits to the

Kewaunee/Door County Line will be resurfaced but rather than being closed and detoured, is likely to be handled with flag persons.

Todd also advised that STH 29 and STH 54 from Luxemburg to Algoma will both also be complete resurfaced within the next 5 years.

KEWAUNEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Sheriff Joski began by advising that with regard to the ATV/UTV ordinance, all townships and municipalities have adopted the ordinance with the exception of the Town of Franklin and the City of Kewaunee, though Kewaunee does plan to put the matter before the city council next month. He said that so far there have been few complaints.

The Township of Carlton has recently removed all weight restrictions for vehicles traveling on town roads. This was as a result of a "selective enforcement" issue. He advised that law enforcement cannot selectively enforce laws, so the Town had to either abide by all the weight restrictions or remove them completely. Todd Every advised that there are free overweight permits available – the county uses them for their own overweight vehicles.

Lt. Pieschek reported that we have once again applied for the seatbelt grant whose enforcement period will run from 10/1/2021 to 9/30/2022. The department also applied for the speed enforcement grant which will be in effect during the summer of 2022.

Lt. Pieschek advised of a grant obtained by the Luxemburg Casco School District. A committee has been developed which will study routes of travel by students in the vicinity of the high school and look at ways to make accessing the school safer. The next meeting of this committee will be on August 9, 2021.

Another item of interest Lt. Pieschek addressed was the uptick in reports of drugged driving arrest. He stated that more of these types of incidents are being reported during the day, by regular citizens, rather than in the 2-3am time frame as a result of observations made by law enforcement officers. This is significant as the volume and type of traffic (commuters, children, etc.) that is on the road during the day makes these types of drivers a greater danger to the general public.

Lt. Pieschek was asked if there is a specific drug that law enforcement is seeing more of, to which he advised the most common drug being seen right now continues to be methamphetamine. This was echoed later in the meeting by Jeff Wisnicky, who is also now the Director of Human Services.

ALGOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Randy Remiker was not present for today's meeting.

KEWAUNEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Kleiman was present for today's meeting and had several updates to share. There had previously been no speed limit signs posted on Adams Rd. Those signs have now been posted with a limit of 25 MPH. Hospital Rd. also had no speed limit signs posted, but since the posted speed limit was not known at the time, no signs were posted. The speed limit for Hospital Rd. is 55 MPH and the appropriate signs will be posted soon.

Chief Kleiman also advised that they received a request to investigate whether a 4-way stop sign should be posted at the intersection of Center St. and First St. in the city. This issue will go before the planning committee.

The City of Kewaunee is also looking to adopt the ATV ordinance. Chief Kleiman advised that he basically adopted the same ordinance that the City of Algoma has wherein ATVs are allowed on roads where posted speed limits are 35 MPH or lower. This ordinance will be going before the City Council at the next meeting. Further discussion about ATV/UTV use followed.

Finally, Chief Kleiman advised that Warden Moore and another DNR rep will be coming to Kewaunee to provide some training for the City of Kewaunee officers on DNR-specific issues.

LUXEMBURG VILLAGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Chris Gulbrand was not present for today's meeting.

COUNTY BOARD REPRESENTATIVE

Gary Paape was present for today's meeting. The only item of note he had to share at this time was that this is a busy time of the year for heavy equipment on town and county roads.

DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Tracy Nollenberg was present for today's meeting and wished to share that the Clean Sweep event will be held again this year and is scheduled for October 30, 2021. The event is not yet open to the public but sign up will be available soon.

WISCONSIN STATE PATROL

Sgt. Jenny Austin was present at today's meeting. She wished to share that the Wisconsin State Patrol has a recruit class of approximately 42 students graduating by the end of the month. She advised that both Door and Brown Counties will have Troopers trained as Drug Recognition Experts (DRE) and that they will be available to assist in neighboring counties, including Kewaunee, as well.

KEWAUNEE COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH

Cindy Kinnard was present for today's meeting. She wished to remind everyone that the county does have a Child Passenger Safety Technician (CPST) on staff now. They applied for and received a grant to purchase child safety seats for individuals who are in need of them.

Cindy wanted to remind people that children will be required to wear masks on school buses – this is part of a FEDERAL ORDER and not dependent on the school districts.

She advised that back to school season is nearly upon us and they will again be doing their Back to School Supply event at Lakehaven Hall on 8/11/2021 from 10am to 5pm. Sheriff Joski stated that the Salvation Army has extra funds right now and is looking to make a donation to this event, as well.

Cindy advised that they will be running at least two more vaccination clinics – one will be at the Kewaunee County Fairgrounds, and another will be a school-based clinic for students and teachers wishing to receive the COVID-19 vaccine.

CORPORATION COUNSEL

Attorney Jeff Wisnicky wanted to echo the opinion of Lt. Pieschek with the prevalence of methamphetamine use in the county. He advised that as the Director of Human Services in Kewaunee County, he is seeing more and more people involved in the use of methamphetamine as compared to any other drug. He advised that he is seeing reports in the news of settlements between drug companies and attorneys general resulting from the opioid crisis lawsuits. He was wondering if maybe there would be money available from those settlements that might help with methamphetamine treatment or abatement programs. Discussion followed.

SCHOOL BUS TRANSPORTATION

Jeff Kassner was present for today's meeting but did not have any new information to share.

CITIZEN REPRESENTATIVE

Joe Mastalir was present and advised that aside from the loud exhaust complaints, other issues he is hearing about from the public are speeding (specifically on CTH S north of CTH S) and road rage.

He also advised the commission of a Thresheree that is scheduled for August 27-29 near the intersection of Rockledge Rd. and Crevice Rd. on a 40-acre parcel of land owned by the host of the event. This is a new event, and the hosts have interest from approximately 600 people. Discussion followed regarding where vehicles will be parking, etc. Sheriff Joski advised he would reach out to the host to discuss parking and traffic. The host does hope to make this an annual event.

CRASH SPOT MAPS/ACCIDENT STATISTICS: The Sheriff's Department shared the 2nd Quarter Crash Data and Spot Maps.

OLD BUSINESS:

No old business was discussed.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, **October 28, 2021** at the **Kewaunee County Sheriff's Department**, at **10:00 AM**.

Motion to adjourn was made by Gary Paape and seconded by Jeffrey Wisnicky. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:08 AM.

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The Kewaunee County Highway Safety Commission, in partnership with public and private organizations, is committed to developing and implementing a comprehensive strategy aimed at saving lives and preventing injuries by reducing crashes on our roads and highways.

DATE: July 22, 2021

Time & Location: 10:00 A.M, Kewaunee County Court House, Lower Level

AGENDA

- 1.) Meeting called to order
- 2.) Approval of minutes of previous meeting
- 3.) Citizens comments and reports: Trucks speeding on CTH S, east of CTH D
- 4.) Commission Members Reports:
 - a.) Wisconsin State DOT Highway Engineer:
 - b.) Regional Program Manager BOTS: Randy Wiessinger
 - c.) Kewaunee County Highway Department: Todd Every
 - d.) Kewaunee County Sheriff Department:
 - 1.) Sheriff Matt J. Joski
 - 2.) Chief Deputy Jason Veeseer
 - a. Carlton's elimination of weight restrictions on Town Roads
 - 3.) Lt. Eric Pieschek
 - e.) Algoma Police Department: Not Present
 - f.) Kewaunee City Police Department:
 - g.) Luxemburg Village Police Department: Chief Chris Gulbrand
 - h.) County Board Representative: Gary Paape
 - i.) Emergency Management Director: Tracy Nollenberg
 - j.) Wisconsin State Patrol Representative: Sgt. Jenny Austin
 - k.) Medical Representative:
 - l.) Law Representative:
 - m.) School Bus Transportation Representative: Dan Kassner
 - n.) Citizen Representative: Joe Mastalir
- 5.) Crash spot Map
 - a) 2nd Quarter
- 6.) Traffic Accident Statistics: 2nd Quarter
- 7.) Old Business
- 8.) Set Date of Next Meeting Date: _____
- 9.) Adjourn



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Kewaunee County Quarterly Crash Data

July 22, 2021

HIGHWAY SAFETY ACCIDENT INFORMATION					
Months – 2021– 2 nd Quarter	April	May	June	Quarter Totals	2020 Totals
Deer Accidents	18	26	13	57	49
Injury Accidents	1	2	2	5	4
Property Damage Accidents	7	11	13	31	26
Fatalities	1	0	0	1	0
Total Accidents	27	48	28	103	
Previous Year Totals (2020)	29	26	34		89

QUARTER TOTALS – 2021	1 ST	2 ND	3 RD	4 TH	Yearly Totals to Date
Alcohol Related Accidents	2	3			5
Car/Deer Accidents	61	57			118
Accidents/Fatalities	0	1			1
Total Accidents	101	104			124

2021 Total = 205



Crash Analysis by Type & Totals

Crash Numbers



