

GRANT COUNTY QUARTERLY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING

May 7, 2009

Conference room, Grant County Law Enforcement Center

Lancaster, WI 53813

The regular quarterly Grant County Traffic Safety Commission Meeting was called to order by Captain Anthony Sheckles at 10:00 a.m. on May 7, 2009, with the following Traffic Safety Commission members and guests present:

Captain Anthony Sheckles-----Grant County Sheriff's Department  
Ivan Nodolf-----Platteville  
Eric Rimel-----UW Platteville  
Dave Lambert-----Grant County Highway Department  
Joe Schneider-----WISDOT-LaCrosse  
Brian Bierman-----Grant County Sheriff's Department  
Andrea Loeffelholz-----BOTS  
Jeffrey Haas-----Platteville PD

**Adoption of Agenda:** Anthony Sheckles verified that the meeting had been posted in two separate locations. Ivan, second by Eric moved to approve the agenda. Motion carried

**Approval of Minutes:** Dave, second by Brian, moved to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Motion carried.

**Citizen Complaints:** There are no citizen complaints at this time.

**New Business:** There has been an issue for some Semi Driver's who are traveling north and turning on Hwy 129. Some are taking up both lanes when making the turn. This is a familiarity and speed issue. The state has been notified and is aware of the problem.

On Highway 133 southeast of Cassville the speed limit is currently 55 mph. There is a request that the 55 mph speed limit should be extended all the way out to the Anchor Inn. This area is under construction at this time and will be looked at when the current project is finished.

There will be a Safety Project at the intersection of Hwy 129 in the near future. The tentative plan is to add a Left turn lane and add on to some of the Right turn lane. There have been some fatalities at this intersection. The date for the project has not yet been set.

The speed limit on CTH A has been lowered from 55 mph to 45 mph. There have been no complaints as of yet.

There was a discussion about a parking issue in Beetown on Cty U which is also the main street. The street does not seem wide enough for vehicles to park and travel through at

the same time. The Highway Department will paint white lines to distinguish the road guidelines.

Sergeant Bierman had a question about the placement of handicap parking signs. The parking signs need to be placed directly in front of the parking place to be able to enforce the issue.

The Highway Department passed a resolution to lower the speed limit to 45 mph on Cty D over to Hwy 151. Visibility was an issue. No complaints have been received so far.

Captain Anthony Sheckles quarterly statistics were incomplete due to data entry issues. There have been 3 fatalities this year. Alcohol was not involved in any, but seatbelt use was a factor in both accidents.

The Sheriff's Department received grant funds for Underage Drinking Patrol. During the first quarter there were 211 citations issued in Grant County.

The state stats were given by Andrea Loeffelholz. Andrea asked for some input on what departments need grant money for. Any suggestions are encouraged. The legislative issues were discussed.

Fatalities in 2008 were at the lowest since 1944.

**Old Business:** The ongoing parking problems in Mt. Hope were discussed. Dave Lambert has proposed some recommendations to the Village of Mt. Hope to discuss at the next village meeting.

**Meeting confirmation:** Tony confirmed the next meeting date August 6, 2009.

**Adjournment:** Andrea, second by Joe, moved to adjourn to August 6, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Anthony Sheckles  
Grant County Highway Safety Coordinator