

MEETING OF THE ONEIDA COUNTY HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

HELD ON 11/17/2020 AT 12:30 P.M. AT THE ONEIDA COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER, RHINELANDER, WI

MEMBERS PRESENT: STEFONEK/COORDINATOR, KIRBY/CHAIRMAN, COOPER/SECRETARY, BAIER/WISDOT, ENGLAND/NICOLET COLLEGE, WRYCHA/STATE PATROL

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:** England/Cooper to approve the agenda. All ayes.
3. **Motion:** England/Kirby to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. All ayes.
4. Oneida County Crash History and Data for 2020 to date. Olig was not present by report was forwarded to committee. Oneida County crashes thru October 31 is 502, compared to 610 this same time last year. Oneida County has had five fatalities thru October 31, with an additional one occurring November 17. A motorcyclist on State Highway 70 in Minocqua hit a deer resulting in a fatality.
5. 2020 Mask Giveaway. 345 Masks were purchased, in youth and adult sizes with safety slogan on them. “Safety First”, “Buckle Up”, and “Be Safe”. Kirby, Cooper, Baier, and Trooper Caleb attempted to give them away on Saturday November 7th in front of the Middle School, but because Channel 12 never aired our interview, no one knew about it and no one came. A decision was made to have the giveaway in a more populated area, so we decided in front of the ADRC/Health Dept building in the back of the Trig’s parking lot. A second attempt to reach out to Channel 12 for the following Saturday, November 14th which they aired multiple times during different broadcasts. Rhinelander Police Dept’s Ben and Kyle were helpful and kept their squad car lights flashing to help attract attention; along with multiple signs made by Cooper and posted by Kirby. The stream was steady and many masks were given out. People were very appreciative. Not many youth sizes given out. Cooper will send out an email asking for suggestions on what to do with the Youth masks.
6. WisDOT Profile Report. Statewide fatalities thru November 16 at 527 compared to 493 same time last year. Statewide five-year fatality average is 551. Community Maps now has a ‘search by Law Enforcement Agency’. ‘Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over’ running December 18th thru January 1st.
7. WisDOT Construction Updates. Baier updated the committee on the State construction projects. Completed projects include: STH 47 resurface; USH 8 – Pelican River Bridge overlay; USH 51 from CTH ‘Y’ to Oneida Street. This Thursday an emergency repair on USH 51 about 1.5 miles north of CTH ‘N’ concrete/asphalt joint repair. 2021 – USH 8 Pelican River Bridge overlay; STH 17 Rhinelander to Eagle River, finish culvert replacements then mill and overlay; STH 32 east of Three Lakes, large culvert replacement. 2022 – STH 47 from Kildeer to Vilas County Line; USH 8 from STH 32 to Forest County Line overlay.
8. County Construction. Stefonek mentioned that County Y reconstruction is complete. County C is complete with rumble strips on centerline and fog line. Received a complaint from a biker about the rumble strips along the fog line and having to ride over them.
9. Public Comments. Stefonek mentioned that a spring referendum would likely be coming forward with a request for one million dollars for the next ten years, earmarked for construction.
10. Future meeting dates. February 16th, 2021; May 18th, 2021; August 17th, 2021; and November 16th, 2021.
11. **Motion:** Cooper/Stefonek to adjourn at 1:10 p.m. All ayes.

Committee Chairperson

Committee Vice-Chairperson