

AGENDA

EAU CLAIRE COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION TUESDAY, JANUARY 24TH AT 9:30 A.M.

In attendance: Scott Kelley-Altoona PD, John Staber-Augusta PD , Dustin Walters-Lt. ECCO Sheriff's Office; Lori Johnson ECCO Sheriff's Office; Trace Frost-BOTS-LEC, Mike Heffernan-WSP; Chad Hines-WI DOT; Leah Ness-City of Eau Claire Engineer; Edwin Rothrock Chippewa Eau Claire Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

Discuss and act on the following:

1. Call the meeting to order.

Meeting called to order by Lt. Dustin Walters at 9:20 am

2. Approve minutes of the last meeting

Motion to approve by Leah Ness, second by John Staber

3. Selection of new Chairperson for the TSC

Lt. Walters said he had been in contact with Jon Johnson, Eau Claire County Highway Commissioner and Jon did say he would be willing to be the new Chairperson. Lt. Walters made a motion to select Jon as the new Chairperson and everyone agreed.

4. Traffic Crash Summary

- **City of Eau Claire** – No one present from the City of Eau Claire
- **City of Altoona**
There were 46 crashes and 10 with injury in the last quarter of 2022. For all of 2022 there were 192 crashes and 29 injury with 1 fatal.
- **Eau Claire County**
38 injury crashes with 194 property damage for the last quarter of 2022. In 2022 there were -0- fatalities.

5. Wisconsin State Patrol Report

Aircraft patrol will be starting soon. Those will mainly be on I94. Lt Walters did say that the Sheriff's Office would like to participate as well in that. There are 2 pilots in the city of Eau Claire that they will be working with.

You will start seeing State Troopers more frequently in the City of Eau Claire Any Trooper that does not have an assigned area will be doing predictive analytics.

6. DOT Traffic Safety Coordinator Report

Trace noted that Motorcycle fatal crashes were down. There were 81 in 2022 compared to 121 in 2021. But Pedestrian and bicyclist fatalities were up. 71 pedestrian in 2022 compared to 49 in 2021. And bicyclist fatalities were 14 in 2022 compared to 9 in 2021.

So far in 2023 at this time there are 21 compared to 27 at this point in 2022. These are only preliminary numbers.

There were 2198 total crashes in all of Eau Claire County in 2022. Of those 4 were fatalities and 559 were with injury.

Trace shared the predictive analytics map showing the 3 hotspots from over the past 3 years in Eau Claire County. 1 being the Hwy 12/Clairemont and Cameron St. area.

Trace also showed the Statewide horse & buggy crashes since 2017. There were 5 fatalities in 2021 and in 2022 there were none. There were 18 injury and 19 property damage crashes in 2021 compared to 16 injury and 13 property damage in 2022. The decrease is thought to be because of the state mandate for yellow back strobe lights and red & white front lights. There are a few sects of Amish that are very strict and are not using them, Clark County issued a citation to one buggy owner and he was found guilty for not having the required lighting, but that is being appealed based on religion.

7. DOT Highway Engineer Report

I94 to Hwy 312 will resume on March 28th. There will be much larger signage giving traffic the ability to merge into the left lane sooner. All 4 lanes should be done by Memorial Day weekend. There has been requests for more lights/signals on Hickory Road. At this time it's not felt that it's necessary.

8. Construction Updates

Leah had to leave before she was able to present her information. She did have a handout for everyone showing upcoming work.

9. Next Meeting April 25th at 9:30 A.M.

Meetings will remain in the same room unless otherwise noted by the new Chairperson Jon Johnson

10. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 10:00 by Lt. Walters. Second by John Staber.

APPROVED 04.25.23