

Sawyer County  
Traffic Safety Commission Meeting Minutes  
May 22, 2019  
Namakagon Transit

Present: Randy Wiessinger WI DOT, Chief Deputy Craig Faulstich, Hayward PD Chief Joel Clapero, Sawyer County Highway Commissioner Gary Gedart, Ross baker WI DOT, Town of Hayward PD Chief Malcolm Haag, Sawyer County EM Pat Sanchez

Meeting called ay 0901

1. Introductions made
2. Review of the February 2019 minutes. Approved by Faulstich, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gedart
3. New Business: Chief Haag discussed the request by Round Lake Marina for additional 35 mph signs. Discussion regarding privately purchased signs and obtaining permits from county. Gedart stated if they purchase and obtain permits, the county would arrange installation.
4. Wiessinger reported that the five year crash fatality for Sawyer averages 2. Year to date: 0 fatalities, 4-A injury, 5-B injury, 6-C injury and 95 property damage with 12 deer related. As of May 20<sup>th</sup> there have been 170 fatalities statewide compared to 180 at same time last year.
5. Roundtable Discussion:  
Highway Department: Road repairs this year will be: CTH CC 2 miles north, CTH H North of Radisson but due to cuts from county and winter maintenance costs the length will have to be shortened. CTH-W on the North and South ends of the Village of Winter with minor detours around the Main St when paving. CTH-NN will be closed while three culverts get replaced. Notification for all closures, detours will be sent out.  
THPD: Received a traffic grant. Working the "Click it or Ticket" program. The 63 construction has caused increase traffic on Mosquito Brook Rd with speeding. First phase of HWY 63 construction will be completed by June 6<sup>th</sup>, resurface will begin July 12<sup>th</sup>. Overweight enforcement has seen a decrease in volume of those in violation. HWY 27 project close June 27<sup>th</sup> with start up for finish in September. There is a proposed bridge over 77 for the Birkie in 2020.  
DOT/BOTS: "Click it or Ticket" program moving towards a more community based program besides law enforcement. Legislative updates on current bills include IID on all OWI offenses, mandatory 12-hour hold on all arrests and criminalize first OWI offenses. Discussion on the Hemp Bill regarding potential impact on law enforcement.  
HPD: Hayward City construction has caused some issues with the tourist season beginning. HPD has been busy with drugs, guns and the recent OD in the city.  
Sheriff Office: The Department is also doing seat belt enforcement and "Click it or Ticket" program. Received a \$4000 grant to purchase additional PBTs. Deputies have been recovering a lot of drugs on traffic stops. SO has moved over to a new records management system and there have been a few issues but otherwise going well. Chief Deputy Faulstich stated he will be retiring in July after 36 years in law enforcement. Lt. Ripzinski will take over coordinating the Birkie.  
DOT: Highway 63 coating will not be before July 8<sup>th</sup>. In Seeley there will be a center turn lane. Chip seal on 27 to 40 will be in late June. Pavement marking for HWY 27 North of Carol Drive to Michigan Ave will be changed to 1 lane in each direction with a center two-way turn lane. From Dyno Drive to about Holiday Gas Station it will be

two lanes each direction with a center turn lane. In between the gaps will be various single direction turn lanes. (Attached to this document please find the plan sheets for pavement marking)

6. No other items for discussion

7. Next meeting will be August 28<sup>th</sup>, one week later due to the Governor's Conference. Meeting adjourned 10:02

Respectfully submitted by Pat Sanchez