

MINUTES

KANKAKEE AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY SAFETY COMMITTEE

Training Room, Bourbonnais Fire Department,
1080 Armour Road, Bourbonnais, IL

Wednesday, January 14, 2015 @ 9:00 A.M.

Members in Attendance

Bill Carnahan and Ed Zopf, Kankakee County Sheriff's Dept.; Trooper David Verkler, Illinois State Police; Rick Lalumendre, Olivet Nazarene University; Jake Lee, Hoekstra Transportation LLC; Chief Ed St. Louis, Bourbonnais Fire Dept.; Chief Travis, Bradley Fire Dept.; David Luhrsen, Bradley-Bourbonnais High School; Steve Blanchette, Kankakee County Highway Dept.; Deputy Chief John Gerard, Kankakee Police Dept.; Tom Caldwell, IDOT; Chief O'Brien and Adam McCarty, Manteno Fire Dept.; Kevin Hack and Susan Mosier, Riverside Ambulance; Cortney Koning, METRO, and Chief Whalen, Limestone Fire Dept.

Others Present

Mike Lammey and Geoff Olson, Kankakee County Planning Department

Call to Order

Vice-Chairman Carnahan called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Public Comment

None.

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Carnahan offered the minutes of the October 8, 2014 meeting for approval. Mr. O'Keefe made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Lalumendre. Motion carried.

Safety Crash Subcommittee

Mr. Lammey explained that the first Safety Subcommittee was held in December and had a decent turnout.

2014 MPO Brochure

Mr. Lammey gave an overview of the 2014 MPO Brochure. It explains what the MPO is and its requirements. It also provide information of certain projects currently underway. Two pages have been dedicated to the Safety Committee. There is a map of fatal and serious injury crashes for 2007-2012 and an overview of the Safety Committee and its history and members.

Report On Hands Free Cell Enforcement Issue

Vice-Chairman Carnahan asked if there were any updates on the enforcement of hands free cell phone use. He started by saying the current budget cuts of the Sheriff's Dept. have led to a decrease in traffic patrol. He has noticed many people continuing to use cell phones without a hands free device. Deputy Chief Gerard explained that Kankakee has done a traffic safety grant for \$49,000 for seatbelt enforcement and combined it with illegal cell phone use. He said that each month the grants have a different focus on safety enforcement. Vice-Chairman Carnahan said he would like the committee to pursue information about grants and possibly having the requirements changed to fit rural enforcement so the Sheriff's Dept. can apply for them and meet all the requirements.

Presentation of Traffic Safety Grants

Mr. Nunes was unable to attend the meeting, so instead 2013 Fatal Crash information was presented to the Committee. Mr. Olson handed out booklets on the 2013 fatal crash locations while Mr. Lammey explained the document.

Election of Vice-Chairman

Vice-Chairman Carnahan explained the he would be retiring at the end of January and a new Vice-Chairman would need to be elected. Currently there haven't been any nominations so the item was tabled until the next meeting.

Next Meeting

The next Safety Crash Subcommittee Meeting will be on February, 25, 2015 at 9:00 AM at the County Administration Building in the 2nd Floor Conference Room.

The next Safety Committee Meeting will be on March 11, 2015 at 9:00 AM at the Bourbonnais Fire Station in the Training Room.

Adjournment

Vice-Chairman Carnahan asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Chief Whalen made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Hack. The meeting was adjourned at 9:43 AM.