

Minutes

Kankakee County Regional Planning Commission Traffic Safety Issues (#7)

Friday, July 23, 2010 @ 11:00 AM
(2nd Floor Conference Room, 189 E Court St)

Members in attendance: Chad Miller, Ralph Paarlberg, and George Washington

Others in attendance: Stephen Blanchette, Sheriff Timothy Bukowski, Lindsey Harper, and Mike Lammey

1. Mr. Lammey opened the meeting at 11:00 AM when a quorum was reached.
2. Public Comment –None
3. Minutes for the June 23, 2010 meeting were presented. Mr. Washington made a motion to accept, seconded by Mr. Paarlberg. Motion Carried.
4. Mr. Lammey opened discussion on the traffic safety presentations. He notified those present that we will be making crash data presentations to all of the police departments in the county. Our first meeting will be with the Grant Park and Momence police departments on Friday, August 13, 2010. A tentative meeting date with the Kankakee Police Department has been set for Friday, August 20, 2010; however, we are unsure if the material will be ready to present. The police departments will receive the following: aerial images from the county GIS web-mapping tool, ground photographs from all fatal and incapacitating injury crash locations specific to their jurisdiction, and all fatal and incapacitating injury reports from their jurisdiction. Ms. Harper gave a preview of what will be presented to the police departments, highlighting two crash locations.
5. Mr. Lammey discussed the possibility of Traffic Safety Audits for next year. We may have approval; however, no contract has been signed. Mr. Lammey also explained that the State is looking at doing spot improvements, including adding a center, left-turn only lane on Illinois Route 17, west of the City of Kankakee.
6. The discussion turned to variables affecting crashes, including crops and farm implements. Mr. Miller made the group aware of 10 signs purchased by the Farm Bureau that read “Farm Country – Stay Alert.” The signs will be placed beyond the right-of-way to warn urban drivers of potential farm implements in the road.
7. The next scheduled meeting is August 18, 2010 at 11:00 AM in the 2nd floor Conference Room, 189 E. Court St.
8. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 AM.