

# MINUTES

## KANKAKEE AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY SAFETY COMMITTEE

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

**WEDNESDAY, August 14, 2013 @ 9:00 A.M.**

### MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Bill Carnahan, Kankakee County Sheriff's Office; Steve Blanchette, Kankakee County Highway Department; Deputy Chief John Gerard, Kankakee City Police Department; Trp. David Verkler, Illinois State Police; Rick Lalumendre, Olivet Nazarene University; Chief Scott O'Brien, Manteno Fire Department; David Tyson, Tyson Engineering, Inc.; Lt. Mike Johnston, Bradley Police Department; Courtney Koning, River Valley *METRO* Mass Transit District; Laurie Cyr, Village of Bourbonnais; Chief Ed St. Louis, Bourbonnais Fire Department; David Luhrsen, Bradley-Bourbonnais Community High School; Roger Blakley, Illinois Department of Transportation; Chief Jim Phelps and Deputy Chief Vernon Mitchell, Bourbonnais Police Department; Kevin Hack, Riverside EMS; Brian O'Keefe, Village of Manteno Public Works Department, and Jim Travis, Bradley Fire Department

### OTHERS PRESENT

Michael Dobrow, Community Outreach Coordinator for Representative Cloonen; Therese and Rich Schultz, Aquinas Catholic Academy; Tom Caldwell, Illinois Department of Transportation, and Mike Lammey and Ashley Skimerhorn, Kankakee County Planning Department.

### CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Tyson called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. Chief St. Louis welcomed everyone to the Bourbonnais Fire Department.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

None

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Tyson offered the Minutes of the June 5, 2013 meeting for approval. Mr. Hack made a motion to accept the Minutes as presented, seconded by Lt. Carnahan. Motion carried.

### OPEN MEETINGS TRAINING

Mr. Lammey stated that all members of the Safety Committee needed to complete the Open Meetings Act training offered by the Illinois Attorney General office. He asked that certificates of passing the course should be sent to his office.

### CRASH FORM TRAINING

Mr. Lammey stated that the State of Illinois Department of Transportation had been approached to provide training on the crash forms, but that personnel were no longer available to perform that task. He stated that his office would be providing that training, sometime in either late September or October, and that all Police Departments would be notified.

### **PRESENTATION ON EMERGENCY RESPONDERS**

Chief St. Louis made a presentation on how emergency responders are notified of issues, and how they respond. He stated that there are three 911 call centers in Kankakee County (KANCOM, the Village of Bourbonnais, and the Village of Bradley), and that the Village of Bourbonnais Fire Department is notified by all three call centers. He showed a video of a call-out in progress, and explained how many vehicles were sent to all calls, and how they were dispatched. He displayed the screen shown in emergency vehicles on the way to an emergency, and discussed the mapping function. He stated that there was a mutual aid agreement between Manteno, Bourbonnais, Bradley and Limestone so that the required number of emergency personnel were available for emergency runs. Chairman Tyson thanked Chief St. Louis for his presentation.

### **KAB CRASH DATA**

Mr. Lammey reported that data was being compiled for the most serious crashes (K being fatal, and A injury and B injury being the next most serious) for the past few years, and that this data would be presented to the members of the Safety Committee as soon as it was available. He thanked all jurisdictions for their assistance, and stated that the data from the Illinois State Police is still being researched.

### **PROJECT UPDATE**

Mr. Lammey gave a presentation on the major projects programmed for the next four years, in anticipation of the traffic issues that would result from these construction projects. A number of questions were raised about some of the projects, specifically about the Interstate 57 bridge over the Kankakee River.

### **REQUEST FOR PRESENTER FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

Chief Jim Phelps of the Bourbonnais Police Department has agreed to give a presentation on law enforcement issues and activity for the October 9, 2013 meeting, which will again be held in the Bourbonnais Fire Department Training Room.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Lammey stated that he is arranging for some outside assistance for a session on Vision, Mission Statement and Goals for the November 6, 2013 meeting.

In response to a number of comments from members on the activities that are currently underway in the safety area (specifically Chief O'Brien in conjunction with IKAN through Dr. Murphy's office), Chairman Tyson asked that Mr. Lammey or himself be made aware of those activities, so they can be placed on the Agenda to highlight at future meetings.

The Committee had a general discussion on how to get messages out to the general public on

safety. Lt. Carnahan stated that social media was their preferred method of choice, and Deputy Chief Gerard agreed. They each stated a large following of individuals on their social media sites. There was discussion on how best to inform the public on a number of issues, and Mr. Lamme stated that he would research how to accomplish this task through local news outlets.

Mr. O'Keefe stated the extreme danger posed by motorists moving construction workzone signs, and gave recent examples of serious safety issues. Lt. Carnahan stated that stricter legislation in this area might be necessary.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Tyson adjourned the meeting at 9:50 AM