

MINUTES

KANKAKEE AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY SAFETY COMMITTEE

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

Wednesday, October 8, 2014 @ 9:00 A.M.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Dave Tyson, Tyson Engineering; Trooper David Verkler, Illinois State Police; Therese Schultz, Aquinas Academy; Rick Lalumendre, Olivet Nazarene University; Jake Lee, Hoekstra Transportation LLC; Deputy Chief Keener, Bourbonnais Fire Dept.; Chief O'Brien, Manteno Fire Dept.; Chief Travis, Bradley Fire Dept.; David Luhrsen, Bradley-Bourbonnais High School; Steve Blanchette, Kankakee County Highway Dept.

OTHERS PRESENT

Jim Greenstreet, Mike Lammey, and Geoff Olson, Kankakee County Planning Department; Steve Bissaillon, Bourbonnais Township; Al Ponton, Riverside Ambulance; Josh Clyden, Kurtz/St. Mary's Ambulance Service.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Tyson called the meeting to order at 9:03 AM and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Tyson offered the minutes of the August 13, 2014 meeting for approval. Chief O'Brien made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Ms. Schultz. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION ON CRASH RECONSTRUCTION

Trooper Verkler gave a presentation on traffic crash reconstruction. He explained that the reconstruction reports go into greater detail and investigation than regular crash reports. The crash reconstruction team members go through specialized training. Some of the fatal crash statistics presented showed that most happen during the day. Some common causes of the crashes are distracted driving, excessive speeding, commercial motor vehicles, and impaired driving. Unrestrained occupants also increase the likelihood of fatalities. Trooper Verkler showed pictures taken from crash scenes that have happened in the last year that the Illinois State Police reconstructed.

DISCUSSION ON 2008-2012 CRASH DATA ON LOCAL JURISDICTIONS

Mr. Lammey explained the local jurisdiction crash summaries given out with the meeting materials. He explained that the crash summary is for 2007-2011. At a recent meeting with the

Illinois Dept. of Transportation, they handed out crash data suggesting that 2008-2012 should now be the range of crash data. Mr. Lammey also said each of the jurisdictions would receive a copy of the redacted crash reports to provide information on the crashes and the causes. In the near future, there will be a similar summary for the township and county roads.

Chief O'Brien informed everyone that they had been subpoenaed because they had crash information, and that there is an increased possibility that member agencies would also receive subpoenas because they have the information. Mr. Lammey explained that all the reports are redacted and therefore have no personal information on them. The non-redacted reports can also be requested by lawyers under the Freedom of Information Act. Chairman Tyson said that if a member agency were to be subpoenaed, they have to provide all the documents requested, but do not have to give an opinion because the only knowledge is from what the crash report says.

REPORT ON HANDS FREE CELL ENFORCEMENT ISSUE

Chairman Tyson asked if there were any updates on the enforcement of hands free cell phone use. Mr. Lammey said he had heard of judges in other areas of Illinois allowing the hands free exemptions clauses to throw out citation, but hadn't heard of judges in Kankakee doing that. No one else had heard of this happening in the area either.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Bissaillon brought to the attention of the committee that he has concern for the intersections at Illinois Route 102 and 3000W Rd and 5000W Rd. Because IL-102 intersects those roads at an angle, it is very difficult for drivers, particularly school bus and snow plow drivers, on 3000W Rd and 5000W Rd to see IL-102 is clear before pulling out. He was wondering if a traffic audit could be performed for possible improvements. Mr. Lammey thanked Mr. Bissaillon for bringing this to the attention of the committee and said he would send a letter to Mr. Blakley at IDOT.

NEXT MEETING

The first Crash Analysis Subcommittee meeting will be on November 19, 2014 at 9:00 AM at the County Administration building in the 2nd floor conference room.

The full Safety Committee will meet on January 15, 2015 at 9:00 AM, at the Bourbonnais Fire Department Training Room.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Tyson adjourned the meeting at 9:57 AM.