

MINUTES

KANKAKEE AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY SAFETY COMMITTEE

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

Wednesday, March 11, 2015 @ 9:00 A.M.

Member in Attendance

Lt. Jason LoCoco, Illinois State Police; Rick Lalumendre, Olivet Nazarene University; Steve Blanchette and Mark Rogers, Kankakee County Highway Dept.; Chief Scott O'Brien; Manteno Fire Dept.; Therese Schultz, Aquinas Catholic Academy; Josh Clyden, Kurtz/St. Mary's Ambulance; Jake Lee, Hoekstra Transportation; Deputy Chief John Gerard, Kankakee Police Dept.; Chief Ed St. Louis, Bourbonnais Fire Dept.; Chief Jim Travis, Bradley Fire Dept.

Others Present

Mike Lammey, Jim Greenstreet and Geoff Olson, Kankakee County Planning Department; Steve Esslinger, IDOT

Call to Order

Chairman Tyson called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Public Comment

None.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Blanchette requested a change to the minutes. Chief O'Brien was listed twice in the attendance section. Mr. Blanchette made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Ms. Schultz. Motion carried.

Presentation of Traffic Safety Grants

Mr. Esslinger gave a presentation on the traffic safety grants available from IDOT for law enforcement. The presentation pointed out that Kankakee County is in the "23 County Model" that IDOT Transportation Safety has highlighted as counties they would like to see receive grants. Mr. Esslinger also informed everyone that the grants are required to have 50 percent of the enforcement between 9:00 P.M. and 6:00 A.M. Since 2011, all the enforcement grantees have been required to conduct seat belt and alcohol enforcement activities for major enforcement campaigns. The primary major enforcement campaigns are on the following holidays: Thanksgiving, Christmas, Memorial Day, Labor Day, Fourth of July, and the Super Bowl weekend. For 2015, IDOT Transportation Safety will be allocating a higher percentage toward "Click it or ticket" and "Drive sober or get pulled over" campaigns. They also aim to increase impaired motorcycle driving enforcement.

The types of local grants are: local alcohol program (LAP), sustained traffic enforcement program (STEP), injury prevention, and mini-mobilization enforcement.

Safety Crash Subcommittee

Mr. Lammey explained that the Safety Subcommittee will be doing roadway corridor analyses for fatal and serious injury crashes and will present the findings.

Report On Hands Free Cell Enforcement Issue

Chairman Tyson asked if there were any updates on the enforcement of hands free cell phone use. Deputy Chief Gerard said he didn't think the enforcement was making much of a difference. He still sees many people driving with a cell phone in hand. Lt. LoCoco said he believes the law is still too new to have made a change in driver behavior. Similar to the seat belt law, it took years before motorists' behavior began to change and seat belt usage rates increased.

Suggestion for Officer Elections

Mr. Lammey said members of the committee suggested having one chairman and three vice-chairmen to represent each of the four "E" members. Anyone who is interested in any of those positions should contact Mr. Lammey.

Next Meeting

The next Safety Crash Subcommittee Meeting will be on April 8, 2015 at 9:00 AM at the County Administration Building in the 2nd Floor Conference Room.

The next Safety Committee Meeting will be on April 29, 2015 at 9:00 AM at the Bourbonnais Fire Station in the Training Room.

Adjournment

Chairman Tyson adjourned the meeting at 9:46 AM.