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KANKAKEE AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY SAFETY CRASH SUBCOMMITTEE

Second Floor Conference Room, Kankakee Administration Building
189 E. Court St., Kankakee, IL

Wednesday, April 8, 2015 @ 9:00 A.M.

Those in Attendance

Dave Tyson, Tyson Engineering; Ed Zopf, Kankakee County Sheriff's Police; Mark Rogers, Steve Blanchette, and Diane Redwitz, Kankakee County Hwy Dept.; Jake Lee, Hoekstra Transportation; Roger Blakley, IDOT District 3; Jim Greenstreet, Mike Lammey, and Geoff Olson, Kankakee County Planning Dept.

Call to Order

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

Public Comment

None.

Discussion of Meeting Notes

Mr. Lammey explained that the discussion notes would be brief. If anyone would like changes made to them, make a request.

Presentation by County Highway Department on Crash Statistics & Use

Mr. Blanchette explained how the Highway Department has obtained and reviewed the Sheriff's Department Crash Reports since the 1960's, first by hand on notebooks and marking maps, to using computer programs and GIS mapping. Ms. Redwitz demonstrated the current GIS mapping for the crash reports provided by the Sheriff's Department. Mr. Blanchette explained the data provided can then be used to apply for State grants, such as HSIP grants. Crashes may seem to cluster in different areas in different years.

Crash Corridor Presentation

Mr. Olson identified and discussed several State highway corridors and several local road corridors inside the MPA that have an elevated number of crashes. He showed a weighted scale chart to clearly demonstrate crash to injury ratios and total injuries. The group was then asked to discuss selecting corridors for the full Safety Committee to further study. Mr. Blanchette suggested 4000E Rd should be looked at to be included on the list, as it also has had a number of crashes. Mr. Blakley will check with IDOT District 3 State highway planning personnel to see if they have plans to do work on or study any of the identified State Road corridors. Mr. Rogers suggested Division Street (9000N Rd / Co. HWY 9) be looked at for further study.

2013/2014 Crash Data

Mr. Lammey presented information on fatal crashes in Kankakee County for 2014. He pointed out in the 13 reported fatal crashes in 2014, 5 were "head on" collisions. Mr. Greenstreet stated we are still sorting out the A injury crashes from the crash reports received through the new IDOT Safety Portal. The problem still exists with the portal only showing the first two pages of a crash report. The pages containing any additional vehicles, separate narrative documents, or separate diagrams are not shown with the Safety Portal access. Mr. Olson stated IDOT is planning to create a filter for A type injuries, but have not done so as of yet.

Topics for the Next Meeting

Mr. Lammey informed everyone that the next Safety Committee meeting on April 29, 2015, we will have a presentation by Mr. Blakley about Roadside Safety Assessments and Roadside Safety Reviews.

Next Meeting

Safety Committee – April 29, 2015 at Bourbonnais Fire Dept.

Safety Crash Subcommittee – May 13, 2015 Kankakee County Admin Building

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:23 AM.