

# **MINUTES**

## **KANKAKEE AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY SAFETY COMMITTEE**

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

**Wednesday, October 28, 2015 @ 9:00 A.M.**

### **Member in Attendance**

Trooper Dave Verkler, Illinois State Police; Dave Tyson, Tyson Engineering; Steve Blanchette, and Diane Redwitz, Kankakee County Highway Dept; Rick Lalumendre, Olivet Nazarene University; Roger Blakley, IDOT District 3; Tom Caldwell, IDOT Urban Planning; David Luhrsen, B.B.C.H.S.; Therese Schultz, Aquinas Academy; Sgt. Sam Miller, Kankakee Police Department; Chief Scott O'Brien, Manteno Fire Department; Jake Lee, Hoekstra Transportation.

### **Others Present**

John Krenek, The Daily Journal; Mike Lammey, Jim Greenstreet, and Geoff Olson, Kankakee County Planning Department.

### **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**

Chief O'Brien made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Luhrsen. Motion carried.

### **Presentation on Truck Safety**

Mr. Jake Lee gave a presentation on truck safety. He explained some of the regulations Hoekstra Transportation operates under and the procedures in place at Hoekstra to strive for excellence in their industry. He stated that Hoekstra Farms began the Transportation Division in 1982 and have now grown to a fleet of 100 tractors and several hundred trailers. They primarily transport groceries in the midwest region. They travel over 8 million miles per year. Hoekstra's implemented electronic driver logs in 2011.

One of the most serious truck driver issues is driver fatigue. Drivers are regulated as to the number of hours worked in a 24 hour period and the number of hours of driving, so accurate logs are necessary. The number 1 traffic violation for truck drivers is speeding, the same for non-truck drivers. Medium and heavy duty trucks are involved in a small percentage of fatal crashes. Mr. Lee stated that truck drivers are prohibited from handling any electronic device while driving.

## **Report On Hands Free Cell Enforcement Issue**

Vice-Chairman Luhrsen asked if there were any updates on the enforcement of hands free cell phone use. There was nothing new to report.

## **Other Business**

Two recent crashes on 9000N Rd at 5000W Rd were discussed. Serious near-fatal injuries occurred in both crashes. Both crashes involved a driver disobeying a stop sign. One involved a Price-Gregory pipeline construction truck that was over-turned.

Mr. Olson advised he will e-mail out an article on the 5 to Drive rules for teen drivers to be safe drivers from the U.S. DOT blog.

Mr. Olson asked the Committee if they wanted to have future Safety Committee and Safety Crash Subcommittee meetings at 9:00 AM or 9:30 AM. The members present all preferred 9:30 AM, so the future meetings will be 9:30 AM.

## **Next Meeting**

The next Safety Crash Subcommittee Meeting will be on November 25, 2015 at 9:30 AM at the County Administration Building in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room. The next Safety Committee Meeting will be on January 13, 2016 at 9:30 AM at the Bourbonnais Fire Station in the Training Room. The Safety Crash Subcommittee will meet again on February 10, 2016, at 9:30 AM at the County Administration Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room. The Safety Committee will meet March 9, 2016 at 9:30 AM at the Bourbonnais Fire Station Training Room.

## **Adjournment**

Chief O'Brien made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Blakley. Motion carried. Vice-Chairman Luhrsen adjourned the meeting at 10:09 AM.