

HIGHWAY SAFETY
February 9, 2016

- Call to order** The meeting was called to order at 10:07 a.m. by Chairman Kersten Rocksvold. In attendance were: Bob Bott, WisDot-BOTs, Tom Cornford, Joe Morovits, Crawford County Coroner, Todd Myers, Highway Dept., Orrin Olson, Sheriff's Office, Casey Updike, State Patrol, Jim Hackett, Emergency Government, Ashley Erickson, PdC Police Department, Joyce Fritsche-Roberts and Corrie Valley.
- Verify posting** Rocksvold verified that the meeting notice was properly posted.
- Approval of Minutes** Motion by Morovits, second by Cornford to approve the minutes from the November 5, 2015 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.
- Next Meeting** May 3, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. in the Emergency Government Meeting Room at the Crawford County Law Enforcement Center in Prairie du Chien.
- Road Hazards** Todd Myers reported a bridge was hit on County Trunk S. They will change the alignment of that bridge. The Highway 18 project that goes from WalMart to Highway 60, changing it into four lanes, is scheduled to start this summer. The first stage of the project is to remove the trees on Highway 18. Country on the River Music Fest is scheduled for August 4-6th. The project will not be complete so traffic was discussed.
- Marquette Road project is slated to start in 2017. Crews will be working County Road D this summer.
- WI DOT-BOTS** March is Distracted Driver Awareness Month. On March 21 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. Crawford County volunteered to host the Distracted Driving kickoff. Governor Walker and Department of Transportation will be in attendance.
- A Festival Grant is available for events such as Country on the River. A bus company would take people from the event to their home, motel or campsite. Emergency Management will be applying for this when it becomes available.
- LaCrosse and Grant County are using a simulator to teach the public about Distracted Driving. Wood Counties program is "Bag a Phone, Save a Life".
- There have been 2 pedestrian/vehicle accidents in 2014. In 2015, there were 7 accidents

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Grants being enforced are Distracted Driving, OWI and Ignition Interlock Device. At the Fall 2016 Governor's Conference, the Sheriff's Office will present how they administer the IID grant. March through May Seatbelt Safety grant will be enforced. Speed Enforcement Grant paperwork has been submitted.

Distracted Driving grant is focusing on school zones. There is a bill in legislature for having no phone if they are on a GDL or CDL license.

A bill is currently in the Senate to restore the law allowing pedestrians/fisherman to walk directly over a clear stretch of railroad track or railroad right-of-way without facing a fine for trespassing.

Starting next quarter, the state will supply comprehensive data analysis for Crawford County. OWI citation forfeiture dollars help fund the Safe Ridge Program.

A safety symposium was held at 3M. Jim will present a texting and driving simulation for 3M employees.

Adjournment

Motion by Cornford, second by Myers to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:52 a.m.

Joyce Fritsche-Roberts
Administrative Assistant, Sheriff's Department