

Iowa County Traffic Safety Meeting Minutes February 13th, 2007

Meeting called to order by Joe Thomas at 9:30 a.m.

Present:

Joe Thomas, Iowa County Board Member
Jon Pepper, Iowa Co. Sheriff's Dept.
Tom Knoop, Wis. DOT-BOTS
Lisa Vosberg, Iowa Co. Highway Dept.
Jill Fehrman, WISDOT-SW Region-Traffic
June Meudt, Iowa County Health Dept.
Edwin James, City of Dodgeville

Certification of open meeting by J. Meudt/J. Pepper. Carried.
Approval of November minutes by J. Pepper/T. Knoop. Carried.
Approval of February agenda by T. Knoop/J. Pepper. Carried.

New Business:

- Jon reviewed the Accident Spot Map. In January, 2007 Iowa County had 62 crashes of which 49 of these crashes were non-injury and 13 of these crashes involved injuries. There were 18 injuries reported and 1 fatality. The number of crashes are up from January 2006.
- "WI Safe Routes to School" initiative was discussed by the Safety Commission. This program provides federal funds to help communities set up Safe Routes to School projects, an initiative to get more children in grades K – 8 walking or biking to school rather than riding in buses or cars. Wisconsin will receive nearly \$8 million through 2009 to fund these projects. The information contact for this program is Renee Callaway from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation. Her phone number is (608) 266-3973. The application deadline is March 16, 2007. June is sending this information to all of the area school districts.
- Tom discussed the fatality report. Currently the year to date accidents and fatalities are down from 2006 totals at this point in the year. Tom did state that there was a bicyclist fatality this year already in Wisconsin. Tom also discussed the ranking of Iowa County fatality statistics compared to other counties in Wisconsin.

Next meeting is May 8th, 2007 at 9:30 a.m. at the Iowa County Highway Dept. .

Adjourn by T. Knoop /J. Pepper. Carried.

Recorder: L. Vosberg