

Price County Traffic Safety Commission Meeting Minutes

Date: December 7, 2023 Time: 1:00 p.m.
Place: Courthouse County Board Room 101; 126 Cherry St; Phillips, WI 54555
Meeting called to order at 1:00 pm by Dennis Wartgow, Commission Chairperson.

Roll Call: Present: Joshua Englund (Marshfield Medical Center), Robert Hawn (Price County Sheriff's Office), Todd Horn (Bureau of Transportation Safety), Tony Kemnitz (WDOT Engineer), Jason McMillan (Phillips School District), Gayle Stangle (Citizen Member), Dennis Wartgow (Price County Board Supervisor), Timothy Westphal (Wisconsin State Patrol) (remote). Excused: Marvin Nevelier (Park Falls Police Department), Roger Petrick (Price County Highway Department), Bryce Schoenborn (Attorney/Legal),

Items for discussion and possible action:

1. Public Comment and Communication: None.
2. Meeting Minutes – September 7, 2023: Motion Englund/Hawn to approve the minutes from the September 7, 2023 meeting as presented. Motion carried.
3. Law Enforcement Reports:
 - a. Price County Sheriff's Department (Robert Hawn)
 - i. Accident Report: 2023 – 194 crashes, 2 fatalities, 4 serious injury. 28 involving speed, 20 impaired, 9 distracted driver. 5 motorcycle.
 - ii. Department Report: 2023 – 65 OWI arrests.
 - b. Park Falls Police Department: N/A.
 - c. Wisconsin State Patrol (Timothy Westphal): Nothing to report.
4. Wisconsin Department of Transportation
 - a. Bureau of Transportation Safety – Law Enforcement Liaison (Todd Horn): Continue to advocate for accurate reporting by law enforcement. Needed to have good report statistics. Crashes up 8%, aggressive driver up 62%, teen driver up 42%, impaired down 16%. Fatalities are down statewide. Promote Trypscore – safe roads challenge. 2023 crash data set report covering mostly intersections – of top 40, none are in Price County.
 - b. Traffic Safety Engineer (Tony Kemnitz): Reviewed 2023 projects: US Highway 8 East, US Highway 8 and 13 bridges complete Nothing on schedule for 2024. 2025 State Highway 13 Phillips to Fifield, City of Phillips County D to County F – still working on right-of-way and sidewalk issues, State Highway 13 City of Park Falls.
5. School Transportation Report (Jason McMillan): Nothing to report for the three Price County school districts.
6. Other Reports:
 - a. Attorney/Legal: N/A
 - b. Citizen Member (Gayle Stangle): Commend jobs done by law enforcement.
 - c. Marshfield Clinic (Joshua England): Nothing to report:
 - d. Price County Board of Supervisors (Dennis Wartgow): Nothing to report.
 - e. Price County Highway Department: N/A
7. 2024 Meeting Schedule (March 7, June 6, September 5, December 5)
8. Meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Jean Gottwald, County Clerk