

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2010

**APPROVED MINUTES OF THE
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING HELD**

**STATE OF MINNESOTA)
DODGE COUNTY)**

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATION OFFICE
MANTORVILLE, MN**

2010-19 C.O.W.

The Dodge County Commissioners met in Committee of the Whole October 12, 2010, in the Commissioner's Room at the Dodge County Courthouse Annex, Mantorville, MN, at 9:00 a.m. CDT. Chair Lyle Tjosaas opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. CDT.

Meeting Convened

The Chair acknowledged those present:

Those Present

Members present:	Klaus Alberts	District #1
	Lyle Tjosaas	District #2
	David Erickson	District #3
	Don Gray	District #4
	David Hanson	District #5

Members absent: None

Also present:	Jim Elmquist	County Administrator
	Becky Lubahn	Deputy County Clerk

Southeast Minnesota Toward Zero Death (TZD) Coordinator Kristine Hernandez and State Patrol Lieutenant Randy Slinger provided the Board with a presentation on the Toward Zero Death Program.

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Ms. Hernandez informed the Board that Minnesota, along with Utah, Washington and West Virginia were early adopters of the TZD Program.

The TZD Coordinator reviewed the following information with the Board:

- Roadway Fatalities All State & Local Roads
- SE 2006-2009 Region Fatalities by County
- SE 2006-2008 Percentage of Fatalities and Severe Injuries Alcohol-Related

Ms. Hernandez discussed the old approach to reducing deadly accidents which included the following:

- State Roads
- Focus in High Crash Locations
- Reactive Projects
- Silos of Safety

The TZD Coordinator briefly discussed the new approach to reducing deadly accidents which encompasses the following:

- All Roads
- Proactive and Systematic
- All Four E's (Education, Enforcement, Engineering and Emergency Medical Services)

Ms. Hernandez discussed the development of the Southeast Minnesota TZD Program. The program is set up as follows:

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- Regional Steering Committee
- Partnership Groups (4 E's)
 - Regional Law Enforcement
 - Health Educators
 - City, County and Mn/DOT Engineers
 - Emergency Medical Services
- Organized first regional workshop (June 20, 2005)

The TZD Coordinator informed the Board that Dodge County Engineer, Guy Kohlnhofer serves on the Regional Steering Committee as well as a Sub-Committee.

Ms. Hernandez reviewed the regional structure of the program.

The following analyzed data was shared:

- Who is involved in the traffic accidents?
 - Young: 15-29 year-old males drivers
- When are the accidents happening?
 - 3-6 p.m. – after work/school
 - June-July
- Contributing factors
 - Run Off the Road
 - Speed
 - Seat Belt Use

Goals for the program were discussed.

Goal 1: Reduce traffic fatalities from past 3-year average of 67 down to 55 by 2012.

- Look at contributing factors in crashes.

Goal 2: Increase TZD awareness across southeastern Minnesota.

The establishment of subcommittees was briefly discussed. Subcommittees were listed as follows:

- Run Off the Road
- Seat Belts
- Speed
- TZD Awareness
- SE MN TZD Annual Workshop

Ms. Hernandez shared the following Engineering Efforts information with the Board:

- First application made for an 11-county comprehensive highway safety plan grant for curve delineators (2005-2006)
- \$1+ million multi-county HSIP grant for replacement of twist-end guardrail & other safety improvements (2006-2007)
- Other county safety improvements:
 - Rumble Stripes
 - Extra Wide Edge Lines
 - Enhanced Reflective Signage

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Intersection Improvements

- Local and State Roads
 - Rural Intersection Lighting
 - Improvement Signing (Larger, Brighter)
 - Turn Lanes, Acceleration Lanes, Roundabouts
 - Intersection Warning Systems/other ITS

Edge Treatments

- Local and State Roads
 - Centerline and Edgeline Rumble StripEs and Strips
 - Wet Reflective Pavement Markings
 - Wider Pavement Markings
 - Curve Delineation (Chevron Signs)
 - Cable Median

Lieutenant Slinger discussed the following education efforts:

- Hired fulltime TZD regional coordinator to provide regional “air cover”
- TZD “On the Road” presentations
- Legislative education efforts
- SE MN TZD video & tip sheet

A Southeast Minnesota belt use observation survey from 2006-2010 was briefly reviewed.

Mr. Slinger shared with the Board information on 2010 traffic safety grantees in the State of Minnesota.

Lieutenant Slinger shared the following emergency efforts information:

- Emergency personnel included in SE Minnesota TZD video
- Auto-launch utilization of EMS helicopters
- Freeborn County reciprocity response agreement between “jaws of life” operators in neighboring areas (including Iowa) for faster response time

The following enforcement efforts were briefly reviewed:

- Pursuits & Partnerships
 - Jointly plan Thanksgiving and December wave; coordinate enforcement dates
 - December high school education program kick-off media event at local high schools

- Dying to Get Home
 - Education & enforcement campaign (3 saturations)

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Mr. Slinger discussed enforcement and education efforts including the 2010 Ted Foss Move Over Law news conference and Labor Day weekend DWI enforcement news conference.

A graph showing roadway fatalities for all state and local roads was discussed. The 2003 trend projected that the number of roadway fatalities would steadily increase each year. With enforcement and education, the number of deaths on Minnesota roadways is consistently going down from 597 in 1995 to 455 in 2008. It was noted that a target of 400 or less fatalities in the State of Minnesota has been set for 2010.

Lieutenant Slinger discussed TZD's success factors which include commitment to change American culture regarding traffic safety, collaboration with other traffic-safety advocates and promoting best practices and lessons learned.

The Minnesota TZD website was briefly discussed. Additional information on the TZD Program can be found on the www.minnesotatzd.org web page.

Mr. Slinger ended by stating that statistics show that somebody is going to die on a Minnesota roadway today. The group's ultimate goal, with education, enforcement, engineering and Emergency Medical Services is zero deaths on Minnesota roadways. One way to achieve this goal is through seat belt enforcement and speed limit enforcement.

Ms. Hernandez and Mr. Slinger were thanked for the presentation.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:30 a.m. CDT.

Meeting Adjourned

ATTEST:

LYLE TJOSAAS
CHAIR, COUNTY BOARD

BECKY LUBAHN
DEPUTY CLERK

DATED: