LINCOLN COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes of August 18, 2015 9:00 a.m.
Lincoln County Safety Building
Lower Level Conference Room

MEMBERS PRESENT: David Jackson, Nancy Bergstrom, Mike Panosh, Bill Jelinek, Mike VanDeWeerd, Nathan Walrath, Bob Lee, Ken Neff, & Brian Wrycha

MEMBERS ABSENT & EXCUSED: Sheriff Jeff Jaeger, Jack Keiffer, Dustin Bonack, Doug Duchac, & Dale Bergman

VISITORS: Sarah Morris

OPEN MEETING

1. **Call to Order:** Chief Deputy Walrath called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.
   - **A.** Roll call of members present.
   - **B.** Welcome visitors.

2. **Approval of previous meeting minutes:** Motion by Bob Lee, second by Bill Jelinek to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

3. **Review Crash Data – Merrill Police Department:** Chief Neff reported numbers are down by 40 from last year. There was 100% compliance for wearing seat belts in June. No comment or questions. Motion by Mike Panosh, second by Bill Jelinek to place on file.

4. **Review Crash Data – Lincoln County Sheriff's Office:** Nothing significant to report. No comment or questions. Motion by Chief Deputy Walrath, second by Chief Neff to place on file.

5. **State Report: Mike Panosh:** Traffic fatalities continue a downward trend in Wisconsin. There has been no significant changes with the increase from 65 to 70 mph. Chief Neff commented that where it is 65 mph drivers aren't slowing down especially on Hwy 51. Mike Panosh stated Legislation is looking at a new ban on headphones while driving. Fatal crashes are up this year from last, mostly due to the record lows in 2014. He further commented that traffic safety has been great this year. The Chief Deputy commented that he received a citizen call from Gleason requesting Hwy 17's 35mph zone be extended. No further questions or comments.

6. **SCHEDULED NEXT REGULAR MEETING:** November 17, 2015 @ 9:00 a.m. Lincoln County Safety Building, Lower Lever Conference Room.

7. **ADJOURNMENT;** Motion by Chief Deputy Walrath, second by Chief Neff to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Chief Deputy Walrath and Sarah Morris