Tribal Transportation Safety Summit
February 23, 2017
BACKGROUND

- How did I get here?

- Why the focus on TSC’s?
  - Strategic Highway Safety Plan
TODAY’S OBJECTIVES

- Snapshot of history
- Knowledge of our County Traffic Safety Commissions
  - Where we are now
  - Where we are going
- How to get involved in your TSC
  - Maximize your involvement
WISCONSIN COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSIONS

- Unique to Wisconsin
- State statute 83.013
  - Responsibility of Highway Commissioner
  - Requirements of TSC
  - Collaborative framework
  - Primary purpose
STATEWIDE OBSERVATIONS

- Statutorily required
  - TSCs are locally owned
- Purpose / structure / function
  - Formality versus functionality
  - Infrastructure versus behavior
  - Representatives versus stakeholders
- “Don’t know what you don’t know”
CHANGE IS A PROCESS
NOT AN EVENT
**UPDATED TSC GUIDELINES**

- Last revisions almost 25 years ago?
  - Guidelines – synonymous with recommendation, instruction, suggestion, advice

- Based on statewide observations

- Input from TSCs around the state

- Reflective of what is working for TSCs, while recognizing each county has unique characteristics.
UPDATED TSC GUIDELINES

From the Introduction section:

“The statute lays out a structure for the TSC and spells out some baseline responsibilities – however, counties would do well to foster a TSC that doesn’t just meet the requirement, but rather utilizes every resource and established best practice possible to have a positive impact on reducing crashes.”

From the Structure/Membership section:

“Counties should focus more on functionality than the formality of the TSC, as the TSC is generally regarded as an advisory body.”
COLLABORATION
MEETING DYNAMICS

- Agendas, formalities, public meeting rules
- Proactive versus Reactive
  - Easier said than done
  - Mindset – taking action “before” the statistics call for or “demand” action
- Locally designed and driven initiatives versus waiting for the next state or federal program
  - Modifying behavior versus changing infrastructure
- What constitutes a successful, effective meeting?
CRASH REVIEWS

- How to?
  - Fatality Review Resources (remember “guideline”)

- Law Enforcement Involvement
  - Every LEA is the goal
    - Challenges versus benefits

- Fatality crashes only?
  - Why wait for the “A’s” to become “K’s”

- Resisting the always present temptation
  - Infrastructure versus behavior

- Spot maps
  - Required, satisfied by paper, but greatly enhanced by using Community Maps
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ONGOING BOTS SUPPORT

- Contracted Consultants (LELs)
  - Regional Program Managers
- Community Maps
  - Ongoing and Future enhancements
- County profile documents
HOW DO YOU GET INVOLVED?

- Quarterly (public) meetings
  - Statewide schedule
- Becoming a stakeholder
QUESTIONS?

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