

The Kewaunee County Highway Safety Commission, in partnership with public and private organizations, is committed to developing and implementing a comprehensive strategy aimed at saving lives and preventing injuries by reducing crashes on our roads and highways.

**Kewaunee County Highway Department
E4280 CTH F
Kewaunee, WI 54216**

July 28, 2022 – 10:00 A.M.

PRESENT:	Matt Joski	Sheriff – Kewaunee Co. Sheriff's Dept
	Eric Pieschek	Lt. – Kewaunee County Sheriff's Dept.
	Randy Asman	WI DOT – N/E Region (via Phone)
	Randy Wiessinger	WI DOT – WSP – BOTS
	Todd Every	Kewaunee Co. Highway Department
	Sgt. Clint Beck	Trooper – WI State Patrol
	Randy Remiker	Chief – Algoma Police Department
	Cindy Kinnard	Public Health Nurse
	Gary Paape	County Board Representative
	Jeff Kassner	Dworak Bus Service
	Joe Mastalir	Citizen Representative

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 AM by Sheriff Matt Joski.

All members had received a copy of the April 28, 2022 meeting minutes.

A motion was made by Todd Every and seconded by Cindy Kinnard to accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

CITIZEN COMMENTS AND REPORTS:

Citizens present at today's meeting were Scott and Dawn Gaedtke, owners of Rolling Hills Dairy in the Township of Montpelier, as well as Montpelier Town Chair Scott Jahnke. Gaedtkes wished to express their concern for the safety at the intersection of STH 29 and CTH AB, where their farm is located. Gaedtkes stated that this intersection

has become very dangerous with the increase in traffic on STH 29 in general, but also with the increase in commercial traffic associated with both their farm and the Agropur/Trega factory south of STH 29 on CTH AB. They were inquiring as to whether a speed reduction or other countermeasure would be considered at that intersection to improve safety, or to help prevent any serious accidents which seem to be an inevitability.

Randy Asman, WI DOT Highway Engineer, joined the meeting by phone. Randy advised that since all four corners of that intersection are within the Township of Montpelier, the Town may request a speed study be conducted. The Town would need to submit the request, on official letterhead. Randy did caution that most of the speed studies show that 85% of drivers are already traveling within the posted speed limits, and a reduction, therefore would not likely be granted.

REPORTS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS:

WISCONSIN DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION – ENGINEERING

Randy Asman attended the meeting by phone. He had no new information to share on upcoming projects.

WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – BOTS

Randy Wiessinger was present at today's meeting. He shared that Kewaunee County is still at zero fatalities this year. Not counting car/deer accidents, Kewaunee County has 113 property damage accidents, and 35 personal injury accidents so far in 2022. Randy also reported that numbers for impaired drivers and for speed-related crashes are up 70%, with a 64% increase in the number of teen drivers involved in accidents.

Statewide, Randy reported that there have been 302 fatal accidents. There was a 40% decrease in motorcycle fatalities, however, which he says is likely due to the late start to nicer weather this year.

He then showed the commission additional improvements made by Community Maps since the last meeting. There are now additional "flags" available to show accidents involving ATV/UTV crashes reported by the DNR, as well as flags for "aggressive driving" which include qualifiers such as: reckless driving, speeding + no passing zone violations, speeding + following too close violations, etc.

Randy shared that the Governor's Conference is coming up at the end of August, and that a Teen Driver PowerPoint has been developed which will be presented and made available at the Governor's Conference. This PowerPoint presentation can be customized for any agency.

KEWAUNEE COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Todd Every advised that the replacement of the bridge on CTH E over the Kewaunee River began last week. He estimates that it will be finished in October.

Todd also reported that as a result of the grant study conducted on the stretch of CTH S from Algoma to the Kewaunee County/Door County line, recommendations were made for several low-cost improvements which would be covered by the grant. Those options will be looked into further.

Todd advised that there have been inquiries about the intersection of CTH C and STH 54 in Casco, specifically where it relates to semi traffic and the layout of the intersection and turning movements that the semis need to make.

Finally, Todd advised that the state is currently collecting traffic volume data from throughout the county, so residents will be seeing the data collection devices on various roadways throughout the county.

KEWAUNEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Sheriff Joski began by addressing the changes recently made by the Township of West Kewaunee reference Krok Rd. The speed on Krok Rd. will be lowered to 45 MPH from the beginning of that road all the way to STH 42. Additionally, the intersection of Church Rd. and Krok Rd. will become a 4-way stop. Sheriff Joski advised that by reducing the speed on Krok Rd., this will hopefully encourage more drivers to use the state and county highways, rather than using the town roads as a bypass.

Sheriff Joski also advised that the Village of Casco is beginning to take a look at their Village and the County ordinances with regard to speed enforcement, parking, and stop signs. He stated that it has been a long time since any changes were made, and with the increase of new residential areas within the Village, there will likely need to be changes made.

Lt. Pieschek reported that the Sheriff's Department, along with many other law enforcement agencies in the Great Lakes region took part in Speed Awareness Day on July 27, 2022. The Sheriff's Department has also received a grant for speed enforcement which will run out at the end of August, however, there may be additional monies available to continue that special enforcement activity.

Regarding other special enforcement activities, Lt Pieschek stated that the Sheriff's Department has been successful in filling "Click It" shifts, and that special enforcement activity has been going well. He advised that on days when Click It shifts are schedule, the radio traffic is very steady.

ALGOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Remiker was present at today's meeting. He shared that the City of Algoma has Shanty Days coming up. He said that they are hoping the construction on Third Street will be complete by that time.

Chief Remiker also wanted to pass on that there appears to be an increase in the number of speeding complaints, particularly in the area of CTH S, north of Bay Road.

KEWAUNEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Kleiman was not present for today's meeting.

LUXEMBURG VILLAGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Gulbrand was not present for today's meeting.

COUNTY BOARD REPRESENTATIVE

Gary Paape was present for today's meeting but had nothing new to share.

DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Tracy Nollenberg was not present for today's meeting.

WISCONSIN STATE PATROL

Sgt. Jenny Austin was not present for today's meeting. Sgt. Clint Beck was present on her behalf. Sgt. Beck shared that Trooper Logan Christel, who is currently assigned to Kewaunee County, has been absent as of late due to taking on Field Training responsibilities for a new State Patrol officer. Sgt. Beck advised that Trooper Christel is hoping to be back in the county sometime in October.

With regard to the discussion on the safety at STH 29 and CTH AB, Sgt. Beck advised that State Patrol could see about increasing the presence of Inspectors in the area for a time, to see if that would help.

KEWAUNEE COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH

Cindy Kinnard was present for today's meeting but had nothing new to share.

CORPORATION COUNSEL

Attorney David Depeau was not present for the meeting.

SCHOOL BUS TRANSPORTATION

Jeff Kassner brought up a concern near the area of Tractor Supply, north of the City of Kewaunee on STH 42. He advised that currently there is a no-passing zone at that location, however, it may be beneficial to extend that zone due to the hill just below the driveway to Tractor Supply. Discussion followed.

CITIZEN REPRESENTATIVE

Joe Mastalir was present at today's meeting and shared that he has been working with individuals within the Village of Casco regarding concerns about traffic and speed issues within the Village. He advised that there have been complaints from residents in the new subdivision (behind Village Kitchen) that the speeds on STH 54, coming through the Village, are too high and that it is not safe due to the number of small children in the area. Another area of concern was the intersection of CTH C and STH 54. Semis attempting to turn at that intersection are forced to either turn wide and go into the northbound lane of CTH C, or if the driver turns too sharply, there is a pole very close to the roadway. The suggestion was made to look at increasing the size of the no parking zone in that area to alleviate some of the visibility issues.

Sheriff Joski said that he would continue to work with the Village to determine what changes can be made, especially with regard to enforcement. He also encouraged Mr Mastalir to let the Village members know they should report their concerns to law enforcement – the Sheriff's Department can't do anything about the problems if they don't know they're out there.

CRASH SPOT MAPS/ACCIDENT STATISTICS: The Sheriff's Department shared the 2nd Quarter Crash Data and Spot Maps.

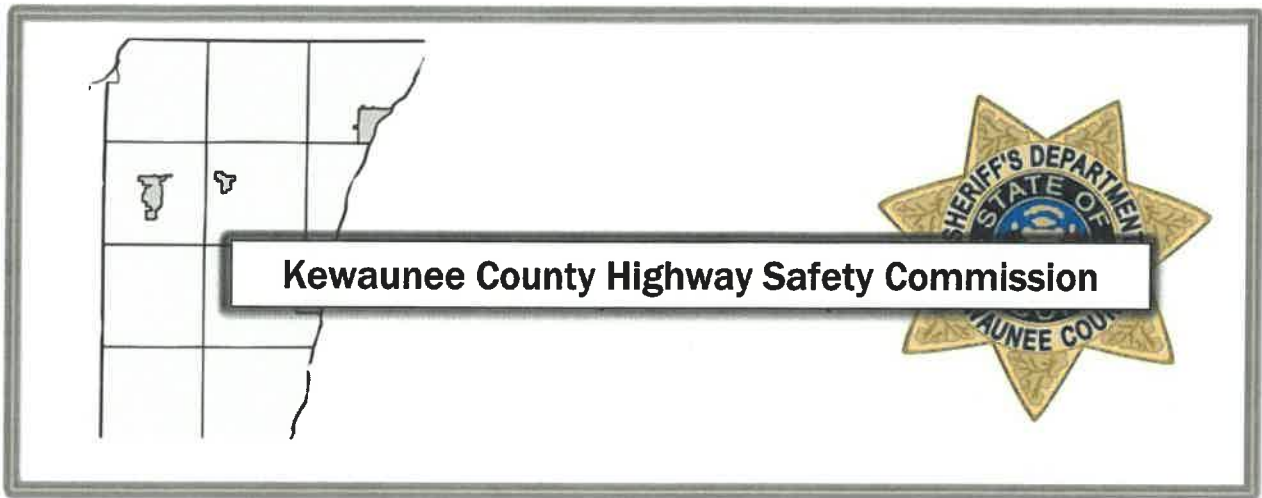
OLD BUSINESS: Old business was discussed during the **Citizen Comments** portion of the meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, **October 27, 2022** and will be held at the **Kewaunee County Highway Department, Large Meeting Room, at 10:00 AM**.

Motion to adjourn was made by Cindy Kinnard and seconded by Todd Every. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:58 A.M.

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Kewaunee County Quarterly Crash Data

October 27, 2022

Months - 2022 - 2 nd Quarter	July	August	September	Quarter Totals	2021 Totals
Deer Accidents	17	13	16	46	62
Injury Accidents	5	4	4	13	9
Property Damage Accidents	7	12	8	27	38
Fatalities	0	1	0	1	0
Total Accidents	29	30	28	87	
Previous Year Totals (2021)	39	35	35		109

QUARTER TOTALS - 2022	1 ST	2 ND	3 RD	4 TH	Yearly Totals to Date
Alcohol Related Accidents	9	4	5		18
Car/Deer Accidents	56	58	46		160
Accidents/Fatalities	0	0	1		1
Total Accidents	112	103	87		302

2022 Total = 302



Crash Analysis by Type & Totals

Crash Numbers

