

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**

April 28, 2022 – 10:00 A.M.

PRESENT:	Jason Veese	Chief Deputy – Kewaunee Co. Sheriff's Dept
	Eric Pieschek	Lt. – Kewaunee County Sheriff's Dept.
	Randy Asman	WI DOT – N/E Region
	Randy Wiessinger	WI DOT – WSP – BOTS
	Todd Every	Kewaunee Co. Highway Department
	Sgt. Jenny Austin	Trooper – WI State Patrol
	Jim Kleiman	Chief – Kewaunee Police Department
	Cindy Kinnard	Public Health Nurse
	Tracy Nollenberg	Emergency Management Director
	Jeff Wisnicky	Corporation Counsel
	Gary Paape	County Board Representative
	Jeff Kassner	Dworak Bus Service

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 AM by Chief Deputy Jason Veese.

All members had received a copy of the January 27, 2022 meeting minutes. Tracy Nollenberg noted a change to the minutes: the batteries that Emergency Management has available are for front line responders.

Todd Every noted two changes to the minutes:

- Under the updates he provided for the Highway Department, he advised that the “mumble strips” were installed in November of 2021, not May 2021 as reported in the previous minutes.

- Under the Sheriff's Department updates, it should read "Once Franklin adopts the ordinance, Kewaunee County will be fully open to ATV/UTVs on town roads", not county roads as reported in the previous minutes.

A motion was made by Jeff Kassner and seconded by Todd Every to accept the minutes as amended. Motion carried.

CITIZEN COMMENTS AND REPORTS:

Citizen Rich Taylor was present at today's meeting and wished to speak about ATV/UTV usage on county roads. Mr Taylor advised that while he is pleased to see the authorization of ATV/UTV usage on town roads and within the various municipalities of Kewaunee County, there is a serious lack of connectivity between the municipalities.

Mr Taylor advised that most of the 72 counties in Wisconsin have adopted some type of policy with regard to ATV/UTV usage on county roads. He went on to cite benefits to the area's tourism – ATV/UTV riders who use the county's campgrounds and marinas; residents and visitors who wish to visit county-owned parks; etc. He pointed out that those individuals are able to ride their machines within the confines of the municipalities, or on town roads, but are often unable to legally access these parks and other attractions due to the county's roads being closed to ATV/UTV usage.

REPORTS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS:

WISCONSIN DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION – ENGINEERING

Randy Asman was present at today's meeting and provided just a brief update on the STH 29 project which should be finished near the end of June. He advised that everything seems to be going as planned and there have not been any issues so far.

WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – BOTS

Randy Wiessinger was present at today's meeting. He shared that Kewaunee County has had zero fatalities this year, which is under the average per year and the 5-year average. He advised that statewide, fatal crashes are up 30% from this time last year, which is not a good direction to be trending.

Randy reported that Speed Awareness Day is on June 27 and that it is likely there will be a distinct increase in speed enforcement patrols on and around that day.

He then showed the commission various improvements that Community Maps has launched since the end of March. One of those is the 'Predictive Analytics' function which allows users to identify "hot spots" for various crash causes.

Randy then went on to show the commission the DNR's Annual Report (found on their website). In looking at the information the DNR gathered on ATV/UTV crashes, he was able to identify data showing that 64% of the reported ATV/UTV crashes occurred on roadways – both in instances where the roadway was an approved route, and on those roads that were not approved routes. Additionally, he did show the commission a steep trend of ATV/UTV fatalities in the DNR's annual report. Discussion followed.

He also believes that these ATV/UTV crash statistics are still vastly under-reported due to some crashes never being called in to law enforcement. He also brought up the problem of the DNR not sharing their crash information with the DOT to be able to put that information into Community Maps. A solution to that problem is on the horizon, however. Randy advised that the two agencies will be meeting in the coming week to work on changing that problem.

Finally, Randy reported that May is Click or Ticket month.

KEWAUNEE COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Todd Every shared that he was notified that CTH S from north of Algoma to the Kewaunee/Door County line was selected as eligible for a highway improvement grant, which would be a 90/10 grant for low-cost improvements for things like new signs, guardrails, etc.

Todd advised the commission that they got the bids in for the replacement of the bridge deck on CTH E over the Kewaunee River. He advised that the bids came in under what they had expected and the project has been recommended for approval. He believes the project will occur between June and September, with the road being closed during construction.

Other than the projects already mentioned in the previous meetings' minutes, all other projects are currently being evaluated due to the steep increase in material costs.

KEWAUNEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Chief Deputy Veaser began by addressing some ATV/UTV-related data with respect to law enforcement in Kewaunee County. First, he spoke about the Ahnapee Trail and whether motor vehicles would ever be allowed. He advised that the Trail is owned by the State of Wisconsin and the DNR and many of the grants used to build and improve the trail strictly prohibit the use of motor vehicles on the trail. He advised that change to that is very unlikely.

Due to the method of recording incidents in the Sheriff's Department's records management system, it is difficult to determine how many of the ATV/UTV incidents were strictly related to OHVs (they may have turned into trespassing complaints, rescue calls, etc.). Veeser estimates that the county handles 10-15 complaints in a year. Lt. Pieschek wished to point out that not all of these incidents are likely documented. He provided examples where he took the opportunity to give warnings and provide education to those he saw operating on unauthorized roadways. He stated that it is likely that many of the Sheriff's Department's deputies likely do the same thing and those situations are not documented/captured by our records management system.

Next, Veeser went on to talk about some of the statistics from Door County. He advised that they are set up such that some of their county roads are designated as routes and some are not. Or some sections of their county roads are designated as routes. This causes confusion and inconsistencies not only with law enforcement, but also with riders. He said law enforcement often doesn't take any action for that reason. He did briefly speak about four "serious" ATV-related accidents that occurred in Door County last year – three of which involved alcohol.

Veeser next spoke about the ATV/UTV park in Kewaunee County and the increase in the number of complaints about the people using the park – mainly from neighbors who live near the park. He, and others of the commission, believe that the people causing the complaints by neighbors are not from the county. But, if these individuals are already causing issues within the park, there are concerns with what will happen if the county roads are then opened up, giving access to other areas of the county from that park. Lt. Pieschek advised that right now, the ATV park is very wet and muddy and had concerns about there being mud on the roads. Currently the local farms are responsible for cleaning the roads off during their operations. By the same logic the ATV riders from the park should be responsible for cleaning the roads if they drag mud from the ATV park to the roadways, but enforcement would be near impossible.

Lengthy discussion followed – and other questions were brought up during the remainder of the meeting by various commission members.

Cindy Kinnard asked where the average person would learn about where they can and can't operate OHVs. Gary Paape advised that the Town of Ahnapee has that information posted on their website. Mr Taylor advised that counties where there are specific TRAILS, maps are published and provided by businesses in those areas, or by the Chamber of Commerce for those areas as part of the area's tourism. Discussion continued.

Ultimately, many on the commission agreed that from a strictly safety standpoint, opening county roads to ATV/UTV traffic would not be recommended. Randy W. also advised that every ATV/UTV manufacturer has also recommended against ANY use of these machines on paved roads.

Sheriff Joski was not present for the meeting, but shared through Chief Deputy Veeseer a question as to whether there could be a speed reduction in the area of STH 29 at CTH AB. A four-way stop sign at this location was discussed at the previous meeting. Randy Asman advised that any requests for speed reductions would need to come from a municipality (Town request).

Veeseer also expressed concerns shared by citizens in the county about excessive spillage as a result of load spillage. He advised that there has been an increase in complaints from citizens, and warnings have been issued to area farmers that their loads need to be tarped and not over-filled. Farmers have been advised of this requirement by Sheriff Joski in recent meetings with farmers. Discussion followed.

Lt. Pieschek advised that there have been increased patrols of CTH F and Krok Rd. due to the on-going construction on STH 29. He advised that this is to ensure CTH F and Krok Rd. aren't being used recklessly to get around the road construction. He recently was made aware of a manure transfer site on CTH F which had been found, both by him and by Sheriff Joski, to be completely unacceptable as far as having appropriate signage and flag people. It is believed that this contracted company was one from out of the area.

Finally, Lt. Pieschek advised that the Sheriff's Department has two grants: a 7-month Click-it or Ticket grant which runs through the summer; and a 3-month speed grant which will be extended to any of the municipalities in the county should they wish to participate.

ALGOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Remiker was not present for today's meeting.

KEWAUNEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Kleiman was present for today's meeting but had nothing new to share.

LUXEMBURG VILLAGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Gulbrand was not present for today's meeting.

COUNTY BOARD REPRESENTATIVE

Gary Paape stated he did not have much to share, other than the complaints of mud on the road getting off to a slow start due to the wet and cold weather. He advised that he is hearing a lot of disapproval about the increased enforcement of tarping, however.

DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Tracy Nollenberg shared that the Clean Sweep event will be held on **October 22, 2022** at the Hillside Highway shop.

Kewaunee County is scheduled to participate in a Hostile-Based Action exercise in 2023, but no additional information has been shared yet.

She also advised that Emergency Management still has PPE, sanitizing products, and batteries available for first responders.

WISCONSIN STATE PATROL

Sgt. Jenny Austin was present for today's meeting but had nothing new to share.

KEWAUNEE COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH

Cindy Kinnard reported that Rural Safety Days is returning to Kewaunee County this year. It is scheduled for May 18, 2022 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Kewaunee County Fairgrounds.

CORPORATION COUNSEL

Attorney Jeff Wisnicky was present for the meeting but did not have anything new to share.

SCHOOL BUS TRANSPORTATION

Jeff Kassner shared with Todd and Randy Asman that the school bus signage near St. Peters Rd. and Church Rd. on STH 29 are no longer needed. Randy advised he would make note and contact the proper individuals to get that taken care of.

CITIZEN REPRESENTATIVE

Joe Mastalir was not present at today's meeting.

CRASH SPOT MAPS/ACCIDENT STATISTICS: The Sheriff's Department shared the 1st Quarter Crash Data and Spot Maps.

OLD BUSINESS: No old business was discussed.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, **July 28, 2022**. The suggestion was made to continue holding Highway Safety Commission meetings at the Kewaunee County Highway Department as the room is much larger than that of the conference room at the Sheriff's Department. Everyone agreed. The next meeting will be held at the **Kewaunee County Highway Department, Large Meeting Room, at 10:00 AM**.

Motion to adjourn was made by Todd Every and seconded by Gary Paape. Motion carried.

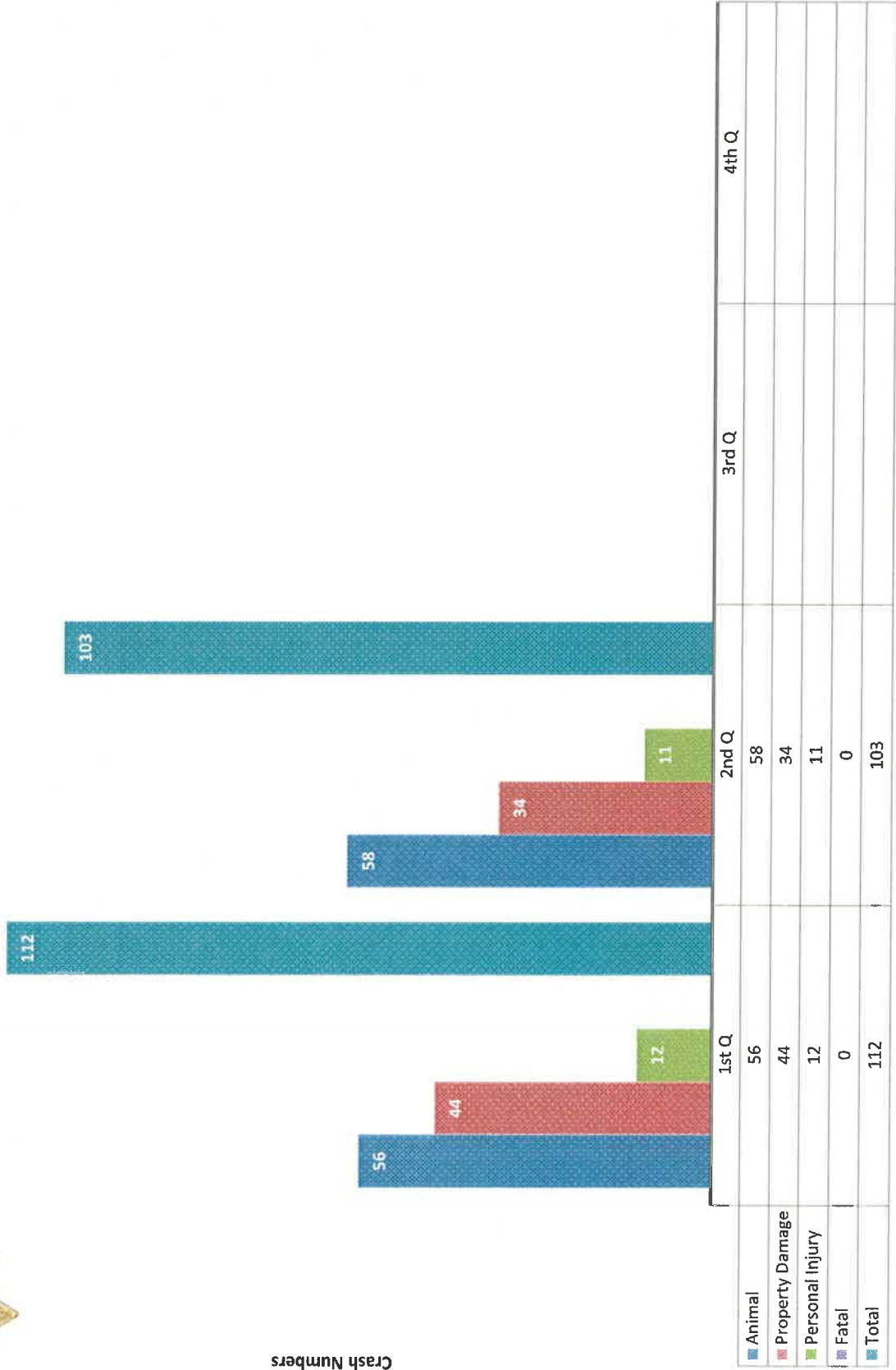
Meeting was adjourned at 11:16 A.M.

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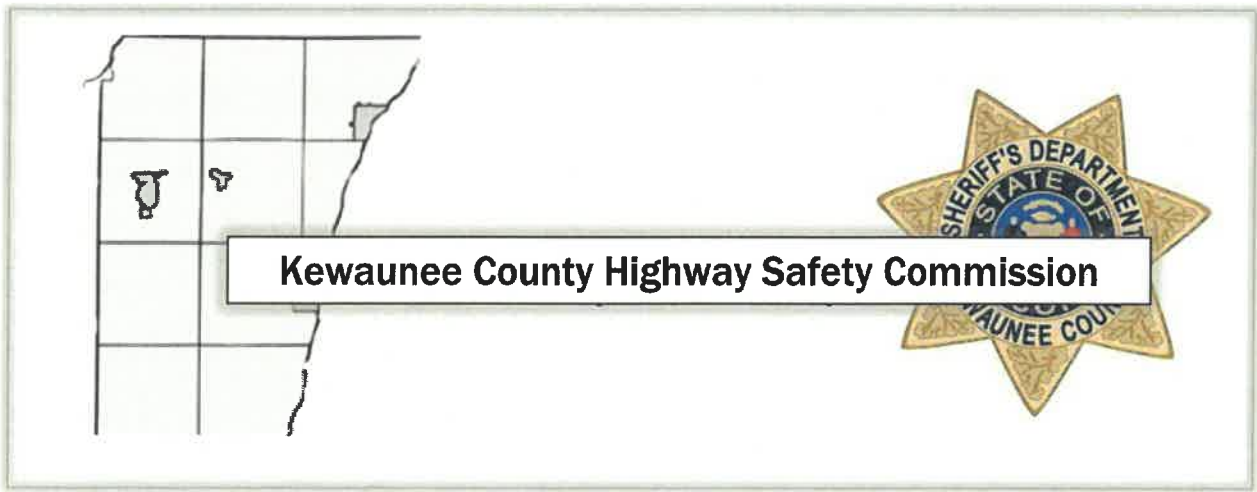


Crash Analysis by Type & Totals

Crash Numbers



Type	1st Q	2nd Q	3rd Q	4th Q
Animal	56		58	
Property				
Damage	44		34	
Personal				
Injury	12		11	
Fatal	0		0	
Total	112		103	



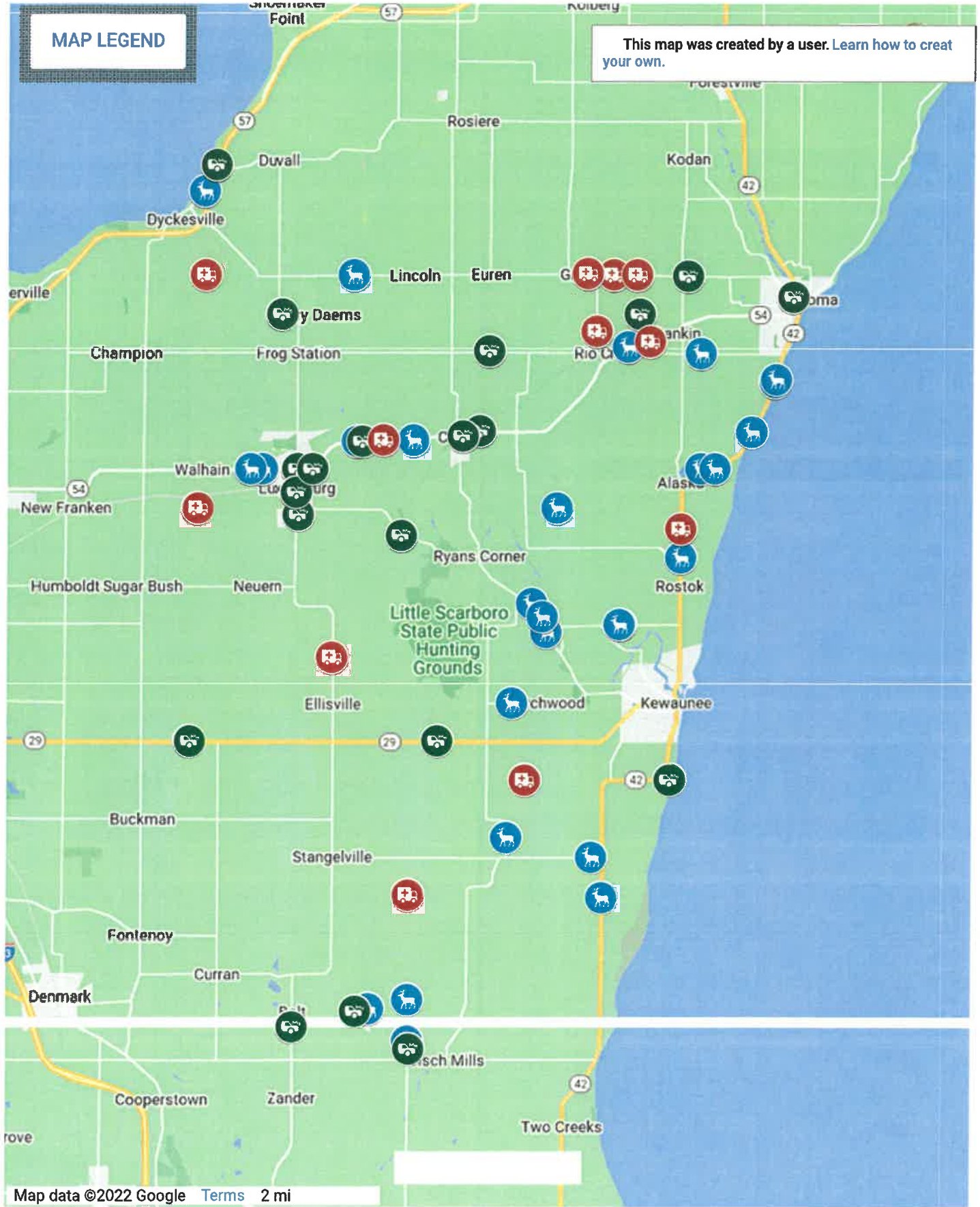
Kewaunee County Quarterly Crash Data

July 28, 2022

Months - 2022 - 2 nd Quarter	April	May	June	Quarter Totals	2021 Totals
Deer Accidents	20	19	19	58	57
Injury Accidents	2	7	2	11	5
Property Damage Accidents	14	11	9	34	31
Fatalities	0	0	0	0	1
Total Accidents				103	
Previous Year Totals (2021)	27	48	28		103

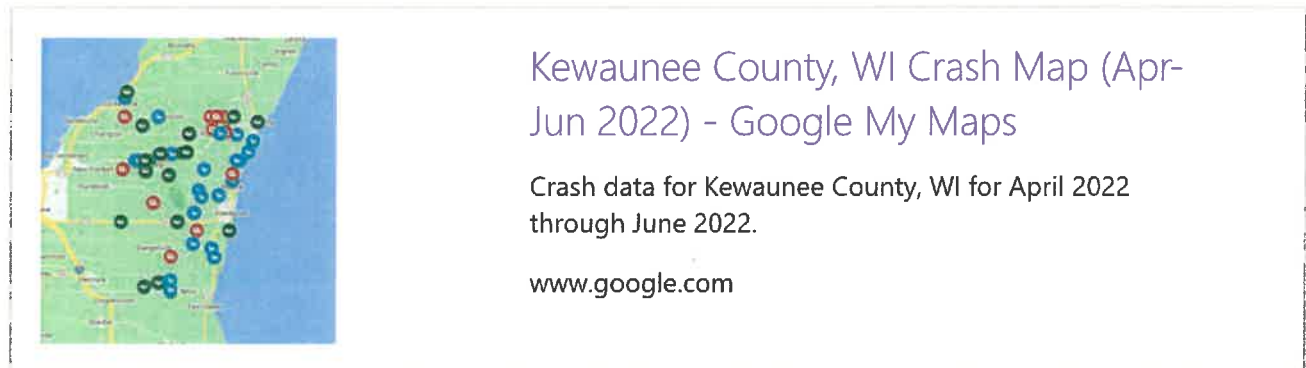
QUARTER TOTALS - 2022	1 ST	2 ND	3 RD	4 TH	Yearly Totals to Date
Alcohol Related Accidents	9	4			13
Car/Deer Accidents	56	58			114
Accidents/Fatalities	0	0			0
Total Accidents	112	103			215

2022 Total = 215



Re: TRACs statistics**William Raduenz** <raduenz.william@kewauneeeco.org>

Tue 7/19/2022 3:05 AM

To: Angela Mueller <mueller.angela@kewauneeeco.org>**Hi** Angie,Here is the 2nd Quarter crash data:<https://www.google.com/maps/d/edit?mid=1Cwwn8MsnO5-z1Z0FrVhLMY6zn9uUAK0&usp=sharing>

As for the information that Joe Mastalir is looking for, there is not much, so I'll just list it in this email.

- 18-01100 - Hit and Run vehicle crash that occurred on Maple St. approximately 87 Ft. South of Third St. in which Joe Mastalir is the complainant. This resulted in two citations issued to the driver (Failure to keep vehicle under control and Operate without insurance), along with Crash Report 3LL0DDT5LK.

That is the only information that I was able to gather for that intersection. I looked through TraCS stats, Law incidents, and Traffic Stops. That's not a highly traveled area of Casco, and whenever I go through there, it is generally quiet.

If there's anything else you need, just let me know please.

Thanks,

Bill

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From: Angela Mueller <mueller.angela@kewauneeeco.org>

Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2022 06:01

To: William Raduenz <raduenz.william@kewauneeeco.org>

Subject: Re: TRACs statistics

It was yesterday. He said the last 5 years would be fine. Let's fo ahead and run those anyway and I'll still get them out to him.

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From: William Raduenz <raduenz.william@kewauneeco.org>
Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2022 5:54:46 AM
To: Angela Mueller <mueller.angela@kewauneeco.org>
Subject: Re: TRACs statistics

Hello Angie,
I will get you that stuff by Monday. I come back on Saturday.

Do you know what time frame Joe is looking for those stats in Casco? Also, when is that Village Board meeting?

Thanks,
Bill

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From: Angela Mueller <mueller.angela@kewauneeco.org>
Sent: Friday, July 8, 2022 09:38
To: William Raduenz <raduenz.william@kewauneeco.org>
Subject: TRACs statistics

Greetings! First of all, could you please work on the quarterly spot map for me? Our next highway safety meeting is on the 28th so you've got plenty of time.

Second - I received a call from Joe Mastalir. He's looking for information on any crashes/traffic arrests/etc. that have occurred at the intersection of Third St. and Maple St. in Casco. I guess there's some big brew-ha-ha about that intersection that is going to be discussed at the next Village meeting.

Thanks, and stay safe!

Angie Mueller (she/her/hers)

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'At the death of every darkness there's a morning...Though we all try, we're all one step from grace.'