

MARQUETTE COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES

October 1, 2025

Marquette County Sheriff's Office
Public Safety Room – Montello, WI

Members present: Mike Kowalski, Aaron Williams, Joe Konrath, Trace Frost, Tony Kemnitz, Brian Trebiatowski, Dave Benson, Judi Nigbor, Glen Bubolz, Karen Wampler, Ron Barger, John Bitsky, Matt Strickland, Kimberly Werden, Michelle Johnson, Jason Stauffacher, James Drinkwater, Joel Spoehr, Cliff Burdon, Jayme Sopha, Amanda Thoma, and Stephanie Warren.

The Traffic Safety Committee meeting was called to order by Chairperson Mike Kowalski at 9:00 a.m.

Introductions were made.

Moved by Dave Benson and seconded by Ron Barger to approve the agenda as presented with a change to move item 2 to item 5 in New Business. **Motion carried.**

Moved by Karen Wampler and seconded by Brian Trebiatowski to approve the minutes of the July 2, 2025, meeting. **Motion carried.**

Citizen Concerns – Present: Pat Jones, Jacob Shetler, Jonas Gincerich, Mike Moraine

See items 1 and 5 under New Business.

Old Business

1. Overview of the duties of the Wisconsin DOT Chemical Testing Section was made.
2. City of Montello's 175th Year Parade was a success and there were no issues with the detour.
3. Speed trailer reports are available upon request.
4. Mass Casualty Incident Response Training in Coloma in June was beneficial, and plans are being made to have one in Marquette County in 2026.

New Business

1. Pat Jones from the Town of Springfield addressed the committee regarding ATV speed enforcement around the Wood Lake area on CTH CH. Would like more signage of the 35-mph speed limit for ATVs. Pat also would like more signage of the 25-mph speed limit on 5th Drive and Dakota Ct. Mike Kowalski will provide information to Pat regarding these issues. Speed reduction near

Wood Lake was also requested along with more curves ahead with 45 mph zone signs. A speed study will be needed to implement any changes.

2. Requesting No Truck Traffic signs to be posted on STH 22 east of Park Street to warn of the 5-ton limit for the bridge on Park Street. The City of Montello can contact the Marquette County Highway Department for the signs to be posted.
3. The speed trailer is used regularly, and generated reports are available upon request.
4. Holiday Parades are scheduled for November 29th in Westfield, December 5th in Montello and December 6th in Oxford. Public Works in all communities are assisting in barricades for the parade routes.
5. Marquette County is pursuing an ordinance for non-compliance for animal drawn vehicles not having proper lighting. Different sects of the Amish community have settled in Marquette County. Most comply; however, the Amish community in the Westfield area are not complying with flashing amber lights or orange triangles. Will continue to work with the Amish community for a resolution.

Crash Review

Totals indicate there has been a total of 266 crashes with 72 injuries and 2 fatalities so far in 2025 for Marquette County. A fatality occurred on June 27, 2025, and one on July 20, 2025. Hot spots continue to be I39 near Endeavor and north of Westfield, STH 23 west of Montello, and STH 22 south of Montello

Transportation Safety Report and Highway Safety Input

Trace Frost advised there were 576 fatalities in the State of Wisconsin in 2024. So far in 2025 there have been 419 fatalities compared to 417 in 2024 for the same time period.

National Move Over Day will be on October 18, 2025.

Marquette County is participating in a pilot program to have all citations and warning mapped on Community Maps.

Highway Construction Update

The bridge replacement on Dover Ave in the Town of Crystal Lake over the Mekan River has been completed.

Projects scheduled in 2026 include 7 miles of STH 73 from Neshkoro to Wautoma to be redone.

CTH E/STH 22 to 20th Ave will receive funding from the high-risk rural road program to improve safety by widening the shoulder, adding rumble strips, and warning signs. The highway department will complete the improvements.

Other Business

Jason Stauffacher advised the bridge on I39 over STH 82 will have a sign installed "Greg Quinn and Larry Millard Memorial Bridge" to honor two volunteer firefighters who died on duty on I39. MABIS is going live.

Karen Wampler informed the committee that the Town of Douglas has been using a private company for brushing and mowing but will now contract with the highway department to take over the mowing. A volunteer has been doing the brushing.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m. The next meeting was set for January 7, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

Submitted by Stephanie Warren