



## MANITOWOC COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING NOTICE

DATE: January 21, 2025

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: Manitowoc County Sheriff's Office (**Conference Room J**)

The meeting is open to the public, but portions of the meeting may be closed if this notice indicates that the commission may convene in closed session. The following matters may be considered and acted upon at the meeting:

1. Call to Order.
2. Approval of previous minutes.
3. Public comment.
4. Request for Site Evaluation:
  - Safety concern at intersection of STHY 147 and E. Hillcrest Rd.
  - Discuss adding 4-way stop at intersection of CORD T and CORD K.
5. Follow-up on Site Evaluations:
  - Safety concern at intersection of CORD P and CORD R.
  - Unpermitted signage at intersection of CORD XX and STHY 67.
  - Possible view obstruction due to signage at intersection of STHY 67 and STHY 57.
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  - Appointment of Todd Cummings to replace Jason Orth.
  - Appointment of Kyle Stotzheim to replace Mike Polich (retirement).
8. DOT update report from WI DOT-BOTS representative Todd Rasmussen.
9. Report on recent fatalities.
10. Next meeting date: April 15, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

Date: January 7, 2025

By: Christine Glaser, Secretary

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## MANITOWOC COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

January 21, 2025

Manitowoc County Sheriff's Office

**Present:** Todd Blaser, Karen Elsenpeter, James Falkowski, Jason Freiboth, Christine Glaser, Curt Green, Gregory Grotegut, Justin Hansen, Barbara Herrmann, Joseph Jeanty, Gary Mueller, Dave Murack, Michael Polich, Todd Rasmussen, Mason Simmons, Amanda Ziarnik

**Excused:** Daniel Hartwig, Benjamin Meinnert, Jason Orth

**Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairman Michael Polich

**Minutes:** Motion to approve minutes from October 15<sup>th</sup> made by Todd Blaser, seconded by Greg Grotegut. Minutes will stand as written.

**Public Comment:** None.

### **Request for Site Evaluations:**

Intersection of E Hillcrest Rd at STHY 147: Safety concern due to cars not stopping at intersection. Possible vision issue due to house in SW corner of intersection and confusion with hill while traveling WB. Review of crash data showed 2 PD crashes and 1 NFI crash at this location in 2024. Greg Grotegut requested Mason Simmons review crash data at this location.

Village of Kellnersville request to add 4-way stop at CORD K/CORD T: Greg Grotegut advised this topic was a referendum on the ballot in April 2021. However, due to the lack of crashes at intersection, residents voted to make no changes at that time. Greg advised there are 2 stop ahead signs. Review of crash data showed 1 crash at location in 2024. Motion made by Greg Grotegut to make no changes to intersection; seconded by James Falkowski. Motion carried.

### **Follow-up on Site Evaluations:**

CORD P/CORD R: Signage has been placed at the T-intersection. Reflective markers have been placed on the stop signs. Item to be removed from agenda.

CORD XX/STHY 67 and STHY 67 / STHY 57: Mason Simmons advised a letter will be sent to the school district in March or April to remove signage within 60 days.

**Appointments:** Manitowoc County Sheriff's Office Todd Cummings to replace Jason Orth due to change in position. Manitowoc County Sheriff's Office Kyle Stotzheim to replace Michael Polich due to retirement. Motion to approve made by Greg Grotegut; seconded by Joseph Jeanty. Motion carried.

**DOT Update Report from WI DOT-BOTS Representative:** Todd Rasmussen reported there were a total of 8 crashes in Manitowoc County in 2024 resulting in 10 fatalities as compared to 10 crashes in 2023 resulting in 14 fatalities. Todd reviewed crash history at fatal crash locations. Manitowoc County had a total of 2067 crashes in 2024 as compared to 1999 crashes in 2023. Information was provided regarding the new Driver Orientated Screening for Cognitive Impairment (DOSCI/TREDS) roadside screening tool/app. App is used for driver who displays impairment after alcohol/drugs have been ruled out. Use of the application is anonymous, and data is purged after use and not stored on a smartphone. Scoring criteria was explained.

Information was provided regarding Community Maps Zoom meetings which are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at noon. Traffic Safety Commission Tool Kit was explained to promote increased member, law enforcement, and community involvement in traffic safety. Safe Roads Challenge program was explained. Drug Recognition Expert training classes will be held in April and October of 2025. Contact information for those who wish to attend training is provided on attached report from Todd Rasmussen. Unintroduced Draft Legislative Proposals included criteria for Vehicle Impoundment for Traffic Offenses, the creation of black and white registration plates, and making Battery to a Community Service Officer a Class H Felony. Lastly, the Governor's Conference will be held in Wisconsin Dells on August 19 and 20, 2025.

**Recent Fatalities:**

12/01/24 – I 43 / CORD JJ: Vehicle #1 (wrong way driver) struck vehicle #2 causing fatal injuries to both operators. Wrong way driver possibly suffered from confusion as MTPD took a call at 2300 hrs on 11/30/24 of individual looking for directions to Forefront Dermatology. It is believed this was the wrong way driver. MTPD was UTL vehicle, and fatal crash was called in to MTSO at 0145 hours. Toxicology from vehicle #1 operator revealed no alcohol in system.

12/19/24 – CORD K / Oakwood Rd: Vehicle vs power pole. Crash occurred during blowing snow, icy road weather conditions. Crash handled per Wisconsin State Patrol. Will be ruled medical and not fatal.

12/23/24 – Hilltop Rd / Menchalville Rd: Vehicle #1 was NB on Menchalville Rd. failed to stop at stop sign at Hilltop Rd and collided with vehicle #2. Operator of vehicle #2 was ejected and later pronounced deceased.

**Next Meeting:** April 15, 2025 at 10:00 am.

Motion made by Barbara Herrmann to adjourn at 11:10 a.m.; seconded by Greg Grotegut.  
Motion carried.

Submitted by:  
Christine Glaser, Secretary



## **MANITOWOC COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING NOTICE**

**DATE:** April 15, 2025

**TIME:** 10:00 a.m.

**PLACE:** Manitowoc County Sheriff's Office (Conference Room A)

The meeting is open to the public, but portions of the meeting may be closed if this notice indicates that the commission may convene in closed session. The following matters may be considered and acted upon at the meeting:

1. Call to Order.
2. Approval of previous minutes.
3. Public comment.
4. Vehicle vs guardrail (MTSO Incident #2025-01208) on February 21, 2025. Guardrail penetrated the front of vehicle and amputated lower part of a leg. Tourniquet application by first officer on scene (life-saving award nomination).
5. Request for Site Evaluation: None.
6. Follow-up on Site Evaluations:
  - Safety concern at intersection of STHY 147 and E. Hillcrest Rd.
  - Unpermitted signage at intersection of CORD XX and STHY 67.
  - Possible view obstruction due to signage at intersection of STHY 67 and STHY 57.
7. DOT update report from WI DOT-BOTS representative Todd Rasmussen.
8. Report on recent fatalities.
9. Next meeting date: July 15, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

Date: April 1, 2025

By: Christine Glaser, Secretary

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## MANITOWOC COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

April 15, 2025

Manitowoc County Sheriff's Office

**Present:** Todd Blaser, Todd Cummings, James Falkowski, Jason Freiboth, Christine Glaser, Curt Green, Gregory Grotegut, Justin Hansen, Barbara Herrmann, Joseph Jeanty, Gary Mueller, Dave Murack, Jason Orth, Todd Rasmussen, Mason Simmons, Kyle Stotzheim, Melissa Wiesner

**Also Present:** John Musial.

**Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairman Todd Cummings.

**Minutes:** Motion to approve minutes from January 21<sup>st</sup> made by James Falkowski, seconded by Joseph Jeanty. Minutes will stand as written.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Retirement:** Manitowoc Police Department Jason Freiboth to retire on June 6, 2025. John Musial to replace Jason Freiboth with official motion to be made at July 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Review of Significant Crashes:** Todd Cummings reviewed MTSO crash #2025-01208 which occurred at 5518 Tompkins Rd on 02/21/25. An 18-YO male operating a 2003 Chevrolet Silverado traveling SB on Tompkins Rd struck the guardrail on east side of bridge and came to rest hanging off side of bridge over Mud Creek. Upon Valders FD personnel securing the truck and extricating the operator, it was discovered operator's right leg had been severed from mid-shin down. MTSO Deputy applied tourniquet due to life-threatening blood loss. Operator was airlifted to ThedaCare Regional Medical Center where he was treated for a partial right leg amputation. Blood ethanol content result of operator was 0.093 g/100 mL.

### **Follow-up on Site Evaluations:**

Intersection of E Hillcrest Rd at STHY 147: Safety concern due to vehicles not stopping at intersection. Possible vision issue due to house in SW corner of intersection and confusion with hill while traveling WB. Review of crash data showed 2 PD crashes and 1 NFI crash at this location in 2024. Mason Simmons advised site evaluation will be conducted in mid-May at this location.

CORD XX/STHY 67 and STHY 67 / STHY 57: Mason Simmons advised a letter will be sent to the school district in spring to remove signage. School district will have 45 days to respond.

**DOT Report from WI DOT-BOTS Representative:** Todd Rasmussen reviewed crash data and reported there was 1 fatal crash in Manitowoc County thus far in 2025. Information was provided regarding the importance of reporting work zone crashes. Community Maps training videos and user guides were discussed with the March 2025 training video pertaining to failure to stop and failure to yield violations. The Children's Wisconsin Teen Driving Program was explained in conjunction with the Safe Roads Challenge Wisconsin app. The program educates teens about topics such as distracted driving, seatbelt use, speeding, and impaired driving. The next Drug Recognition Expert training classes will be held in October 2025. Deadline to register is July 1<sup>st</sup>. Emergency Contact Law was explained with a link to register on the DOT's website.

Todd Rasmussen discussed proposed legislation of interest to law enforcement. Lastly, the Governor's Conference will be held in Wisconsin Dells on August 19 and 20, 2025.

**Recent Fatality:**

6511 Homestead Rd: 2019 Ford Fusion operated by 21-YO female EB on Homestead Rd left the roadway, entered the right ditch, and struck an address sign before exiting the ditch. Vehicle then crossed a driveway and struck a large tree on the property before bursting into flames and coming to rest on its side south of the tree. Vehicle was fully engulfed upon first responders' arrival with female operator pronounced deceased. Toxicology revealed .0292 g/100 mL of alcohol in operator's system.

**Next Meeting:** July 15, 2025 at 10:00 am.

Motion made by Jason Freiboth to adjourn at 10:43 a.m.; seconded by Jason Orth. Motion carried.

Submitted by:  
Christine Glaser, Secretary



## **MANITOWOC COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING NOTICE**

**DATE:** July 15, 2025

**TIME:** 10:00 a.m.

**PLACE:** Manitowoc County Sheriff's Office (Conference Room A)

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1. Call to Order
2. Approval of previous minutes
3. Appointment of John Musial to replace Jason Freiboth (retirement)
4. Public comment
5. Requests for Site Evaluation:
  - Speed limit at CORD Q and Goodwin Rd
  - Speeding concerns on Stone Rd between Rockwood Rd and USHY 10
6. Follow-up on Site Evaluations:
  - Safety concern at intersection of STHY 147 and E. Hillcrest Rd
  - Removal of signage at intersection of CORD XX and STHY 67
  - Removal of signage at intersection of STHY 67 and STHY 57
7. DOT update report from WI DOT-BOTS representative Todd Rasmussen
8. Report on recent fatality
9. Next meeting date: October 21, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

Date: June 30, 2025

By: Christine Glaser, Traffic Safety Commission Secretary

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## MANITOWOC COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

July 15, 2025

Manitowoc County Sheriff's Office

**Present:** Todd Blaser, Todd Cummings, Daniel Diedrich, James Falkowski, Aaron Gauthier, Christine Glaser, Gregory Grotegut, Daniel Hartwig, Gary Mueller, John Musial, Todd Rasmussen, Mason Simmons, Kyle Stotzheim, Amanda Ziarnik.

**Excused:** Dave Murack, Jason Orth.

**Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 10:01 a.m. by Todd Cummings.

**Minutes:** Motion to approve minutes from April 15<sup>th</sup> made by Kyle Stotzheim, seconded by James Falkowski. Minutes will stand as written.

**Public Comment:** None.

### **Request for Site Evaluations:**

Speed limit at CORD Q and Goodwin Rd: Gary Mueller spoke with the property owner of residence in NW corner of intersection. Greg Grotegut advised recommendation to Highway Committee to remove 2 trees in right-of-way and Township to consider raising the road on west side of CORD Q. Recommendation was also made to not lower the speed limit at this location. Motion made by James Falkowski, seconded by Todd Blaser.

Speeding concerns on Stone Rd between Rockwood Rd and USHY 10: Todd Cummings indicated MTSO Patrol has been conducting extra patrol at this location. Speed trailer to be placed in farm field access. Request to lower speed limit denied by the Township.

### **Follow-up on Site Evaluations:**

Intersection of E Hillcrest Rd at STHY 147: Mason Simmons advised site evaluation was conducted in May. To maximize visibility, Mason advised stop bar could be painted, and old stop ahead sign could be replaced. Recommendation was made to see if Township will replace the stop ahead sign.

CORD XX/STHY 67 and STHY 67 / STHY 57: Mason Simmons advised Kiel School District contacted their lawyer about the matter at both locations. Follow-up on hold due to legal involvement.

**DOT Report from WI DOT-BOTS Representative:** Todd Rasmussen reviewed crash data and reported there were 2 traffic fatalities and a total of 999 crashes in Manitowoc County thus far in 2025. A Wrong Way Driver Task Force has been established to collect data on WWD incidents occurring on divided highways and freeways on the state truck network. Every wrong way driver incident is to be reported to the Traffic Management Center. Traffic citations will soon be visible in Community Maps. Law Enforcement Phlebotomy Program update was given indicating 3 certification classes have occurred with 20 LEPS active across the state. Emergency Contact Law was explained with a link to register on the DOT's website. Governor's Conference on Highway Safety will be held at the Kalahari Convention Center in Wisconsin Dells on August 19 and 20, 2025.



**Recent Fatality:**

USHY 10 E of Maertz Rd: SUV vs Amish buggy. The 27-year-old male operator of the buggy was ejected and pronounced deceased. A 13-year-old male passenger was transported due to injuries sustained in crash. The 42-year-old female operator of striking vehicle was not injured. Crash investigation shows WB Amish buggy was operating on roadway with its passenger side tires near the fog line. Striking vehicle was also WB on USHY 10 behind buggy. Factors leading to crash are believed be inattentive/distracted driving by the vehicle operator. Crash investigation is ongoing.

Due in part to a large Amish population in the Reedsville area, the shoulder at this location had been previously widened to accommodate a buggy to be operated along the far-right shoulder. Mason Simmons will conduct follow-up reference further widening of shoulder at this location.

**Next Meeting:** October 21, 2025 at 10:00 am.

Motion made by Greg Grotegut to adjourn at 10:44 a.m., seconded by Daniel Hartwig. Motion carried.

Submitted by:  
Christine Glaser, Secretary



## **MANITOWOC COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING NOTICE**

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1. Call to Order
2. Approval of previous minutes
3. Public comment
4. Request for Site Evaluation:
  - Speed limit reduction signs on CORD K approaching Kellnersville
5. Follow-up on Site Evaluations:
  - Safety concern at intersection of STHY 147 and E. Hillcrest Rd
  - Removal of signage at intersection of CORD XX and STHY 67
  - Removal of signage at intersection of STHY 67 and STHY 57
6. DOT update report from WI DOT-BOTS representative Todd Rasmussen
7. Report on recent fatality
8. Next meeting date: January 20, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

Date: October 14, 2025

By: Christine Glaser, Traffic Safety Commission Secretary

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## MANITOWOC COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

October 21, 2025

Manitowoc County Sheriff's Office

**Present:** Todd Blaser, Todd Cummings, Christine Glaser, Curt Green, Gregory Grotegut, Justin Hansen, Daniel Hartwig, Barbara Herrmann, Joseph Jeanty, Benjamin Meinnert, Jason Orth, Todd Rasmussen, Mason Simmons, Kyle Stotzheim.

**Excused:** David Murack.

**Also Present:** David Dahms, Jacinta Lehner, Brian Reif, Amanda Ziarnik.

**Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 10:01 a.m. by Todd Cummings.

**Minutes:** Motion to approve minutes from July 15<sup>th</sup> made by Ben Meinnert, seconded by Joseph Jeanty. Minutes will stand as written.

**Public Comment:** Brian Reif requested information on how to obtain approval for usage of ATVs/UTVs on landlocked properties or small sections of the county. Greg Grotegut advised Brian Reif of additional information required to bring this matter to the Highway Committee for further discussion.

### **Request for Site Evaluation:**

Move Speed Limit Reduction Signs on CORD K approaching Kellnersville: Greg Grotegut advised he went to the location and observed traffic. Greg Grotegut indicated he does not recommend moving the speed limit reduction signs or adding flags as he did not view any obstructions. Motion made by Greg Grotegut to forward matter to Highway Committee, seconded by Todd Blaser.

### **Follow-up on Site Evaluations:**

Intersection of E Hillcrest Rd at STHY 147: Mason Simmons advised site signage and marking improvements have been made. Matter can be removed from the agenda.

CORD XX / STHY 67 and STHY 67 / STHY 57: Mason Simmons advised this item is on hold due to legal involvement.

**DOT Report from WI DOT-BOTS Representative:** Todd Rasmussen reviewed crash data and reported there were 4 traffic fatalities and 361 injuries with a total of 1502 crashes in Manitowoc County thus far in 2025. Uniform Traffic Citations and Field Warnings will soon be visible in Community Maps under advanced tab. Update was given on the Wisconsin Statewide Law Enforcement Phlebotomy training program. Two 1-week courses will be offered at Madison College in 2026 reference this training. Information was provided regarding numerous legislative proposals as well as those recently signed into law.

### **Recent Fatalities:**

CORD G North of Taus Rd: Todd Cummings indicated two motorcycles were NB on CORD G when operator #1 (decedent) lost control and laid his bike down in W ditch. Operator #1 was pronounced deceased on scene. Following the crash, operator #2's bike went down in the roadway and slid for a considerable distance causing operator to sustain significant road rash.

Operator #2 was transported to Aurora BayCare and later cited for OWI, 1<sup>st</sup>-Offense. Speed and alcohol were identified as contributors to the crash. Neither operator was wearing a helmet.

S 26<sup>th</sup> St / Franklin St: Curt Green reviewed fatal crash and indicated cause of crash is undetermined.

**Next Meeting:** January 20, 2026 at 10:00 am.

Motion made by Ben Meinnert to adjourn at 10:47 a.m., seconded by Jason Orth. Motion carried.

Submitted by:  
Christine Glaser, Traffic Safety Commission Secretary