

**LINCOLN COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**  
**Meeting Minutes of May 19th, 2015 9:00 a.m.**  
**Lincoln County Safety Building**  
**Lower Level Conference Room**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** David Jackson, John Keiffer, Bob Lee, Mike Panosh, Bill Jelinek, Mike VandeWeerd, Ken Neff, Bryan Wrycha, Dustin Bonack

**VISITORS:** Nathan Walrath & Sarah Morris

**OPEN MEETING**

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order by Chief Nathan Walrath at 9:00 a.m.
  - A. Roll call of members present
  - B. Welcome visitors
2. **Approval of previous meeting minutes:** Motion by Neff, second by Jackson to approve the minutes. Unanimous. Motion carried.
3. **Review Crash Data – Merrill Police Department:**  
Chief Neff reported consistency with previous years. No comments or questions. Report to be placed on file.
4. **Review Crash Data – Lincoln County Sheriff’s Office:**  
Chief Deputy Walrath reported one fatality, nothing unusual and consistently with previous years. No comments or questions. Report to be placed on file.
5. **State Report: Mike Panosh**  
Panosh shared with the committee the start of two programs this summer. Memorial Day will start off the “Click it or Ticket” program designed to bring awareness to the importance of seat buckles, and Labor Day will start an alcohol awareness program.  
Panosh reported a high increase in fatal crashes this year.  
Panosh informed the committee that the 70 mph changing of signs on WI interstates will most likely happen all at once. Sgt. Wrycha further clarified that this change only pertains to current 65 mph interstates in areas with no thoroughfare.
6. **SCHEDULED NEXT REGULAR MEETING:** Next regular meeting was scheduled for August 18, 2015 at 9:00 a.m., Lincoln County Safety Building, lower level conference room.
7. **ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Bill Jelinek, second by Mike VanDeWeerd to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.