

**LINCOLN COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**  
**Tuesday, August 15, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.**  
**Lincoln County Safety Building**  
**1104 E. 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Lower Level Conference Room**  
**Merrill, WI 54452**

**Electronic Attendance Available:** Persons wishing to attend the meeting electronically may enter the meeting beginning ten minutes prior to the start time indicated above using the following number or address:

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AGENDA

1. Call to order.
  - a. Roll call of members present.
  - b. Welcome Visitors.
2. Approval of previous meeting minutes.
3. Review Crash Data – Merrill Police Dept.
4. Review Crash Data – Lincoln County Sheriff's Office.
5. State Report
6. Schedule next regular meeting (Tuesday, November 14, 2023 at 9:00 a.m., Lincoln County Safety Building, Lower Level Conference Room).
7. Adjournment.

**DISTRIBUTION: Traffic Safety Committee Members – Sheriff Schneider, Renee Krueger, Chief Corey Bennett, Robert Lee, Dale Bergman, Bill Jelinek, Rick Olig, Trace Frost, John Hanz, Tony Kemnitz, Chief Deputy Tyler Iverson.**

Administrative Coordinator, Other County Board Supervisors, Department Heads, Others

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**There may be a quorum of other Lincoln County committees present at this meeting.**

## GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

1. Must be held in a location, which is reasonably accessible to the public.
2. Must be open to all members of the public unless the law specifically provides otherwise.

### NOTICE REQUIREMENTS:

1. In addition to any requirements set forth below, notice must also be in compliance with any other specific statute.
2. Chief presiding officer or his/her designee must give notice to the official newspapers and to any member of the news media likely to give notice to the public.

### MANNER OF NOTICE:

Date, time, place, and subject matter, including subject matter to be considered in a closed session, must be provided in a manner and form reasonably likely to give notice to the public.

### TIME FOR NOTICE:

1. Normally, a minimum of 24 hours prior to the commencement of the meeting.
2. No less than 2 hours prior to the meeting if the presiding officer establishes there is a good cause that such notice is impossible or impractical.

### EXEMPTIONS FOR COMMITTEES AND SUB-UNITS:

Legally constituted sub-units of a parent governmental body may conduct a meeting during the recess or immediately after the lawful meeting to act or deliberate upon a subject which was the subject of the meeting, provided the presiding officer publicly announces the time, place, and subject matter of the sub-unit meeting in advance of the meeting of the parent governmental body.

### PROCEDURE FOR GOING INTO CLOSED SESSION:

1. Motion must be made, seconded, and carried by roll call majority vote and recorded in the minutes.
2. If motion is carried, chief presiding officer must advise those attending the meeting of the nature of the business to be conducted in a closed session, and the specific statutory exemption under which the closed session is authorized.

### STATUTORY EXEMPTIONS UNDER WHICH CLOSED SESSIONS ARE PERMITTED:

1. Deliberation of judicial or quasi-judicial matters. Sec. 19.85(1)(a).
2. Considering dismissal, demotion, or discipline of any public employee or the investigation of charges against such person and the taking of formal action on any such matter; provided that the person is given actual notice of any evidentiary hearing which may be held prior to final action being taken and of any meeting at which final action is taken. The person under consideration must be advised of his/her right that the evidentiary hearing be held in open session and the notice of the meeting must state the same. Sec. 19.85(1)(b).
3. Considering employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee. Sec. 19.85(1)(c).
4. Considering strategy for crime detection or prevention. Sec. 19.85(1)(d).
5. Deliberating or negotiating the purchase of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. Sec. 19.85(1)(c).
6. Considering financial, medical, social, or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of specific charges, which, if discussed in public would likely have an adverse effect on the reputation of the person referred to in such data. Sec. 19.85(1)(f).
7. Confering with legal counsel concerning strategy to be adopted by the governmental body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved. Sec. 19.85(1)(g).
8. Considering a request for advice from any applicable ethics board. Sec. 19.85(1)(h).

### CLOSED SESSION RESTRICTIONS:

1. Must convene in open session before going into closed session.
2. May not convene in open session, then reconvene into closed session and thereafter reconvene in open session within twelve (12) hours unless proper notice of this sequence was given at the same time and in the same manner as the original open meeting.
3. Final approval or ratification of a collective bargaining agreement may not be given in closed session.

### BALLOTS, VOTES, AND RECORDS:

1. Secret ballot is not permitted except for the election of officers of the body or unless otherwise permitted by specific statutes.
2. Except as permitted above, any member may require that the vote of each member be ascertained and recorded.
3. Motions and roll call votes must be preserved in the record and be available for public inspection.

### USE OF RECORDING EQUIPMENT:

The meeting may be recorded, filmed, or photographed, provided that it does not interfere with the conduct of the meeting or the rights of the participants.

### LEGAL INTERPRETATION:

1. The Wisconsin Attorney General will give advice concerning the applicability or clarification of the Open Meeting Law upon request.
2. The municipal attorney will give advice concerning the applicability or clarification of the Open Meeting Law upon request.

### PENALTY:

Upon conviction, any member of a governmental body who knowingly attends a meeting held in violation of Subchapter IV, Chapter 19, Wisconsin Statutes, or who otherwise violates the same law shall be subject to forfeiture of not less than \$25.00 nor more than 300.00 for each violation.

**LINCOLN COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**  
**Meeting Minutes of May 16th, 2023 9:00 a.m.**  
**Lincoln County Sheriff's Office**  
**Soucy Conference Room**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Sheriff Ken Schneider, Chief Deputy Tyler Iverson, Captain Dale Bacher, Rick Olig, Gerry Baier

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:** Cody Klockziem

**VISITORS:** None

**OPEN MEETING**

- 1. Call to Order:** Chief Deputy Tyler Iverson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.
  - A. Roll call of members present.
  - B. Welcome Visitors.
- 2. Election of officers:**
  - A. Chair – Nomination of Chief Deputy Tyler Iverson by Captain Dale Bacher, second by Rick Olig. No other nominations. All ayes
  - B. Vice Chair – Nomination of Captain Dale Bacher by Chief Deputy Tyler Iverson, second by Rick Olig. No other nominations. All ayes.
  - C. Secretary – Nomination of Sheriff Ken Schneider by Chief Deputy Tyler Iverson, second by Captain Dale Bacher. No other nominations. All ayes.
- 3. Approval of previous meeting minutes:**

Motion by Rick Olig, second by Captain Dale Bacher. All ayes.
- 4. Review Crash Data – Merrill Police Department:**

Captain Dale Bacher noted most accidents in 2023 have been due to human error. Mention of pedestrian v. car accident. Motion by Chief Deputy Tyler Iverson, second by Rick Olig. All ayes.
- 5. Review Crash Data – Lincoln County Sheriff Department:**

Chief Deputy Tyler Iverson mentioned January crashes are up due to car v. deer crashes. Discussed fatal crash on USH 8 and Tannery Road. Motion by Chief Deputy Tyler Iverson, second Captain Dale Bacher. All ayes.
- 6. State Report:**

Rick Olig mentioned crashes are down 2022 v. 2023. Discussed suggestions for improving traffic safety in the county. Mentioned the need for better concentration on government property crashes. Discussed ways to improve crash report accuracy. Mentioned new Dashboard features on Community Maps are now up and running. Discussed notable dates in 2023. Discussed proposed legislation. Gerry Baier discussed USH 8 pipe projects beginning in June. Discussed STH 107 will have four separate projects during Summer, 2023, which will require detours. Motion by Chief Deputy Tyler Iverson, second by Captain Dale Bacher. All ayes.

**7. Schedule next regular meeting:**

August 15th, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. Lincoln County Sheriff's Office, Soucy Conference Room.

**8. Adjournment:**

Motion by Chief Deputy Tyler Iverson, second by Captain Dale Bacher to adjourn. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:58 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Christine Baumann

# MERRILL POLICE DEPARTMENT

## TRAFFIC CRASH STATISTICS

**May 2023**

	May 2022	YTD 2022	May 2023	YTD 2023
Total Crashes	9	65	26	86
Number of Occupants	18	138	57	196
Number Injured Restrained	0	4	6	14
Number Injured Unrestrained	1	2	2	3
Number Killed	0	0	1	1
Occupants Wearing Seatbelts	16	120	48	178
Seatbelt % Compliance	89%	87%	84%	91%
Citations Issued	4	36	12	59
Alcohol/Drugs Involved	0	1	0	2
Deer	0	4	2 <small>(1 non-reportable)</small>	4 <small>(3 non-reportable)</small>
Bicyclists	0	0	0	0
Pedestrians	1	1	0	1
Controlled Intersection Stop Sign	1	13	4	17
Controlled Intersection Traffic Light	2	4	0	1
Controlled Intersection Yield Sign	0	0	0	0
Controlled Intersection Other	0	0	0	0
Uncontrolled Intersection	1	2	2	7
Non-Intersection	0	19	11	35
Private Property	1	6	1	1
Parking Lot	4	18	8	24
Roundabout	0	3	0	1

**ROUTE:**

**Chief Corey Bennett**

**Captain Dale Bacher**

**Sheriff Ken Schneider**

**Cc: Tyler Iverson**

H:/Accident Report Data

# MERRILL POLICE DEPARTMENT

## TRAFFIC CRASH STATISTICS

**June 2023**

	June 2022	YTD 2022	June 2023	YTD 2023
Total Crashes	8	73	14	100
Number of Occupants	18	156	35	231
Number Injured Restrained	3	7	4	18
Number Injured Unrestrained	0	2	0	3
Number Killed	0	0	0	1
Occupants Wearing Seatbelts	18	138	29	207
Seatbelt % Compliance	100%	88%	83%	90%
Citations Issued	3	39	14	73
Alcohol/Drugs Involved	0	1	0	2
Deer	0	4	0	4 <small>(3 non-reportable)</small>
Bicyclists	0	0	0	0
Pedestrians	0	1	0	1
Controlled Intersection Stop Sign	2	15	4	21
Controlled Intersection Traffic Light	0	4	0	1
Controlled Intersection Yield Sign	0	0	0	0
Controlled Intersection Other	0	0	0	0
Uncontrolled Intersection	2	4	1	8
Non-Intersection	2	21	3	38
Private Property	0	6	2	3
Parking Lot	2	20	4	28
Roundabout	0	3	0	1

**ROUTE:**

**Chief Corey Bennett**

**Captain Dale Bacher**

**Sheriff Ken Schneider**

**Chief Deputy Tyler Iverson**

LINCOLN COUNTY SHERIFF CRASH DATA - 2023 YTD TOTALS

MONTH	CRASHES	FATAL	INJURY	WORK ZONE	DEER	DISTRACTED	IMPAIRED	SEATBELT	SPEED	VS. 2022
January	56	0	14	0	21	2	1	2	17	+15
February	35	1	5	0	17	1	0	3	4	+8
March	32	0	4	0	12	0	0	0	10	+4
April	39	0	6	0	17	1	2	2	7	+12
May	43	2	7	0	25	1	3	2	3	+9
June	54	0	11	1	43	3	3	1	2	+1
TOTALS	259	3	47	1	135	8	9	10	43	+49

LINCOLN COUNTY SHERIFF CRASH DATA - APRIL 2023

DATE	TOWNSHIP	ON ROAD	AT ROAD	FATAL	INJURY	UNITS	WORK ZONE	DEER	DISTRACTED	IMPAIRED	SEATBELT	SPEED
4/1/2023	BRADLEY	51	86	0	0	1			Y			
4/1/2023	BRADLEY	51	NIBLER RD	0	0	1						
4/2/2023	KING	A	E HORSESHOE RD	0	0	1						Y
4/2/2023	CORNING	Z	FARMING DALE RD	0	0	1						Y
4/4/2023	SCOTT	LAKE RD	CREEK AVE	0	0	1		Y				
4/5/2023	HARDING	BURMA RD	E	0	0	1				Y		
4/6/2023	BRADLEY	TANNERY RD	8	0	0	1		Y				
4/8/2023	SCOTT	RIVER AVE	FAIRVIEW RD	0	1	1						
4/10/2023	RUSSELL	17	TOWN HALL RD	0	0	1		Y				
4/10/2023	PINE RIVER	64	BALSAM AVE	0	0	1		Y				
4/10/2023	PINE RIVER	64	POPLAR RD	0	0	1		Y				
4/10/2023	BRADLEY	A	U	0	0	1		Y				
4/11/2023	HARRISON	A	OLD COUNTY A RD	0	0	1		Y				
4/12/2023	RUSSELL	17	NEUWIRTH RD	0	0	1		Y				
4/13/2023	WILSON	8	CC	0	0	2						
4/13/2023	MERRILL	107	SNOW RD	0	0	1		Y				
4/14/2023	BRADLEY	51	KAPHAEM RD	0	0	1		Y				
4/15/2023	BIRCH	J	51	0	0	1						
4/16/2023	TOMAHAWK	86	ZENITH TOWER RD	0	0	1					Y	Y
4/17/2023	PINE RIVER	51	CENTER RD	0	0	1						
4/17/2023	PINE RIVER	64	DEER RUN AVE	0	0	1						
4/17/2023	PINE RIVER	G	OAK RIDGE AVE	0	2	1					Y	Y
4/17/2023	BRADLEY	SPIRIT HAVEN RD	BOAT RD	0	0	2						
4/19/2023	PINE RIVER	51	Q	0	0	1		Y				
4/19/2023	KING	D	N TWIN LAKES RD	0	1	1						Y
4/19/2023	SCOTT	Q	Z	0	0	1						
4/19/2023	BRADLEY	TANNERY RD	MILKY RD	0	0	1						Y
4/19/2023	PINE RIVER	W	CENTER RD	0	1	2						
4/19/2023	SCHLEY	X	SHARPTAIL DR	0	0	1						
4/20/2023	MERRILL	17	C	0	0	1		Y				
4/20/2023	HARDING	E	BURMA RD	0	0	1		Y				
4/22/2023	SCOTT	Q	K	0	0	1						



4/25/2023	BRADLEY	S	CATTAIL LN	0	0	1		Y				
4/26/2023	HARRISON	17	OLD 63 RD	0	0	1		Y				
4/27/2023	HARRISON	17	HILDEBRAND LAKE RD	0	0	1		Y				
4/27/2023	SCHLEY	C	X	0	0	1		Y				
4/27/2023	MERRILL	K	CENTER AVE	0	1	1						
4/30/2023	SKANAWAN	51	S	0	0	1						
4/30/2023	SKANAWAN	51	S	0	0	1				Y		Y
TOTALS:		39		0	6	42	0	17	1	2	2	7

LINCOLN COUNTY SHERIFF CRASH DATA - MAY 2023

DATE	TOWNSHIP	ON ROAD	AT ROAD	FATAL	INJURY	UNITS	WORK ZONE	DEER	DISTRACTED	IMPAIRED	SEATBELT	SPEED
5/1/2023	KING	A	PICKEREL CREEK RD	0	0	1		Y				
5/3/2023	SCOTT	51	Q	0	0	1		Y				
5/4/2023	PINE RIVER	64	POPLAR RD	0	1	2						
5/5/2023	BRADLEY	8	TANNERY RD	0	0	1		Y				
5/5/2023	SCHLEY	C	G	0	0	1		Y				
5/5/2023	MERRILL	K	PRAIRIE CREST LN	0	0	1		Y				
5/7/2023	PINE RIVER	64	51	0	0	2						
5/8/2023	SKANAWAN	GRUNDY RD	STEVENSON RD	0	1	1				Y		Y
5/10/2023	RUSSELL	17	CCC	2	0	2			Y	Y	Y	
5/10/2023	ROCK FALLS	51	H	0	1	1						Y
5/10/2023	SCHLEY	C	POTATO LN	0	1	1						
5/10/2023	PINE RIVER	W	P	0	0	1		Y			Y	
5/11/2023	KING	8	51	0	1	2						
5/11/2023	MERRILL	17	G	0	1	2						
5/12/2023	BRADLEY	PARKING LOT	A	0	0	2						
5/12/2023	MERRILL	SWEDE RD	NORTH STAR RD	0	1	1				Y		
5/13/2023	ROCK FALLS	51	H	0	0	1						
5/13/2023	HARDING	E	ALEXANDER LAKE RD	0	0	1		Y				
5/15/2023	BRADLEY	8	WOLF RD	0	0	1		Y				
5/15/2023	HARRISON	17	THEIS RD	0	0	1						
5/16/2023	MERRILL	51	LINCOLN DR	0	0	1		Y				
5/16/2023	MERRILL	C	HOLDORF RD	0	0	1		Y				
5/16/2023	SCOTT	Z	MILL RD	0	0	1		Y				
5/17/2023	SCOTT	64	E	0	0	1		Y				
5/17/2023	SCOTT	Z	FAIRVIEW RD	0	0	1						
5/18/2023	SCHLEY	17	C	0	0	1		Y				
5/19/2023	MERRILL	51	C	0	0	1		Y				
5/19/2023	PINE RIVER	64	51	0	0	2						
5/19/2023	HARRISON	D	MAIL ROUTE RD	0	0	1		Y				
5/21/2023	SCOTT	51	Q	0	0	1		Y				
5/21/2023	TOMAHAWK	86	FOX FARM RD	0	0	1		Y				
5/22/2023	PINE RIVER	51	CENTER RD	0	0	1		Y				

5/23/2023	PINE RIVER	64	RANGE LINE RD	0	0	1						
5/24/2023	BRADLEY	8	TANNERY RD	0	0	1	Y					
5/24/2023	MERRILL	51	LINCOLN DR	0	0	1	Y					
5/26/2023	PINE RIVER	51	64	0	0	1	Y					
5/26/2023	SCOTT	51	Q	0	0	1	Y					
5/26/2023	ROCK FALLS	H	51	0	0	1	Y					
5/26/2023	ROCK FALLS	PRIVATE PROPERTY	107	0	0	1						Y
5/27/2023	BRADLEY	51	A	0	0	1	Y					
5/29/2023	BRADLEY	51	S	0	0	2						
5/31/2023	MERRILL	51	LINCOLN DR	0	0	1	Y					
5/31/2023	MERRILL	HILLSIDE DR	JJ	0	0	2						
TOTALS:		43		2	7	52	0	25	1	3	2	3

LINCOLN COUNTY SHERIFF CRASH DATA - JUNE 2023

DATE	TOWNSHIP	ON ROAD	AT ROAD	FATAL	INJURY	UNITS	WORK ZONE	DEER	DISTRACTED	IMPAIRED	SEATBELT	SPEED
6/1/2023	PINE RIVER	51	Q	0	0	1		Y				
6/1/2023	ROCK FALLS	107	WILDERNESS DR	0	1	1				Y		Y
6/1/2023	BIRCH	J	NEIDER RD	0	0	1		Y				
6/1/2023	MERRILL	K	POPE RD	0	1	2			Y			
6/2/2023	MERRILL	51	LINCOLN DR	0	0	1		Y				
6/2/2023	SCOTT	51	Q	0	0	1		Y				
6/3/2023	MERRILL	51	G	0	0	1		Y				
6/3/2023	TOMAHAWK	86	FOX FARM RD	0	0	1		Y				
6/3/2023	MERRILL	107	PINE GROVE RD	0	0	1		Y				
6/3/2023	HARRISON	B	SKI HILL RD	0	0	1						
6/4/2023	PINE RIVER	51	64	0	2	1		Y				
6/4/2023	BRADLEY	51	NIBLER RD	0	0	1		Y				
6/4/2023	PINE RIVER	G	ALDER RD	0	0	1		Y				
6/4/2023	SCOTT	JOE SNOW RD	TANNERY RD	0	0	1		Y				
6/4/2023	SCOTT	Z	FAIRVIEW RD	0	0	1		Y				
6/5/2023	SCHLEY	17	C	0	3	2			Y		Y	
6/5/2023	PINE RIVER	51	64	0	0	2						
6/5/2023	BIRCH	51	V	0	0	1		Y				
6/5/2023	PINE RIVER	64	DEER RUN AVE	0	0	1		Y				
6/6/2023	PINE RIVER	CAIN CREEK RD	CENTER RD	0	0	1		Y				
6/7/2023	WILSON	8	TANNERY RD	0	0	1		Y				
6/7/2023	PINE RIVER	51	64	0	0	1		Y				
6/8/2023	BIRCH	51	J	0	0	1		Y				
6/9/2023	PINE RIVER	51	Q	0	0	1		Y				
6/10/2023	BRADLEY	51	NIBLER RD	0	0	1		Y				
6/11/2023	RUSSELL	BACHELORS AVE	17	0	0	1						
6/11/2023	KING	D	ANGLERS AVE	0	0	1		Y				
6/12/2023	PINE RIVER	64	BALSAM AVE	0	0	1		Y				
6/12/2023	SCOTT	Z	SCOTT RD	0	0	1		Y				
6/14/2023	MERRILL	51	LINCOLN DR	0	0	1		Y				
6/15/2023	SCHLEY	C	17	0	0	1			Y			
6/16/2023	BRADLEY	51	A	0	0	1		Y				

6/16/2023	MERRILL	51	C	0	0	1		Y				
6/16/2023	MERRILL	51	LINCOLN DR	0	0	1		Y				
6/16/2023	SCOTT	64	CORNING RD	0	0	1		Y				
6/17/2023	CORNING	M	LEAFY GROVE RD	0	0	1		Y				
6/18/2023	PINE RIVER	W	ALPINE AVE	0	0	1		Y				
6/20/2023	MERRILL	17	NORWEGIAN RD	0	0	1		Y				
6/20/2023	SCOTT	Q	BRUSH RD	0	1	1		Y				
6/21/2023	RUSSELL	17	R AND H RD	0	1	2						
6/22/2023	BRADLEY	L	ROBINSON RD	0	0	1		Y				
6/23/2023	PINE RIVER	64	CAIN CREEK RD	0	0	1		Y				
6/23/2023	MERRILL	107	SWEDE RD	0	1	1				Y		Y
6/23/2023	MERRILL	K	SCHULZ SPUR DR	0	0	1		Y				
6/23/2023	SKANAWAN	S	V	0	1	1				Y		
6/24/2023	SCOTT	51	Q	0	0	1		Y				
6/24/2023	MERRILL	107	TAYLOR DR	0	0	1		Y				
6/26/2023	BIRCH	51	TAMARACK RD	0	0	1		Y				
6/26/2023	MERRILL	MATHEWS RD	107	0	0	1		Y				
6/27/2023	BRADLEY	51	NIBLER RD	0	0	1		Y				
6/27/2023	PINE RIVER	51	Q	0	0	1		Y				
6/28/2023	WILSON	8	HONEY RD	0	0	1	Y					
6/29/2023	KING	A	PINE SHORE LN	0	0	1		Y				
6/30/2023	SCHLEY	C	MOSSER RD	0	0	1		Y				
TOTALS:		54		0	11	58	1	43	3	3	1	2