

1 **Minutes**

2 Kankakee County Safety Committee

3 In-person Meeting

4 **Wednesday, February 7, 2024 @ 9:30 AM**

5 **2<sup>nd</sup> floor – Conference Room**

6 **Kankakee County Administration Building**

7 **189 E. Court Street, Kankakee, IL 60901**

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9 Members in attendance: Scott O’Brien – Vice-Chair, Kenneth Mallindine – Kankakee Police Department,  
10 Greg Heiden – Kankakee County Highway Department, & Delbert Skimerhorn – Kankakee County Planning  
11 Department.

12 Staff members in attendance: Rob Fischer, Geoff Olson, & Ben Wilson.

13 **Call to Order:**

14 The meeting was then opened by Vice-Chairman O’Brien at 9:30AM. A quorum was not established.

15 **Public Comment:**

16 None at this time.

17 **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:**

18 The minutes from the November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 Safety Committee meeting were not approved as there was  
19 not a quorum.

20 **Fatal Crash Discussion - 2023:**

21 Rob Fischer presented a summary of all 2023 fatal crashes to the Safety Committee. In total for 2023,  
22 there were 11 crashes resulting in 12 fatalities. The presentation focused on the times in which crashes  
23 occurred, weather conditions, location, lighting, demographics of the deceased, pedestrian fatalities, and  
24 other factors.

25 Weekends, particularly Sunday, were the days in which most fatal accidents occurred. 8 of the 12 fatalities  
26 occurred on either Saturday or Sunday.

27 A discussion occurred regarding “A” accidents, in which Delbert Skimerhorn added that comparable  
28 counties’ data should be looked at as well. Ben Wilson added that crashes per VMT (vehicle miles traveled)  
29 would be valuable, additional data.

30 Kenneth Mallindine and Scott O’Brien added their insight into the details of incident reporting, as well as  
31 additional details on some of the individual crash incidents which took place.

32 More discussion, as well as additional data, will be featured at future Safety Committee meetings.

33 **New Business:**

34 There was no new business at this time.

35 **Old Business:**

36 Scott O’Brien discussed the intersection of Illinois Route 50 and 12000N/County Line Road. Through  
37 contact with IDOT, there is discussion of improvements to the intersection. The committee discussed  
38 other areas around the county of note, as they pertain to crash incidents.

39 **Other business:**

40 There was no other business.

41 **Next Meeting date:**

42 The next Kankakee County Safety Committee meeting is scheduled for May 1st, 2024 at 9:30AM, in the  
43 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Conference Room of the Kankakee County Administration Building.

44 **Adjournment:**

45 Vice-Chairman O'Brien adjourned the meeting at 10:38 AM.