

1 **Minutes**

2 Kankakee County Safety Committee

3 In-person Meeting

4 **Wednesday, May 1st, 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, & Andrew Mackin – Kankakee County Sheriff’s Office.

12 Staff members in attendance: Rob Fischer and Michelle Sadler.

13 Others in Attendance: County Board member John Featherling.

14 **Call to Order:**

15 The meeting was then opened by Vice-Chairman O’Brien at 9:30AM.

16 **Public Comment:**

17 Terese Schultz addressed the committee with concerns at the intersection of River Street and Schuyler  
18 Avenue in the City of Kankakee. She told the committee that a “right turn only” lane for traffic heading  
19 Eastbound on River Street, while attempting to turn South, would be beneficial to address the flow of  
20 traffic at that intersection.

21 **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:**

22 The minutes from the February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Safety Committee meeting were unanimously approved with a  
23 primary motion from Delbert Skimerhorn and a second from Kenneth Mallindine.

24 **Fatal Crash Rate Discussion - 2024:**

25 Rob Fischer presented a study of multiple counties surrounding Kankakee County, as well as counties  
26 throughout the state with similar population quantities. Fischer told the committee that the goal is to  
27 study the fatal crash rates on a year-over-year basis to ensure that the county is practicing the best safety  
28 implementation plans available.

29 The fatality Rate per HMVMT (Hundred Million Vehicle Miles Traveled) =

30  $\text{Total Number of Fatalities} \times 100,000,000 / \text{Annual Vehicle Miles Traveled (Daily VMT} \times 365)$  was used to  
31 determine each counties 2023 fatality rate per one hundred million miles traveled. The rates range from  
32 as low as approximately 0.65 fatalities in Will County to as high as approximately 2.39 fatalities in Ford  
33 County. Kankakee County clocked in at a 1.58 fatality rate for 2023

34 This variation suggests significant differences in road safety conditions across the counties. This will be a  
35 yearly examination to develop and maintain best practices.

36 **New Business:**

37 There was no new business at this time.

38 **Old Business:**

39 Scott O'Brien discussed the intersection of Illinois Route 50 and 12000N/County Line Road. Through  
40 contact with IDOT, there is discussion of improvements to the intersection. The committee discussed  
41 other areas around the county of note, as they pertain to crash incidents and the previous fatal crash rate  
42 discussion. O'Brien and Fischer also discussed gearing potential public outreach towards drivers and  
43 additional education efforts.

44 **Other business:**

45 There was no other business.

46 **Next Meeting date:**

47 The next Kankakee County Safety Committee meeting is scheduled for August 7th, 2024 at 9:30AM, in the  
48 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Conference Room of the Kankakee County Administration Building.

49 **Adjournment:**

50 Vice-Chairman O'Brien adjourned the meeting at 10:24 AM, with a primary motion from Delbert  
51 Skimerhorn and a secondary motion from Greg Heiden.