

HIGHWAY SAFETY
November 4, 2025

Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Committee Chairman, Brad Steiner. In attendance were: Trace Frost, WI DOT-BOTS LEL; Dave Gress, WI-RPM; Kyle Kozelka, Highway Commissioner; Tom Cornford, County Board Chairman; Marc Myhre, Interim EM Director; Tad Beutin, PDC Fire Chief; Nick Gilberts, City of PDC Street Dept Superintendent and Rose Dull, Chief Deputy Co. Clerk. Via Zoom: Brad Byom, WI DOT; Kyle Teynor, City of PDC Chief of Police and Char Gyllin, State Patrol.

Verify posting

Steiner verified that the meeting notice was properly posted.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Kozelka, second by Beutin to approve the minutes from the August 5, 2025, meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Road Hazards

Kyle Kozelka provided updates that road construction on Hwy 35 has been completed and is now open. Hwy 131 is also open from Gays Mills to Soldiers Grove, though some work continues from Steuben to Highway 60. As for seasonal road hazards, deer are active and running everywhere.

WI DOT-BOTS

Trace Frost updated the committee with a power point presentation regarding the current 2025 traffic accidents and fatalities in Crawford County and Statewide. The Weekly Fatal Report, released on Monday, November 3rd, shows a current statewide total of 468 fatalities, compared to 494 at this time last year. In 2024, the year ended with a total of 576 people killed in crashes statewide. A snapshot from Community Maps shows that 182 crashes have been reported as of yesterday. One fatality and 54 injuries. 100% of these crashes were mapped so great job to Law Enforcement for using this tool.

Predictive Analytics highlighted the top 3 high crash hotspots in the county, based on data from the past 3 years. A comparison of crash data from January through October for the current and previous year was reviewed.

Trace reminded everyone about the Community Maps via Zoom held every 2nd Monday of the month from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. It's a good opportunity to ask questions, share best practices, and provide feedback. Designers of the Community Maps are present to engage with end users and gather ideas for system improvements. Trace demonstrated recent major advancements in the live version of Community Maps.

Trace provided an update on the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Phlebotomy Program funded by BOTS, noting that two classes are scheduled for 2026: one in January and another in May, for those interested in participating.

Trace shared information regarding the 2026 Wisconsin Spring and Fall DRE Schools.

Trace also shared information about the Wisconsin Traffic Safety Challenge and Wisconsin's Traffic Safety Culture. Trace highlighted that Wisconsin is the only state that has Traffic Safety Commissions regulated by state statute that was passed in the early 1970s.

WI DOT-State

Brad Byom joined via Zoom. There were no new updates to report at this time.

Next Meeting

February 3, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. in the Crawford County Administration Building, Room #215 with Zoom access.

Adjournment

Motion by Cornford, second by Gilberts to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Rosarie Dull
Chief Deputy County Clerk