

**LINCOLN COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION**  
**Tuesday, May , 21, 2024 9:00a.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.
2. Election of Officers
  - a. Chair
  - b. Vice Chair
  - c. Secretary
3. Approval of previous meeting minutes.
4. Review Crash Data – Merrill Police Dept.
5. Review Crash Data – Lincoln County Sheriff’s Office.
6. State Report
7. Schedule next regular meeting (Tuesday, August 13, 2024 at 9:00 a.m., Lincoln County Sheriff’s Office, Lower Level Conference Room).
8. 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 February 20th, 2024 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, Tyler VerHasselt, Sergeant Tim Westphal

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:** John Hanz, Dale Bergman, Gerry Baier

**VISITORS:** Renee Krueger, Tony Kemnitz

**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. Approval of previous meeting minutes:**  
Motion by Rick Olig, second by Captain Dale Bacher. All ayes.
- 3. Review Crash Data – Merrill Police Department:**  
Captain Dale Bacher noted that most crashes with injury have been due to medical reason. Motion by Chief Deputy Tyler Iverson, second by Rick Olig. All ayes.
- 4. Review Crash Data – Lincoln County Sheriff Department:**  
Chief Deputy Tyler Iverson briefly discussed fatal car accidents from November. Year to date crashes are up but mostly deer related. Motion by Tony Kemnitz, second Captain Dale Bacher. All ayes.
- 5. State Report:**  
Tony Kemnitz mentioned 2024 bridge project on County Road X. Discussed the Annual Safety Screening with Lincoln counties notable intersection being State Hwy 64 at Memorial Drive in the City of Merrill. Rick Olig mentioned year to date fatalities are down so far. Discusses 2022 v. 2023 crash data. Discussed fatal accidents on US Hwy 8 and County Road S. Mentioned the 2024 Governor's Conference in August 2024. Noted various legislative updates. Mentioned DRE School in April and October 2024. Motion by Sergeant Tim Westphal, second by Captain Dale Bacher. All ayes.
- 6. Schedule next regular meeting:**  
May 21st, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. Lincoln County Sheriff's Office, Soucy Conference Room.
- 7. Adjournment:**  
Motion by Sergeant Tim Westphal, second by Rick Olig to adjourn. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:44 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Christine Baumann

# MERRILL POLICE DEPARTMENT

## TRAFFIC CRASH STATISTICS

**January 2024**

	January 2023	YTD 2023	January 2024	YTD 2024
Total Crashes	14	14	16	16
Number of Occupants	30	30	32	32
Number Injured Restrained	2	2	3	3
Number Injured Unrestrained	0	0	1 <small>(Pedestrian)</small>	1 <small>(Pedestrian)</small>
Number Killed	0	0	0	0
Occupants Wearing Seatbelts	29	29	32	32
Seatbelt % Compliance	97%	97%	100%	100%
Citations Issued	12	12	7	7
Alcohol Involved	0	0	0	0
Deer	0	0	3	3
Bicyclists	0	0	0	0
Pedestrians	0	0	1	1
Controlled Intersection Stop Sign	4	4	3	3
Controlled Intersection Traffic Light	0	0	0	0
Controlled Intersection Yield Sign	0	0	0	0
Controlled Intersection Other	0	0	0	0
Uncontrolled Intersection	3	3	0	0
Non-Intersection	1	1	5	5
Private Property	0	0	1	1
Parking Lot	5	5	7	7
Roundabout	1	1	0	0

**ROUTE:**

Chief Corey Bennett

Captain Dale Bacher

Sheriff Ken Schneider

Chief Deputy Tyler Iverson

# MERRILL POLICE DEPARTMENT

## TRAFFIC CRASH STATISTICS

**February 2024**

	February 2023	YTD 2023	February 2024	YTD 2024
Total Crashes	14	28	15	31
Number of Occupants	38	68	32	64
Number Injured Restrained	2	4	1	4
Number Injured Unrestrained	0	0	0	1 (Pedestrian)
Number Killed	0	0	0	0
Occupants Wearing Seatbelts	34	63	25	57
Seatbelt % Compliance	90%	93%	78%	89%
Citations Issued	9	21	15	22
Alcohol/Drugs Involved	0	0	1	1
Deer	2 non-reportable	2 non-reportable	1 non-reportable	3 + 1 non-reportable
Bicyclists	0	0	0	0
Pedestrians	0	0	0	1
Controlled Intersection Stop Sign	2	6	1	4
Controlled Intersection Traffic Light	0	0	0	0
Controlled Intersection Yield Sign	0	0	0	0
Controlled Intersection Other	0	0	0	0
Uncontrolled Intersection	0	3	1	1
Non-Intersection	7	8	4	9
Private Property	0	0	1	2
Parking Lot	5	10	8	15
Roundabout	0	1	0	0

**ROUTE:**

Chief Corey Bennett  
 Captain Dale Bacher  
 Sheriff Ken Schneider  
 Chief Deputy Tyler Iverson

**MERRILL POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
**TRAFFIC CRASH STATISTICS**  
**March 2024**

	March 2023	YTD 2023	March 2024	YTD 2024
Total Crashes	21	49	10	41
Number of Occupants	45	113	19	83
Number Injured Restrained	3	7	0	4
Number Injured Unrestrained	1 (pedestrian)	1	0	1 (Pedestrian)
Number Killed	0	0	1	1
Occupants Wearing Seatbelts	41	104	14	71
Seatbelt % Compliance	91%	92%	74%	86%
Citations Issued	15	36	7	29
Alcohol/Drugs Involved	1	1	0	1
Deer	0	2 non-reportable	1	4 + 1 non-reportable
Bicyclists	0	0	0	0
Pedestrians	1	1	0	1
Controlled Intersection Stop Sign	5	11	0	4
Controlled Intersection Traffic Light	1	1	0	0
Controlled Intersection Yield Sign	0	0	0	0
Controlled Intersection Other	0	0	0	0
Uncontrolled Intersection	2	5	0	1
Non-Intersection	8	16	3	12
Private Property	0	0	1	3
Parking Lot	5	15	6	21
Roundabout	0	1	0	0

**ROUTE:**

**Chief Corey Bennett**  
**Captain Dale Bacher**  
**Sheriff Ken Schneider**  
**Chief Deputy Tyler Iverson**

LINCOLN COUNTY SHERIFF CRASH DATA - JANUARY 2024

DATE	TOWNSHIP	ON ROAD	AT ROAD	FATAL	INJURY	UNITS	WORK ZONE	DEER	DISTRACTED	IMPAIRED	SEATBELT	SPEED
1/1/2024	MERRILL	17	SUNRISE RD	0	0	1						
1/1/2024	MERRILL	HILLSIDE DR	POPE RD	0	0	1						Y
1/2/2024	BRADLEY	86	E HICKEY AVE	0	0	1						
1/3/2024	SOMO	8	TRIPOLI DR	0	0	1						
1/3/2024	SCHLEY	G	SUNRISE RD	0	0	1		Y				
1/3/2024	RUSSELL	J	GALKIN RD	0	0	1		Y				
1/3/2024	SCOTT	JOE SNOW RD	Q	0	0	1		Y				
1/4/2024	PINE RIVER	51	CENTER RD	0	0	1		Y				
1/6/2024	SKANAWAN	51	S	0	0	1						Y
1/8/2024	MERRILL	17	G	0	4	2						
1/9/2024	BRADLEY	8	TANNERY RD	0	0	1		Y				
1/9/2024	SKANAWAN	51	S	0	0	2						
1/9/2024	HARRISON	B	LONG LAKE RD	0	0	1						Y
1/9/2024	MERRILL	HILLSIDE DR	107	0	0	1						Y
1/9/2024	BRADLEY	TANNERY RD	MILKY RD	0	1	1						
1/10/2024	MERRILL	NORWEGIAN RD	DEER TRAIL DR	0	0	1						Y
1/11/2024	BIRCH	51	51	0	0	2						
1/14/2024	BRADLEY	N	HEFFORD RD	0	0	1						Y
1/15/2024	PINE RIVER	PINE DELLS RD	P	0	0	1						Y
1/16/2024	PINE RIVER	64	MAPLE RD	0	0	1		Y				
1/17/2024	BRADLEY	8	ESSEX RD	0	1	1					Y	
1/17/2024	MERRILL	51	C	0	0	1						
1/18/2024	PINE RIVER	64	MAPLE RD	0	0	1		Y				
1/19/2024	BRADLEY	51	KOTH RD	0	0	1		Y				
1/19/2024	CORNING	64	HAGER CITY RD	0	0	1		Y				
1/20/2024	PINE RIVER	64	OAK RIDGE AVE	0	0	1		Y				
1/21/2024	PINE RIVER	51	CENTER RD	0	0	1		Y				
1/22/2024	SCHLEY	C	X	0	0	1		Y				
1/23/2024	BRADLEY	51	86	0	0	1		Y				
1/23/2024	SCHLEY	C	FRENCH RIDGE RD	0	0	1		Y				
1/23/2024	SCHLEY	C	G	0	1	2						
1/25/2024	MERRILL	107	WAYSIDE DR	0	0	2						

1/25/2024	BRADLEY	A	ECHO VALLEY RD	0	0	1						
1/25/2024	BRADLEY	A	ECHO VALLEY RD	0	0	1						Y
1/26/2024	BRADLEY	51	A	0	1	1						
1/26/2024	CORNING	64	107	0	0	1						
1/26/2024	MERRILL	LINCOLN DR	51	0	0	1						
1/27/2024	CORNING	LEAFY GROVE RD	HIGHLAND AVE	0	0	1		Y				
1/29/2024	BRADLEY	O	BELLIVEAU RD	0	1	1		Y				
TOTALS:		39		0	9	44	0	16	0	0	1	8

LINCOLN COUNTY SHERIFF CRASH DATA - FEBRUARY 2024

DATE	TOWNSHIP	ON ROAD	AT ROAD	FATAL	INJURY	UNITS	WORK ZONE	DEER	DISTRACTED	IMPAIRED	SEATBELT	SPEED
2/1/2024	SCOTT	K	Q	0	1	2						
2/2/2024	SCHLEY	G	SUNRISE RD	0	0	1		Y				
2/2/2024	MERRILL	K	OLIVOTTI LAKE DR	0	0	1						
2/5/2024	BRADLEY	A	MUSKELLUNGE RD	0	0	1		Y				
2/5/2024	SCHLEY	HEINEMAN RD	WYANT AVE	0	1	1			Y			
2/7/2024	BRADLEY	A	SHORT RD	0	0	1		Y				
2/8/2024	BRADLEY	S	L P RD	0	0	1		Y				
2/11/2024	BRADLEY	U	FRONTAGE RD	0	0	1						
2/14/2024	RUSSELL	17	CEMETERY RD	0	0	1		Y				
2/14/2024	ROCK FALLS	51	H	0	0	1						Y
2/14/2024	SKANAWAN	51	S	0	0	2						
2/15/2024	MERRILL	51	LINCOLN DR	0	0	1						
2/17/2024	BRADLEY	KOTH RD	SKUDRIS RD	0	3	1						
2/18/2024	HARRISON	17	OLD 63 RD	0	0	1		Y				
2/18/2024	SCHLEY	C	FRENCH RIDGE RD	0	0	1						
2/19/2024	MERRILL	K	OLIVOTTI LAKE DR	0	0	1		Y				
2/20/2024	BIRCH	51	K	0	0	1		Y				
2/20/2024	MERRILL	107	CARDINAL RIDGE LN	0	0	1		Y				
2/21/2024	SCOTT	Z	Q	0	0	1			Y			
2/22/2024	SCHLEY	C	FRENCH RIDGE RD	0	0	1		Y				
2/22/2024	ROCK FALLS	SOUTH END RD	SCHULZ SPUR DR	0	0	1		Y				
2/22/2024	SCOTT	Z	FAIRVIEW RD	0	0	1		Y				
2/24/2024	HARRISON	PARRISH RD	CINDER RD	0	0	1						Y
2/25/2024	BRADLEY	51	KOTH RD	0	0	1		Y				
2/26/2024	BRADLEY	51	KOTH RD	0	0	1		Y				
2/28/2024	BRADLEY	S	CRASS RD	0	0	1						
2/29/2024	CORNING	M	WEGNER RD	0	0	1		Y				
2/29/2024	BRADLEY	S	KOTH RD	0	1	1			Y			
TOTALS:	28			0	6	30	0	15	3	0	0	2

LINCOLN COUNTY SHERIFF CRASH DATA - MARCH 2024

DATE	TOWNSHIP	ON ROAD	AT ROAD	FATAL	INJURY	UNITS	WORK ZONE	DEER	DISTRACTED	IMPAIRED	SEATBELT	SPEED
3/1/2024	BRADLEY	51	S	0	0	1		Y				
3/1/2024	WILSON	CC	8	0	0	1						
3/2/2024	MERRILL	C	HOLDORF RD	0	1	1				Y	Y	Y
3/2/2024	SCHLEY	G	C	0	0	2						
3/4/2024	ROCK FALLS	51	H	0	2	1			Y			
3/7/2024	PINE RIVER	51	CENTER RD	0	0	1		Y				
3/7/2024	CORNING	M	FORKS RD	0	1	1						
3/8/2024	TOMAHAWK	86	ROSS RD	0	0	1		Y				
3/10/2024	TOMAHAWK	86	O	0	0	1		Y				
3/11/2024	PINE RIVER	51	Q	0	0	1		Y				
3/12/2024	PINE RIVER	17	64	0	0	2			Y			
3/15/2024	KING	D	OLD D RD	0	1	1				Y	Y	
3/15/2024	HARDING	E	MM	0	0	1					Y	
3/16/2024	TOMAHAWK	86	LOOP RD	0	0	1		Y				
3/16/2024	SCHLEY	G	ALTENBURGER RD	0	0	1			Y			
3/17/2024	SKANAWAN	H	S SILVER LAKE RD	0	0	1						
3/18/2024	MERRILL	JJ	HILLSIDE DR	0	0	1		Y				
3/19/2024	HARRISON	17	CINDER RD	0	1	1				Y	Y	Y
3/19/2024	PINE RIVER	64	SPILE DAM RD	0	0	1		Y				
3/19/2024	SCOTT	K	Q	0	0	1		Y				
3/22/2024	BRADLEY	A	MABLE HIGHLAND DR	0	0	1		Y				
3/22/2024	KING	A	PICKEREL CREEK RD	0	0	1						Y
3/23/2024	HARRISON	17	HILTS LAKE DR	0	0	1		Y				
3/23/2024	SCOTT	Q	LITTLE AVE	0	0	1		Y				
3/25/2024	BRADLEY	51	KAPHAEM RD	0	1	2						Y
3/25/2024	SCHLEY	C	POLAK RD	0	0	1						
3/27/2024	KING	8	GATEWOOD HEIGHTS	0	1	1						
3/28/2024	PINE RIVER	51	Q	0	0	1		Y				
3/30/2024	SCHLEY	17	OLD STH 17	0	0	2						
3/31/2024	HARRISON	17	STEFANEZ RD	0	0	1						Y
3/31/2024	MERRILL	PRAIRIE RD	W PRAIRIE RD	0	0	1		Y				
3/31/2024	CORNING	Z	FARMING DALE RD	0	0	1		Y				

TOTALS:	32			0	8	36	0	15	3	3	4	5
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LINCOLN COUNTY SHERIFF CRASH DATA - 2024 YTD TOTALS

MONTH	CRASHES	FATAL	INJURY	WORK ZONE	DEER	DISTRACTED	IMPARIED	SEATBELT	SPEED	VS. 2023
January	39	0	9	0	16	0	0	1	8	-17
February	28	0	6	0	15	3	0	0	2	-7
March	32	0	8	0	15	3	3	4	5	0
April										
May										
June										
July										
August										
September										
October										
November										
December										
TOTALS	99	0	23	0	46	6	3	5	15	-24