

**County of Door**  
**2020 1st Quarter Meeting**

**Highway Safety Commission**  
**Thursday, February 6, 2020 9:00 a.m.**

**Justice Center Multi-Purpose Room • 1201 S. Duluth Ave • Sturgeon Bay, WI**

**Agenda:**

1. Call to Order – 9:00 a.m.
2. Establish a quorum – agency representatives in attendance
3. Adopt the agenda
4. Introduction of guests
5. Public Participation
6. Correspondence
7. Minutes of November 7, 2019, 4th quarter meeting
8. Pending, continued, “old” business
9. New Business
  - A. Speed Limits STH 42 thru the Village of Egg Harbor.
  - B. CTH U and STH 42/57 Intersection
  - C. Safety Concerns for CTH DK/STH 57/South Cloverleaf Rd
10. DOT Update
11. BOTS Update (Bureau of Transportation Safety)
12. Review of ‘Spot Maps’
  - A. 4th Quarter 2019
13. Review of Fatality Reports (if any)
14. COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVES CONCERNS: “For a Better & Safer Door County”
  - A. Matters to be Placed on a Future Agenda or Referred to a Committee, Official or Employee
15. ANNOUNCEMENTS
16. Meeting Per Diem Code
17. ADJOURN to 2nd Quarter Meeting: May 7, 2020, 9:00 a.m.

Members - If you are unable to attend, please contact:  
 Secretary Lori Holtz @ 746-2552, or email lholtz@co.door.wi.us  
 We need a quorum to conduct business.  
 Thank you.

\*\*\*\*\* deviation from the order shown will more than likely occur \*\*\*\*\*

<u>Representative</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Alternate</u>
1. John Neinas	COORDINATOR	John Kolodziej
2. John Kolodziej	COMMISSIONER	Thad Ash
3. Tammy Starnard	COUNTY TRAFFIC LAW ENFORCEMENT	Pat McCarty / Bob Lauder
4. Jake Holtz	EDUCATION / SCHOOLS	John Sullivan
5. Aaron LeClair	MEDICINE / MEDICAL	Robin Gordon / Bob Schultz
6. Grant Thomas	LAW	Rod Dequaine / Karyn Behling
7. Arleigh Porter	STURGEON BAY POLICE	Dan Brinkman
8. Chad Shetchik	STURGEON BAY PUBLIC WORKS / CITY ENGINEER	Marty Olejniczak
9. David Englebert	MEMBER-At-LARGE	
DOT Appts.		
Randy Asman	WISCONSIN D.O.T.	Chris Blazek
Jenny Austin	WISCONSIN STATE PATROL	Andy Jacobs
Randy Wiessinger	BUREAU OF TRANSPORTATION SAFETY	

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**County of Door**  
**2019 4th Quarter Meeting**

**Highway Safety Commission**  
**Thursday, November 7, 2019 9:00 a.m.**

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**Minutes:**

1. **Call to Order**

Chairman John Neinas called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. **Establish a quorum:** agency representatives in attendance: John Neinas, John Kolodziej, Pat McCarty, Bob Lauder, Jake Holtz, Chad Shefchik, Aaron LeClair, Grant Thomas, Dan Brinkman, David Englebert, Randy Asman, Jenny Austin and Daniel Kontos.

3. **Adopt the agenda**

Motion by Englebert, seconded by Kolodziej, to adopt the agenda. Motion carried.

4. **Introduction of guests:** None.

5. **Public Participation** – None.

6. **Correspondence** – None.

7. **Minutes of August 1, 2019, 3rd quarter meeting**

Motion by Shefchik, seconded by Englebert, to approve the minutes of the August 1, 2019, 3rd quarter meeting. Motion carried.

8. **Pending, continued, "old" business**

A. Stop Sign Issue: CTH EE & F

A speed study was requested at the last meeting. The speed study showed vehicles are already slowing down coming into the curve. The recommendation is to put in a larger stop sign and vertical reflective strips on the posts.

9. **New Business**

A. Vehicle Traffic Flow at STH 42, Northport Pier.

WI DOT reps met with Ferry Line President Hoyt Purinton and reviewed concepts for potential improvements. They recognize that improvements are needed to help resolve the issue of the number of vehicles that are stopped in the travel lane waiting to board the ferry. It was discussed whether improvements here would qualify for grant funding.

B. CTH I and CTH T Intersection.

John Kolodziej had received concerns regarding the safety of this intersection from residents who live in the area.

The Highway Department will work on a phased approach to help visibility and signage by going from a 30" to a 36" stop sign and vertical reflective material on posts, and orange flags will be placed on it so it is more visible to motorists.

C. Speed limit reduction CTH A from CTH V northerly 0.6 mile. (*Correspondence from the Town of Jacksonport was included in the packet*)

It does meet the criteria for a 35 mph speed limit. The Highway Safety Commission has no objection to reducing the speed limit as requested. This will go back to Highway Committee, and then an ordinance to County Board in December.

10. **DOT Update**

Randy Asman noted that the DOT has put an emphasis on correcting a misnomer in the media that accidents are not preventable. The DOT refers to these as a 'crash', not 'accident'. Accidents happen, but they are very rare. The majority are crashes, and the majority of the time it's driver error.

Kolodziej has received complaints about the Culver's Corner.

Randy Asman said he would pull the accident data and see if there is any project going through that area.

Following the meeting, Asman provided the following information to all committee members:

*As discussed at the meeting last week, I said I would check on the status of the construction project on WIS 42/57 from Egg Harbor Road to the Mid-Junction. WisDOT currently has a resurfacing project programmed for construction in 2023.*

*I also did a review of the crashes at the intersection of WIS 42/57 & Gordon Road. The good and the bad of the recent crash history is that there have not been enough crashes to justify any safety improvements. As a result, no geometric improvements are being included in the resurface project.*

#### 11. **BOTS Update (Bureau of Transportation Safety)**

Daniel Kontos provided updated information:

Fatalities:	2019	5 yr. average
Statewide	444 crashes with 416 fatalities.	434 crashes / 480 fatalities
Door County	3 crashes / 4 fatalities	3

Kontos also provided some Community Map updates.

- Added 65+ older driver flag (previously had a teen driver flag)
- Added Government property damage flag.
- ATV/UTV Data if crash is on highway – still in progress to tract ATV/UTV.
- TSE Resource Page – Legislative update added.

Upcoming dates of interest:

November 10-16 – National Incident Response Awareness week.

December 1-7 – Older Driver Safety Awareness Week

August 19-20, 2020 – Governor’s Conference on Highway Safety in Wisconsin Dells.

December 13 – January 1 – The Mobilization of Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over

May 2020 – Click It or Ticket.

Kontos added that five analysts are available to do projects / look at data. If anyone has something, contact Randy; he knows who to contact.

#### 12. **Review of ‘Spot Maps’**

A. 3rd Quarter 2019

The third quarter had a total of 198 accidents (0 Fatality; 37 injury, 87 reportable, 1 non-reportable and 73 deer).

#### 13. **Review of Fatality Reports (if any)**

The most recent fatality will be discussed at the next meeting.

#### 14. **COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVES CONCERNS: “For a Better & Safer Door County”**

A. Matters to be Placed on a Future Agenda or Referred to a Committee, Official or Employee  
None.

#### 15. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** – None

#### 16. **Meeting Per Diem Code:** 117

#### 17. **ADJOURN to 1st Quarter Meeting:** February 6, 2020, 9:00 a.m.

Motion by Englebert, seconded by Kolodziej, to adjourn. Motion carried. Time: 9:36 a.m.  
Respectfully submitted, Lori Holtz, Admin. Assistant.

1/8/20

Highway Commissioner John Kolodziej  
1001 S. Duluth Avenue  
Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235

Dear Commissioner Kolodziej,

I am contacting you regarding my concern about driver neglect of posted speed limits in Door County. I recently spoke with Door County Sheriff Chief Deputy Pat McCarty about my concerns. He informed me that a committee of the Door County Highway Department that is authorized to address county speed issues will be meeting on February 6 at 9am. It is my hope that the committee may offer some guidance in dealing with this issue.

I have lived in Egg Harbor for almost three years. Our home is on Hwy 42 just south of the County Hwy E intersection. Everyday vehicles travel through the village of Egg Harbor in excess of the posted speed limit. Drivers of cars, trucks, construction trucks, service vehicles, Door County plows, school buses and trolley cars appear to be unaware of the posted speed limit.

The village installed vehicle speed monitors on the north and south ends of town to alert drivers of their speed when entering the village. I have taken time to observe vehicles passing each of the monitors. The village has also shared with me speed data from the radar units. The data and observations both indicate that excessive speeds are not as significant on the south end of the village as they are on the north, yet there is an issue at both ends of town.

Vehicles traveling south on 42 (entering on the north end of town) are consistently traveling between 42 – 50 mph as they pass the speed monitor. The posted speed limit is 30. The speed data recorded two vehicles at 60 mph. I have personally observed several vehicles passing the north end monitor in excess of 55 mph. The speed monitors are certainly useful, yet the data recorded does not reflect the lines of vehicles that are traveling at least 10 mph over the limit past the north monitor. It appears that the monitors only record data for one vehicle every 15 minutes.

I would also like to note that many vehicles traveling north through Egg Harbor begin to speed up right after they pass through the Hwy 42/Cty G intersection in the middle of the village. It is not unusual for vehicles to reach excessive speed before they reach the Hwy 42/Cty E intersection and be well on their way to 55 by the time they pass Harbor Hardware. This happens most often in the mornings, evenings and during low volume traffic.

I inquired with the village about placing a speed limit sign above the flashing radar monitor or having speed limit signs placed closer to the units. Apparently the DOT will not allow posted

limits on top of the monitors or within a certain distance. This was surprising since I have seen limits posted on the radar monitors in other areas of Wisconsin.

I have attached two pictures. One is of the radar monitor on the north side of the village and an example of a configuration the DOT restricts. The later example would remind drivers of the speed limit in case they missed the 30 mph posted sign which is approximately 20 yards prior.

Lastly, I have inquired about having the speed limit north of the village by the Wood Market and Artesian Cheese Shop reduced to 40 mph. It is currently 55 mph which is very dangerous considering people walk over Hwy 42 between both businesses. Changing the limit to 40 mph may also help slow vehicles to the 30 mph limit that is posted just past the Hwy 42/Harbor Heights intersection.

In an effort to be part of the solution, I have contacted many trucking and service vehicle companies asking them if they could ask their drivers to adhere to the speed limit throughout Door County. This contact helps for a day or two and then the drivers seem to forget. It is very frustrating. I have also contacted the village Administrator, and attended Public Works Committee meetings. The village has been responsive yet it seems it does not have a clear idea of what it can do to help alleviate this problem.

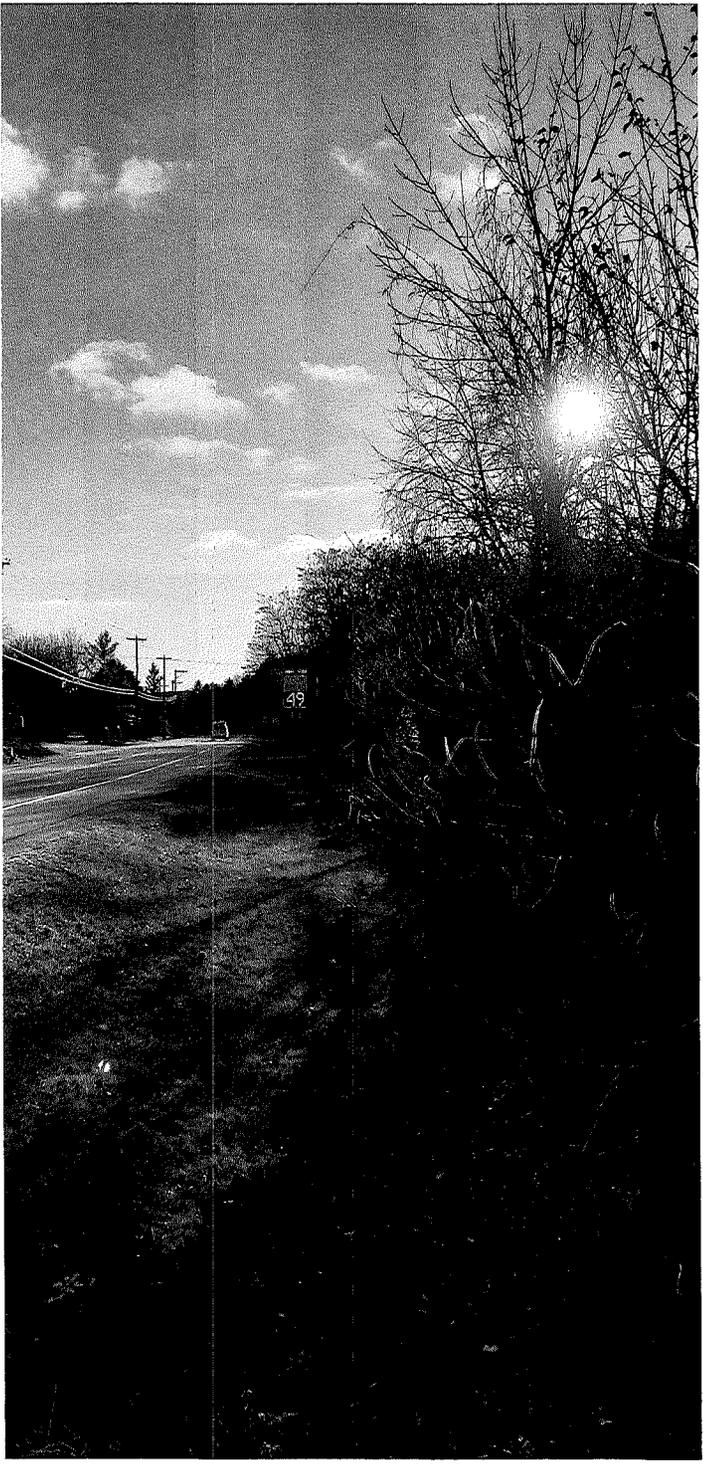
I believe the Sheriff's Dept. is doing their best to monitor and make requests to the DOT to help resolve the speeding issues throughout the county. Chief Deputy McCarty does have patrol cars monitor from time-to-time yet there are only three patrol cars covering Door County. He also said he would place one of the portable police monitors on the north side of the village this spring.

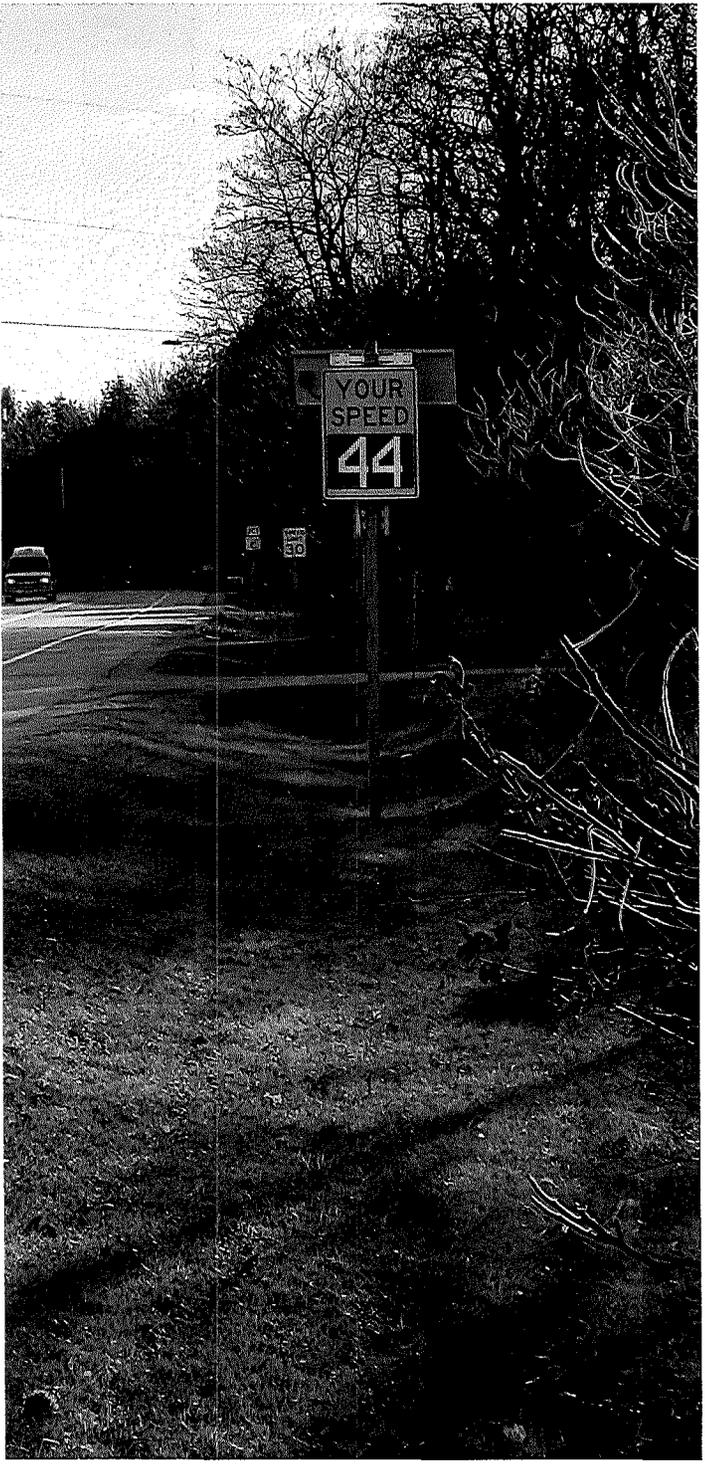
This is a safety issue, especially with all the families visiting Egg Harbor and Door County. The volume of traffic in Door County has increased significantly in recent years. It may very well be time to review speed limits, available enforcement options and public safety needs.

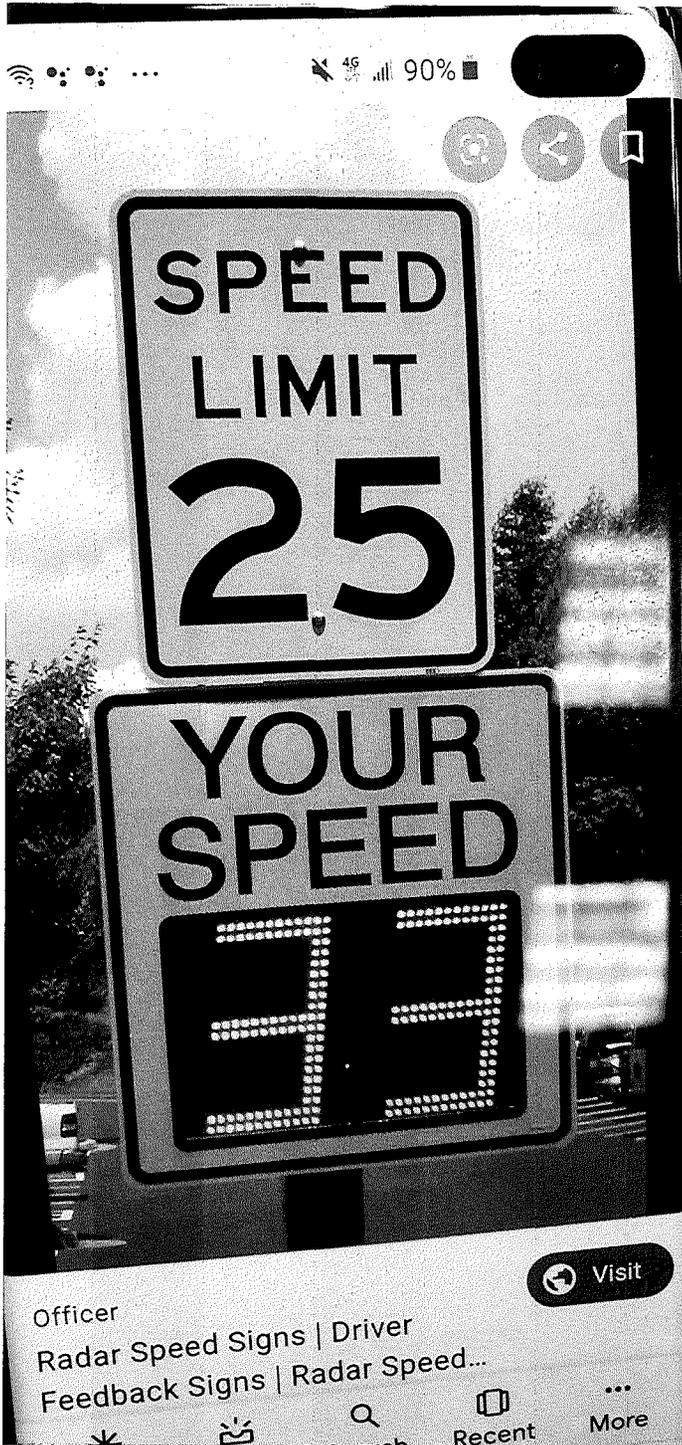
I hope you will consider sharing this letter during the open session of your meeting.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Jill Sommers  
7885 State Hwy. 42  
Egg Harbor, WI 54209  
608-212-2554







Officer  
 Radar Speed Signs | Driver  
 Feedback Signs | Radar Speed...

 Visit

Holtz, Lori

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**From:** KOLODZIEJ, JOHN  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 23, 2020 2:22 PM  
**To:** Holtz, Lori  
**Subject:** FW: CTH U and STH 42/57 Intersection

**From:** KOLODZIEJ, JOHN  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 23, 2020 8:06 AM  
**To:** Randy.Asman@dot.wi.gov  
**Subject:** CTH U and STH 42/57 Intersection

Randy,

A County Board member asked that we look at possible safety improvements at the subject intersection.

I recall that we have looked at this before, and would ask if it is possible that this could be discussed at the next Highway Safety Committee meeting.

It is an intersection we consistently hear concerns about potential or near miss accidents.

My thought is if we identified an improvement, then we could look at how it could be funded.

Thoughts?

John Kolodziej



# Southern Door County School District

2073 County Highway DK, Brussels, WI 54204

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Cory Vandertie, Elementary Principal  
Brenda Shimon, Middle Principal

November 21, 2019

Craig Thompson  
Secretary of Transportation  
4822 Madison Yards Way  
P.O. Box 7910  
Madison, WI 53707-7910

**COPY**

Dear Mr. Thompson:

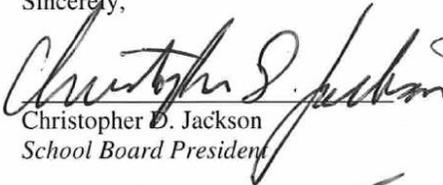
The Southern Door Board of Education requests that the Department of Transportation take measures to reduce the danger to our students, and their families, who must use or cross Wisconsin State Road 57. In particular, we are requesting that additional safety measures be employed at the Stevenson Pier Road, Cloverleaf Road, Stone Road, and SR-42 intersections.

We want to alert you to the dangers posed by this road, and accompanying intersections, to the Southern Door students and their families. This is an area which sees many accidents, some of them fatal. Though we are thankful that we have not witnessed a fatal accident to one of our students, or their immediate families, our students did have the frightening experience of their buses being delayed on October 23 of this year due to a tragic fatality accident at SR-57 and Cloverleaf Rd, within view of the high school.

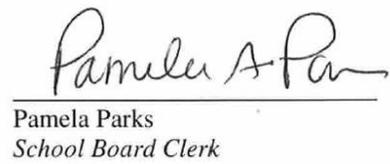
Many of our students must ride on, or cross, SR-57 twice daily in personal vehicles or school buses. Safe transit on, or across this road, poses many challenges that are compounded by the high speeds involved. Additionally, the Cloverleaf Rd. intersection poses additional challenges, including the lack of visibility for vehicles turning left onto SR-57, and high usage due to business traffic at Renard's Cheese. Another risk is the high number of inexperienced student drivers in our high school, who drive themselves to and from school.

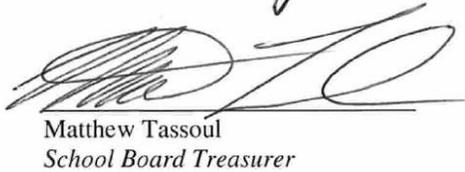
The dangers posed by this road frighten many of our students and their families. We therefore ask that the State take adequate measures to reduce these dangers.

Sincerely,

  
Christopher D. Jackson  
School Board President

  
Penny Price  
School Board Vice President

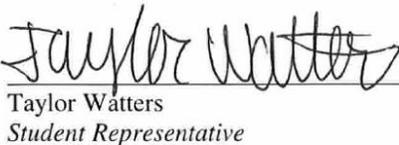
  
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Marlen Ramirez  
Student Representative

**January 28, 2020**

**Dear Sheriff Tammy Sternard:**

**This letter is in regards to the accidents occurring at the intersection of Cloverleaf Road and County DK between the highway 42/57 and Renard's Cheese. As concerned parents whose children have been directly involved in an accident at this dangerous crossing, we are asking that this intersection be controlled by a four way stop via the addition of stop signs on County DK.**

**The four way stop signs in front of Sturgeon Bay High School on Michigan Street make for a very safe school traffic zone. We see this as a similar comparison that can be applied to this Southern Door traffic hazard involving many school buses and even more teenage drivers. A four way stop is an immediate, safe, and cost effective improvement for this problem.**

**Respectfully yours,**

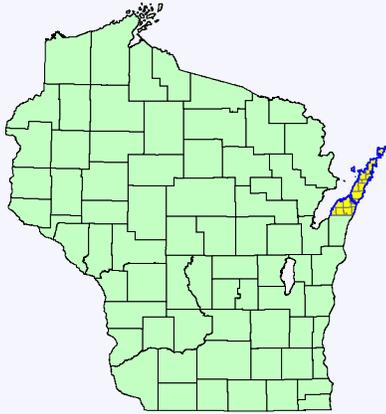
**David and Heidi Meier**

**Cc: Southern Door District Office / Mrs. Vickman**

# Sheriff's Department

## DOOR COUNTY, WISCONSIN

Accident Report - 4th Quarter, 2019



Green Bay

Lake Michigan

### 4th Quarter, 2019 Accidents (249 Total)

- † Fatality (3)
- ◆ Injury (21)
- ★ Reportable (58)
- Non-Reportable (2)
- ▲ Deer (165)

- State Highway
- County Trunk
- Town Road



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