Fatal Crash Review Team

Report for January 16, 2024

Indianapolis, Indiana

NOTE:
These Meeting Minutes were amended on March 27, 2025 and adopted during the May 20, 2025 Fatal Crash Review Team Meeting

Meeting Minutes

On Tuesday, January 16, 2024, at 2:00 PM, the meeting of the Indianapolis Fatal Crash Review Team was called to order. The Chair, Austin Gibble, asked if there were any old business to attend to. One old business item was brought forward by Jill Palmer, discussion of a crash (Master Record Number 904339323) that occurred at the intersection of E. 10th Street and N. Lasalle Street. Discussion of this crash was tabled at the previous meeting due to the absence of IMPD Captain Frederick Ilnicki, who's insights/expertise were desired by the group.

Following review of the previously tabled crash, the floor was opened for new business. The Minutes and Report for November 14th, 2023 were then presented to the Team Members. It was asked of team members if there was any further discussion. Seeing none, Jill Palmer moved to adopt these Minutes and Report; this was seconded by Damon Richards. The Minutes and Report for November 14th, 2023 were adopted with all in attendance voting "Yes."

The group discussed "Prop 22" a Proposal for a General Ordinance to amend Chapter 431 and Chapter 441 of the Revised Code to require that the Fatal Crash Review Team review serious bodily injuries in addition to fatal crashes. A copy of Prop 22 can be found in **Attachment A**.

The group also discussed SB 52 regarding the Blue Line which has since been defeated. This bill also included provisions to limit the installation of NTOR which is also defeated.

The fatal crashes to be reviewed for the period of September and October of 2023 were called down and presented to Team members. Additionally, one crash from the period of July to August of 2023 was introduced, as this was under investigation at the time of the November 14th meeting and could not be appropriately reviewed (Master Record Number 904427396). Each crash was discussed at length, the results of which are provided in the tables below.

Following the review of crashes, the Chair asked for any further business from Team members. Seeing none, it was asked if there was a motion to adjourn. This motion was made by Damon Richards, seconded by Jill Palmer, and passed by all present members.

Signed,

Jason Bowers

Jason Bowers
Transportation Safety Engineer
Secretary – Fatal Crash Review Team

Crashes for the Period of September and October of 2023

Master Record Number: 904339323

Date	July 31, 2023
Time	2:18 PM
Location/Nearest Intersection	E 10th Street & N LaSalle St
Vulnerable Road User	Yes - Bicyclist
Hit & Run	No
SUV/Truck	No
High Rate of Speed?	Yes
Does motorist have prior serious driving offenses?	No
Circumstances	Operator of V1 (police vehicle) stated they were responding to an emergency, with lights and siren activated, traveling EB on East 10th Street. A brown van (V2) failed to yield to the oncoming emergency vehicle and attempted to make a left turn onto LaSalle Street from East 10th Street, forcing V1 to make an evasive maneuver. As the operator of V1 made their evasive maneuver, they saw a bicyclist traveling WB on E 10th Street and swerved to avoid them. Unfortunately, the bicyclist also swerved to avoid the emergency vehicle, but they both swerved south, resulting in collision.
Recommendation	None.

Master Record Number: 904427396

Date	August 18, 2023
Time	10:46 PM
Location/Nearest Intersection	Laughlin Drive & Crousore Road (355-feet east)
Vulnerable Road User	No
Hit & Run	No
SUV/Truck	Yes
High Rate of Speed?	No
Does motorist have prior serious driving offenses?	Yes - Numerous citations for illegal operations of a mechanic in a residential home.
Circumstances	F250 was pulling motorcycle with a chain in attempt to get it to start. Driver attempted to downshift the bike and the bike flipped. Driver of motorcycle was taken to hospital with serious head injuries, where they died.
Recommendation	DPW will be checking condition of road but there isn't anything so far to indicate that there were any environmental factors.

Master Record Number: 904344425

Date	September 2, 2023
Time	10:55 PM
Location/Nearest Intersection	Kessler Boulevard North Drive & Halifax Drive
Vulnerable Road User	Yes - Pedestrian
Hit & Run	No
SUV/Truck	Yes – SUV
High Rate of Speed?	No
Does motorist have prior serious driving offenses?	No
Circumstances	Investigation shows Vehicle 1 (V1) was traveling southbound on Kessler Boulevard North Drive. The pedestrian was also in the southbound lane of Kessler Boulevard North Drive. The operator of V1 saw the vehicle directly in front of him swerve to avoid the pedestrian, but the operator was not able to react in time and struck the pedestrian. A witness (the operator of the vehicle ahead of V1) stated that they swerved to miss the pedestrian but pulled over to call 911 after they heard V1 strike the pedestrian. Prior to the crash, 911 had received a call about a pedestrian in the roadway in the approximate location of the collision. Unclear why the pedestrian was in the roadway. Apparent physical status was that the operator had been on drugs or medication.
Recommendation	None.

Master Record Number: 904344002

Date	September 2, 2023
Time	10:45 PM
Location/Nearest Intersection	South Lynhurst Drive & West Kelly Street
Vulnerable Road User	No
Hit & Run	Yes
SUV/Truck	Yes - Pickup
High Rate of Speed?	Unknown
Does motorist have prior serious driving offenses?	Yes - Operator of V1 (Pickup Truck), prior to the crash, had ten prior instances of driving without a valid license or driving on a suspended license, operating a vehicle without financial responsibility, operating a vehicle with a false plate, and failing to provide a vehicle registration certificate. Operator of V2 had no prior incidents.
Circumstances	Operator of Vehicle 1 (V1; pickup truck) stated they were crossing Lynhurst when they thought they had "bumped into a trash can." The operator did not stop and continued east on Kelly Street. Investigation showed that the operator of Vehicle 2 (V2; motorcycle) tried to avoid V1 when V1 pulled

	out in front of them. They laid the motorcycle down and V1 struck the motorcycle and the operator of V2. The operator of V2 was killed in the collision. The operator of V1 was found, arrested, and charged with felony.
Recommendation	Removal of tree closest to intersection, addition of stop signs for north and southbound travelers, or warning signage of blind intersection.

Master Record Number: 904344995

Date	September 6, 2023
Time	12:03 PM
Location/Nearest Intersection	West 71st Street & Georgetown Road (985-feet west of intersection)
Vulnerable Road User	No
Hit & Run	No
SUV/Truck	Yes - Garbage Truck
High Rate of Speed?	Yes
Does motorist have prior serious driving offenses?	Yes - Operator of V1 (Garbage Truck) had one past instance of operating on a suspended license, one instance of no license, one instance of failing to fix registration plate to a vehicle, operating a motor vehicle without financial responsibility, and use of a telecommunications device while operating a motor vehicle.
Circumstances	Investigation showed that Vehicle 1 (V1; box truck) was traveling westbound on West 71st Street in the left-hand lane. The operator of V1 suddenly turned into the west entrance of the shopping center at 5000 W. 71st Street. Vehicle 2 (V2) was waiting at the entrance of the shopping center to exit, behind the vehicle of a witness. Upon taking the turn too quickly, V1 rolled over landing on V2 and crushing the operator. The operator of V2 was pronounced dead at the scene.
Recommendation	None.

Master Record Number: 904346753

Date	September 13, 2023
Time	6:29 AM
Location/Nearest Intersection	Washington Street & Post Road
Vulnerable Road User	No
Hit & Run?	No
SUV/Truck	Yes - SUV
High Rate of Speed?	No
Does motorist have prior serious driving offenses?	No

Circumstances	Operator of Vehicle 1 (V1; sedan) was traveling east on Washington Street and attempting to make a left-hand turn to head north on Post Road when it turned into the path of Vehicle 2 (V2; motorcycle), who was traveling west on Washington Street. The operator of the motorcycle was thrown from the bike and, despite wearing safety equipment, suffered critical injuries. Witness stated that the motorcycle was not traveling at a high rate of speed.
Recommendation	No recommendations, this is an INDOT intersection.

Master Record Number: 904351699

Date	September 14, 2023
Time	9:50 PM
Location/Nearest Intersection	North Centennial Street & West 10th Street
Vulnerable Road User	Yes - Pedestrian
Hit & Run	No
SUV/Truck	Yes - Tractor of Tractor-Trailor
High Rate of Speed?	No
Does motorist have prior serious driving offenses?	NA - Operator not a resident of Indiana
Circumstances	Operator of Vehicle 1 (V1; semi-truck) was traveling southbound on North Centennial when they stopped at the stop sign. The truck began to make a left-hand turn onto West 10th Street. Simultaneously, the pedestrian began to cross Centennial too soon, catching the rear passenger-side tires of the semi-truck. The pedestrian was pronounced deceased at the hospital.
Recommendation	None.

Master Record Number: 9043365627

Date	September 17, 2023
Time	3:35 AM
Location/Nearest Intersection	Fall Creek Parkway North Drive & East 32nd Street (160-feet north of intersection)
Vulnerable Road User	No
Hit & Run	No
SUV/Truck	No
High Rate of Speed?	Yes
Does motorist have prior serious driving offenses?	Yes - Operator has history of habitual speeding, illegal passing of a stopped school bus, speeding in a construction zone (workers not present), failing to produce registration, unsafe lane movements, and failing to change lanes for emergency vehicles.

Circumstances	Operator of Vehicle 1 (V1) was traveling southbound on Fall Creek Parkway at a high rate of speed. The operator approached a curve in the road near East 32nd Street but did not turn and struck the curb. After traveling alongside the road for a short distance, the vehicle struck a tree, ejecting the operator. The operator died of their injuries at the hospital.
Recommendation	None.

Master Record Number: 904372144

Date	September 22, 2023
Time	11:15 PM
Location/Nearest Intersection	I-465 WB and MM 2.5
Vulnerable Road User	Yes - Pedestrian
Hit & Run	No
SUV/Truck	Yes – Semi Truck
High Rate of Speed?	No
Does motorist have prior serious driving offenses?	No
Circumstances	Pedestrian hopped a wall at I-465 at Mile Marker 2.5 and was attempting to cross the expressway. Pedestrian was struck by semi-truck.
Recommendation	None.

Master Record Number: 904371484

Date	October 7, 2023
Time	2:42 AM
Location/Nearest Intersection	North Shadeland Avenue & Kensington Drive (250-feet north of intersection)
Vulnerable Road User	Yes - Pedestrian
Hit & Run	No
SUV/Truck	Yes - Van
High Rate of Speed?	No
Does motorist have prior serious driving offenses?	Yes - Operator of van (V1) had four prior instances of operating a vehicle on a suspended license, speeding in a school zone, driving on the sidewalk, and operating a vehicle without a valid license plate.
Circumstances	Pedestrian was attempting to cross Shadeland Avenue from east to west north of the intersection with Kensington Drive. The operator of a van (Vehicle 1; V1) was traveling southbound on Shadeland Avenue. The motorist struck the pedestrian and stated that they did not have time to react to the pedestrian's presence before hitting them.
Recommendation	There are no sidewalks and few crossing opportunities for Shadeland. Shadeland needs crosswalks and sidewalks.

Master Record Number: 904368908

Date	October 7, 2023
Time	10:09 PM
Location/Nearest Intersection	Washington Street & Shadeland Avenue
Vulnerable Road User	Yes - Pedestrian
Hit & Run	No
SUV/Truck	Yes - SUV
High Rate of Speed?	No
Does motorist have prior serious driving offenses?	Yes - Speeding in a school zone.
Circumstances	Pedestrian was walking west in the inside lane of E. Washington Street just west of the NB ramp to Shadeland Avenue; the motorist was also traveling west in the inside lane of E. Washington Street. Witness stated that the pedestrian was walking north to south. No further information given.
Recommendation	Sidewalks and crosswalks are needed at safer locations. These would be constructed with the Blue Line.

Master Record Number: 904371690

Date	October 11, 2023
Time	3:15 PM
Location/Nearest Intersection	North West Street & West New York Street
Vulnerable Road User	No
Hit & Run	No
SUV/Truck	No
High Rate of Speed?	No
Does motorist have prior serious driving offenses?	No
Circumstances	The operator of Vehicle 1 (V1) was traveling south on N. West Street on a green light through W. New York Street when the operator of Vehicle 2 (V2) struck them. Operator of V1 later changed their account to state that they were attempting to make a left onto New York Street. However, operator of V2 stated that they had the green light and was trying to make a left onto westbound New York Street from northbound West Street. Operator of Vehicle 1 seemed very confused about their direction of travel. Passenger of V1 suffered grave injuries.
Recommendation	None.

Master Record Number: 904373610

Date	October 16, 2023
Time	2:46 AM
Location/Nearest Intersection	South Meridian Street & Crosby Street (98-feet north of intersection)
Vulnerable Road User	No
Hit & Run	No
SUV/Truck	Yes - Pickup
High Rate of Speed?	Unknown
Does motorist have prior serious driving offenses?	No
Circumstances	Operator of Vehicle 1 (V1) was traveling north on S. Meridian Street when it left the roadway and struck a utility pole. The passenger was not wearing a seatbelt and pronounced dead at the scene.
Recommendation	None.

Master Record Number: 904373942

Date	October 16, 2023
Time	7:20 PM
Location/Nearest Intersection	West Thompson Road & South High School Road (1320-feet east of intersection)
Vulnerable Road User	No
Hit & Run	No
SUV/Truck	Yes - Pickup Truck (V1)
High Rate of Speed?	No
Does motorist have prior serious driving offenses?	Yes - One prior instance of operating a vehicle on a suspended license (V1).
Circumstances	Operator of pickup truck (Vehicle 1; V1) stated that he began to cough and then crossed the centerline of the roadway, colliding with Vehicle 2 (V2) head-on. The operator of V2 was killed in the crash.
Recommendation	None.

Master Record Number: 904375711

Date	October 19, 2023
Time	11:10 PM
Location/Nearest Intersection	8000 Rockville Road at intersection of Country Village Drive
Vulnerable Road User	Yes
Hit & Run?	No
SUV/Truck	Yes - SUV

High Rate of Speed?	No
Does motorist have prior serious driving offenses?	No
Circumstances	V1 was eastbound in the 8100 block of Rockville Road when Unit 2, a pedestrian not in a crosswalk, walked out in front of driver 1 (D1). D1 said she was in the left travel lane driving the speed limit when Unit 2 stepped out in front of her. D1 said, "He was walking, and I hit him." Driver 1 said she honked her horn at Unit 2, but she could not stop. After striking Unit 2, Unit 1 continued off the roadway and struck a speed limit sign on the south side of Rockville Road. Unit 2 was pronounced deceased. D1 was transported to Eskenazi Hospital for a blood draw. Unit 2's remains were transported from the scene by the Marion County Coroner's office. Unit 1 was towed by Zore's Towing. Supplement done 12/29/2023 to add Toxicology results (JAG)
Recommendation	No recommendations, this is an INDOT intersection.

Master Record Number: 904378900

Date	October 22, 2023
Time	1:13 AM
Location/Nearest Intersection	Allisonville Road 500 feet north of 65th Street
Vulnerable Road User	No
Hit & Run	No
SUV/Truck	No
High Rate of Speed?	Yes
Does motorist have prior serious driving offenses?	No
Circumstances	V1 was traveling south on Allisonville Road at an extremely high rate of speed. V1 rear ended V2 as V2 traveled at or near the speed limit. V1 then went off the road and through the front fence, front yard, and side fence of 6655 Allisonville Road. D1 was pronounced deceased at the scene. V2, after being rear ended by V1, went off the west side of Allisonville Road. V2 struck a mailbox and then went through several trees coming to rest in the 6600 block of Allisonville Road. D1 was taken to the hospital with a hand injury. Passenger 1 was taken to the hospital with a leg and hip injury. The juvenile passenger was taken to the hospital with complaint of pain to his head. Photographs and measurements were taken of the scene. Both vehicles were towed to Zore's. Supplement created to update property owner of 6655 Allisonville Road Supplement done 12/29/2023 to add Toxicology results (JAG) IMPD case number IP230104638 updated toxicology aw 06-11-24
Recommendation	None.

Master Record Number: 904378274

Date	October 22, 2023
Time	4:34 AM
Location/Nearest Intersection	Crawfordsville Road & High School Road
Vulnerable Road User	No
Hit & Run	No
SUV/Truck	No
High Rate of Speed?	Yes
Does motorist have prior serious driving offenses?	No
Circumstances	V1 was traveling through the intersection of Crawfordsville Road and High School Road when it ran off the road striking a utility pole on the southeast corner of the intersection. Both D1 and Passenger 1 were taken to Eskenazi Hospital. Passenger 1 was pronounced deceased shortly after arrival. D1 had multiple injuries and was in critical condition. Photographs and measurements were taken of the scene. The vehicle was towed to Zore's. Speedway case number SP230001726
Recommendation	None.

Master Record Number: 904377970

Date	October 23, 2023
Time	1:05 PM
Location/Nearest Intersection	East Washington Street & North Scioto Road
Vulnerable Road User	Yes - Pedestrian
Hit & Run	No
SUV/Truck	Yes - Pickup Truck (V1)
High Rate of Speed?	No
Does motorist have prior serious driving offenses?	Yes - One prior instance of speeding in a school zone.
Circumstances	D1 stated that he left the parking lot on the south side of the street. D1 did not see the female crossing the road and struck her. D1 stopped immediately. Witness stated that she was driving west on East Washington Street when a female (Unit 2 – Pedestrian) walked in front of a moving truck in the middle of the street. Supplement done 12/29/2023 to add Toxicology results (JAG) and Unit 2 was not taken to the Marion County Coroner.
Recommendation	None.

Master Record Number: 904382306

Date	October 26, 2023
Time	8:16 AM
Location/Nearest Intersection	West 38th Street & Shadeland Avenue
Vulnerable Road User	Yes - Pedestrian
Hit & Run	No
SUV/Truck	Yes - Pickup Truck
High Rate of Speed?	No
Does motorist have prior serious driving offenses?	Yes - One prior instance of speeding.
Circumstances	V1 was stopped in traffic and started to move forward. Pedestrian 1 had fallen in front of V1 and D1 did not see Pedestrian 1 fall. Pedestrian 1 was crossing the street from south to north. When she reached the last west travel lane, it had been recently paved and there was a small ridge between the newly paved and the old lane. Pedestrian 1 tripped on the ridge and fell in front of V1. Pedestrian 1 was run over by V1. Photographs and measurements were taken. V1 was towed to Zore's. D1 was taken to Eskenazi Hospital for a blood draw. IP23106162 Supplement done on 12/29/2023 to enter Toxicology results (JAG)
Recommendation	None.

Master Record Number: 904397054

Date	October 26, 2023
Time	7:35 PM
Location/Nearest Intersection	I-70 WB at mile marker 92.7
Vulnerable Road User	No
Hit & Run?	No
SUV/Truck	Yes – Semi, SUV, 2 Pick-up Trucks
High Rate of Speed?	Unknown
Does motorist have prior serious driving offenses?	Unknown
Circumstances	I-70 westbound at mile marker 92.7 is 3 lanes across with emergency shoulders on both sides. This area has a concrete barrier wall and a metal guardrail. The weather conditions were clear with no rain and a dry roadway. I was advised of the following. Driver 1 (D1) stated he didn't remember what happened. Driver 3 (D3) stated he didn't remember what happened. Driver 2 (D2) was deceased on scene. Driver 4 (D4) was deceased on scene. I was unable to locate insurance for vehicles due to damage to vehicles. Witnesses will be contacted by investigators.
Recommendation	No recommendations, this is an INDOT intersection.

Master Record Number: 904399374

Date	October 26, 2023
Time	1:20 PM
Location/Nearest Intersection	Kentucky Avenue & Gatwick Drive
Vulnerable Road User	No
Hit & Run?	No
SUV/Truck	Yes - SUV
High Rate of Speed?	No
Does motorist have prior serious driving offenses?	No
Circumstances	V1 driven by D1 was traveling northeast on Kentucky Ave turning left onto Stirling Pointe Dr. V2 (farm truck) driven by D2 was traveling southwest on Kentucky Ave. D2 stated that he saw the light turn yellow from about 50-100 ft back and honked his horn twice to let people know that he wasn't going to be able to stop. He saw V1 come from the side by the library. He switched lanes to get over as far as he could. He didn't want to hit the vehicle that was stopped at the light and that was when he collided with the V1. D1 stated she was traveling northeast on Kentucky Ave preparing to turn left onto Gatwick Dr. D1 said her light was flashing green, so she was yielding to the southbound traffic. D1 stated the light turned yellow so she started to turn. D1 stated the cruise control was on so she tapped the brake to get it to turn off, but then tried to quickly hit the gas pedal to hurry and make it before the semi. D1 said she saw a semi traveling southbound on Kentucky that was not slowing or stopping. She said when she tried to turn in front of the semi, she felt the vehicle hesitate and then the semi struck her vehicle on the rear passenger side. Both vehicles then went off the road and the V1 struck a utility pole. The right front passenger of V1 was pronounced at the scene. D1 was transported in stable condition to Eskenazi hospital. D2 was transported to Eskenazi hospital for a routine blood draw. No alcohol or drugs suspected at this time. Pictures and measurements were taken of the scene. Driver and witness statements were also taken. Supplement done on 12/29/2023 to enter Toxicology results (JAG)
Recommendation	No recommendations, this is an INDOT intersection.

Master Record Number: 904386539

Date	October 26, 2023
Time	3:23 PM

Location/Nearest Intersection	Madison Avenue, 850 feet south of South Winchester Drive
Vulnerable Road User	No
Hit & Run	Yes
SUV/Truck	Yes - SUV
High Rate of Speed?	Yes
Does motorist have prior serious driving offenses?	Yes – Speeding (2). Multiple charges from this crash including Misdemeanor Hit & Run.
Circumstances	V1 was southbound on Madison Avenue in the inside lane. V2 was turning left from a plaza, that was on the west side of Madison Avenue, to go northbound on Madison Avenue. Witness 1 thought V1 was going about 50 mph or more. When V2 pulled out to make the turn, V1 swerved to the left but struck V1 in the driver side doors. After being struck, V2 continued in a southeast direction. After striking V2, V1 continued in an east direction then struck the curb on the east side of Madison Avenue. Once off the road V1 started going south for a short distance and came to rest with driver side tires off the road. V2 came to rest facing south in the outside lane of northbound lanes of Madison Avenue. After V1 came to rest, D1 fled the scene on foot into the Berkley Commons Apts. D2 suffered critical injuries from the crash and was transported by ambulance to Eskenazi Hospital for treatment. However, despite medical intervention, D2's injuries were determined to be grave, and she was pronounce deceased. D1 was arrested under IMPD case number IP230106304. The supplement was done to correct the Primary Cause and D1 Factors. IMPD applied for and was granted a search warrant for the Airbag Control Module (ACM) in V1. The ACM collects and stores up to five seconds of pre-crash vehicle data, which includes vehicle speed, engine R.P.M., accelerator pedal position and brake pedal switch activation. On October 27, 2023, IMPD officer served the search warrant and obtained the data from the ACM of Unit 1. IMPD officer downloaded the ACM from Unit 1, and the data showed V1 was traveling 62 miles per hour 5 seconds before the crash, was traveling 60 miles per hour 3 seconds before the crash and was traveling 47 miles per hour 0.5 second before the crash. The posted speed limit for Madison Avenue where the collision occurred is 40 miles per hour. Supplement done on 12/29/2023 to enter Toxicology results (JAG)
Recommendation	None.

Master Record Number: 904382555

Date	October 29, 2023
Time	3:33 AM
Location/Nearest Intersection	Michigan Road & 62nd Street
Vulnerable Road User	No

Hit & Run	No
SUV/Truck	Yes - SUV
High Rate of Speed?	No
Does motorist have prior serious driving offenses?	Yes – Speeding (2); Failure to Yield (D2).
Circumstances	V1 was traveling east on 62nd Street. V2 pulled out on to Michigan Road starting to go north when it was struck by V2. V1 had the flashing red light. D1 was ejected from V1 and was pronounced deceased. V2 was traveling south on Michigan Road and V2 struck V1 when V1 pulled out in front of it. D2 was taken to the hospital in serious condition. Photographs and measurements were taken. Both V1 and V2 were towed by Zore's. IP230107146 Supplement done on 12/29/2023 to enter Toxicology results (JAG)
Recommendation	None.

Total Number of Crashes Reviewed: 23

Total Cases with Recommendations or Follow-Up Action: 4 (14%)

Proportion of Crashes Involving Vulnerable Road User: 8 (35%)

Proportion of Crashes Identified as Hit & Run: 2 (9%)

Proportion of Crashes Involving SUV or Truck: 18 (78%)

Proportion of Crashes Involving Prior Serious Traffic Offender: 7 (30%)

Bicyclist Fatalities: 1 (4%)

Pedestrian Fatalities: 7 (30%)

Other (ex. riders of micro-mobility devices): 0

Attachments

A – Proposal No. 22, 2024