



Fatal Crash Review Team Report for May 21, 2024

Indianapolis, Indiana

Meeting Minutes

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| Jill Palmer (DPW) | Present |
| Captain Frederick Ilnicki (IMPD) | Absent |
| Logan Lane (DMD) | Present |
| Theodore S Grain (Citizen Member) | Present |
| Damon Richards (Citizen Member) | Present |
| Jason Bowers (Public) | Present |
| Benjamin Morrical (Legal Counsel) | Present |

On Tuesday, May 21, 2024, at 2:00 PM, the meeting of the Indianapolis Fatal Crash Review Team was called to order.

Jill Palmer asked if there were any old business to attend to. Seeing none, the Jill called down any new business. The Minutes and Report for the previous March 19th, 2024, Fatal Crash Review Team meeting were presented to the Team Members. It was asked of team members if there was any further discussion. Seeing none, Damon Richards moved to adopt these Minutes and Report; this was seconded by Logan Lane. The Minutes and Report for March 19th, 2024, were adopted with all in attendance voting “Yes.”

The fatal crashes to be reviewed for the period of January and February of 2024 were called down and presented to Team members. Each crash was discussed at length, the results of which are provided below.

Following the review of crashes, Jill Palmer asked for any further business from Team members. Damon Richards brought forth for discussion the intersection of 79th Street and Michigan Road which was selected as the first location to perform a Road Safety Audit (RSA) under the most current requirements of the Fatal Crash Review Team by City-County Council Ordinance 24-022. This intersection was selected because it had the highest combined total of severe injury and fatal crashes within the 2-month period January – February 2024. One comment from Theodore Grain regarding the future multi-use trail mentioned in the RSA. It should be clarified that the multi-use trail will be along 79th Street. The RSA will be revised.

Jill Palmer then 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 Theodore Grain, and passed by all present members.



Signed,

Jason Bowers

Jason Bowers
 Transportation Safety Engineer
 Secretary – Fatal Crash Review Team

Crashes for the Period of January and February of 2024

Master Record Number: 904424784

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| Date | January 1, 2024 |
| Time | 9:34 AM |
| Location/Nearest Intersection | MANN ROAD 0.76 MILE NORTH OF WEST SOUTHPORT ROAD |
| Vulnerable Road User? | No |
| Hit & Run? | No |
| SUV/Truck? | Yes – Van |
| High Rate of Speed? | Yes |
| Does motorist have prior serious driving offenses? | Unknown (D1 = Juvenile) |
| Circumstances | At the time of the crash, the weather was cloudy, and the road surface was dry. V1 was southbound on Mann Rd. at a high rate of speed. V2 was northbound on Mann Rd. V1 ran off the road on the west side of Mann Rd. V1 continued southbound with the passenger side tires off the road. After about 100 ft, the driver of V1 lost control. V1 rear started coming around to the right. V1 rear quarter panel on the passenger side struck a traffic sign. V1 came back on the road sideways. Then it went airborne for a short distance, V1 continued in a southeast direction and went left of center. V2 saw V1 coming southeast and at him. V2 tried to miss him by driving off the road on the east of Mann Rd, but V1 continued off the road at the same location as V2. V1 struck V2 in the driver doors with its front passenger corner. Both vehicles rotated to the right. V2 rotated to right until it struck the ground with its passenger tires, then it rotated left. V2 came to rest facing southwest on the east side of Mann Rd. After striking V2, V1 rotated to right, then started rolling over. V1 came to rest facing south. D2 was pronounced deceased at the scene. D1 was arrested. ACM data showed the Kia Sedona (V1) was traveling 115 miles per hour 5 seconds before the crash, was traveling 117 miles per hour 3 seconds before the crash, was traveling 72 miles per hour 1 second before the crash and was traveling 102 miles per hour at 0 second. The posted speed limit for Mann Road where the collision occurred is 30 miles per hour. Supplement done 4/4/2024 to add Toxicology for D1 and Coroner Results for Fatal D2. (JAG) |
| Recommendation | None. |



Master Record Number: 904424822

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| Date | January 3, 2024 |
| Time | 7:45 AM |
| Location/Nearest Intersection | COUNTRY CLUB ROAD & 21 ST STREET |
| 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 | At the time of the crash, the weather was cloudy, and the road surface was dry. D1 stated he was traveling eastbound when he choked on his coffee causing him to run off the roadway and strike a utility pole. The right front passenger was transported to Eskenazi hospital where she succumbed to her injuries. |
| Recommendation | None. |

Master Record Number: 904432015

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| Date | January 11, 2024 |
| Time | 11:14 AM |
| Location/Nearest Intersection | SOUTH WEST STREET & MARYLAND STREET |
| Vulnerable Road User? | Yes – Pedalcyclist |
| Hit & Run? | No |
| SUV/Truck? | Yes – Dump Truck |
| High Rate of Speed? | No |
| Does motorist have prior serious driving offenses? | No |
| Circumstances | At the time of the crash, the weather was clear, and the road surface was dry. V1 was leaving the Victory field parking lot turning right onto southbound S West St. V2 was traveling northbound on the sidewalk. While V1 was waiting for traffic to pass V2 came off the sidewalk crossing the exit riding in front of V1. V1 struck V2 pushing him before V2 went under V1. D2 was pronounced at the scene. Also see case IP240003357. Report amended to correct the local ID number. DA Supplement done 4/4/2024 to add Toxicology for D1 and Coroner Tox for Fatal Pedalcyclist. (JAG) |
| Recommendation | None. |



Master Record Number: 904432302

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| Date | January 15, 2024 |
| Time | 1:14 AM |
| Location/Nearest Intersection | EXPLORATION DRIVE & AMERIPLEX PARKWAY |
| Vulnerable Road User? | No |
| Hit & Run? | No |
| SUV/Truck? | Yes – SUV |
| High Rate of Speed? | Yes |
| Does motorist have prior serious driving offenses? | Yes D1 = 1 Felony (charged in this crash); 1 Infraction |
| Circumstances | At the time of the crash, the weather was cloudy, and the road surface was dry. D1 said he was going straight through the light at Exploration Drive and Ameriplex Parkway when the light turned yellow. D1 said he tried to stop but he believed he was on black ice and his brakes "locked up" and he couldn't stop. V2 was southbound on Ameriplex Parkway passing through the intersection. V1 struck V2 on the passenger side causing V2 to change direction and crash into a traffic signal control box and traffic light pole on the southeast corner of the intersection. D1 said he was driving between 60 and 65mph. D2 was transported to Eskenazi Hospital by Decatur Medic# 1391 but was pronounced deceased at 2:02 AM. The passenger in V1 complained of pain from the seat belt in his lower right torso and pain in his left knee but refused further treatment. D1 was transported to Eskenazi Hospital for a blood draw performed by Officer Craig Wildauer W0157. Both vehicles were towed to Zores towing by Zore's towing. Supplement done 4/4/2024 to add Toxicology for D1 and Coroner Tox for Fatal driver. (JAG) |
| Recommendation | None. |

Master Record Number: 904442513

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| Date | January 27, 2024 |
| Time | 6:40 AM |
| Location/Nearest Intersection | WEST SOUTHPORT ROAD & BLUFF ROAD |
| 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 | Unit 1 was westbound on W Southport Rd. Pedestrian 1 was crossing W Southport Rd northbound on the west side of the intersection. Witnesses 1 and 2 stated Toyota Highlander (V1) had the green light. Pedestrian 1 had |



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| | a reflector vest on. D1 stated she tried to swerve to left when she saw Ped 1. V1 struck Ped 1 with the front passenger corner. Ped 1 was thrown in a west direction and came to rest in the outside lane of W Southport Rd. V1 stopped just west of Ped 1 in the outside lane of W Southport Rd facing west. Ped 1 was pronounced deceased at the scene. IMPD case number IP240008183 was assigned to this crash. Supplement done 4/4/2024 to add Toxicology for Driver 1 and Coroner Tox for Fatal Pedestrian. (JAG) |
| Recommendation | None. |

Master Record Number: 904444081

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| Date | January 31, 2024 |
| Time | 11:50 AM |
| Location/Nearest Intersection | NORTH SHADELAND AVENUE & 30 th STREET |
| Vulnerable Road User? | No |
| Hit & Run? | No |
| SUV/Truck? | Yes – Pickup |
| High Rate of Speed? | No |
| Does motorist have prior serious driving offenses? | Yes D1 = 1 Felony (charged in this crash); 6 Infractions; 1 Ordinance Violation |
| Circumstances | At the time of the crash, the weather was clear, and the road surface was dry. V1 was southbound on N Shadeland Ave. V2 was northbound on N Shadeland Av. In the 3000 block of N Shadeland Ave. V1 suddenly made a left in front of V2 not at a road or entrance to a parking lot. V1 struck V2 on the front driver side with its front passenger. V2 rear end went up in the air and rotated to the left. V2 rolled on to the driver side and came to rest facing east. V1 continued east and ran off the road on the east side of N Shadeland Ave. V1 came to rest facing northeast. D1 was transported to Methodist Hospital in critical condition and went into cardiac arrest. He was rushed to surgery. However, despite medical intervention, D1's injuries were determined to be grave, and he was pronounced deceased February 5, 2024. D2 was transported to Eskenazi Hospital for treatment. The supplement was done to update the crash report to a Fatal. ERS Supplement done 4/4/2024 to add Toxicology for Driver 2 (JAG). Supplement 4/25/2024 to state that Alonzo Wright was not taken to the Coroner (JAG) |
| Recommendation | None. |

Master Record Number: 904445206

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| Date | February 1, 2024 |
| Time | 4:32 PM |
| Location/Nearest Intersection | 7700 NORTH MERIDIAN STREET |
| Vulnerable Road User? | No |



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| Hit & Run? | No |
| SUV/Truck? | No |
| High Rate of Speed? | No |
| Does motorist have prior serious driving offenses? | Yes D1 = 2 Infractions; 2 Ordinance Violations. |
| Circumstances | At the time of the crash, the weather was clear, and the road surface was dry. V1 was traveling north on Meridian Street and went off the road in a northwest direction. V1 ran over the curb at the entrance to 7700 N Meridian Street and continued northwest. It ran through the grass, over an access road, through more grass, over a flower bed and a walkway before striking the church itself. After striking the church V1 caught fire. D1 was removed and transported to St. Vincent in serious condition with internal injuries. Detective Thalheimer responded to the scene. Photographs and measurements were taken. V1 was towed to Auto Return by Affordable towing. D1 passed away from her injuries on 2-3-2024. Supplement to state that due to Ms. Mitchell dying 2 days later she was not taken to the Coroner. |
| Recommendation | None. |

Master Record Number: 904444537

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| Date | February 3, 2024 |
| Time | 3:23 AM |
| Location/Nearest Intersection | NORTH KEYSTONE AVENUE |
| Vulnerable Road User? | No |
| Hit & Run? | No |
| SUV/Truck? | No |
| High Rate of Speed? | Unknown |
| Does motorist have prior serious driving offenses? | Yes D1 = 1 Misdemeanor; 1 Infraction. |
| Circumstances | V1 was southbound on Keystone Avenue when it crossed the center line and struck V2 head on. V2 was in the left travel lane of northbound Keystone Avenue. D2 said he was northbound on Keystone Avenue when V1 came into his lane. A passenger in V2 said he was looking down at his phone when his airbag went off. A witness, who was northbound on Keystone in the lane next to V2, said "the car came out of nowhere". D1 was pronounced deceased at the scene. D2 was transported to Eskenazi Hospital with a possible broken right foot. Officer Joseph Hockstra 43537 performed a blood draw on D2. Passenger 1 complained of pain in his left hand and both knees but refused medical attention. Both vehicles were towed to Zores towing by Zore's towing. Coroner 18 took possession of D1's body. Supplement done 4/4/2024 to add Toxicology for D2 and Coroner Tox for Fatal Driver (JAG) |



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| Recommendation | None. |
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Master Record Number: 904446328

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| Date | February 6, 2024 |
| Time | 8:55 PM |
| Location/Nearest Intersection | US 31 SOUTH & NORHPORT ROAD |
| 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 1 Felony (October 1998); 6 Infractions, 3 Ordinance Violations. |
| Circumstances | V1 was northbound on US 31 S in the inside lane (next to the median). Pedestrian 1 was walking westbound across US 31 S not at a crosswalk. V1 struck Pedestrian 1 with its front driver side bumper. Pedestrian 1 was thrown in north direction and came to rest in the inside lane of US 31 S. V1 came to rest north of Pedestrian 1 in the same lane facing north. D1 stated she had just left work, IU Urgent Care Med Check. She took 135 north to County Line Road, went east on County line, then turned north onto US 31 S and went north in the inside lane. Jonelle Barlow had located the Chase Bank where she was going to deposit her mortgage payment. D1 maintained the inside lane and then Pedestrian 1 appeared, and she struck him. D1 stated she did not know what happened and where he came from, until she hit him and felt the hit. Pedestrian 1 was pronounced deceased by IEMS Medic 23 at the scene. IMPD Case Number IP24 0011753 was assigned to this crash. Supplement done 4/4/2024 to add Toxicology for Driver 1 and Coroner results for Fatal Pedestrian. (JAG) |
| Recommendation | None. |

Master Record Number: 904452446

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| Date | February 9, 2024 |
| Time | 7:13 PM |
| Location/Nearest Intersection | 2500 EAST STOP 11 ROAD |
| 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 |



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| Circumstances | V1 was traveling east on Stop 11 Road in the 2500 block when it struck Pedestrian 1. Pedestrian 1 was lying in the west travel lanes at arrival of medics and was pronounced deceased shortly after their arrival. D1 stated that he was traveling east on Stop 11 and that and was having problems with the vehicle. He stated that he looked up and Pedestrian 1 was in front of his truck . He tried to avoid Pedestrian 1 but could not. Witness 1 stated that she was in the lane south of V1 and was a little behind it. She did not see Pedestrian 1 get hit but she saw him going through the air. Photographs and measurements were taken. V1 was towed to 1300 Mickley by Zore's. Supplement done on 4/25/2024 to add Toxicology results for Both Driver and Fatal Pedestrian. (JAG) |
| Recommendation | None. |

Master Record Number: 904458531

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| Date | February 20, 2024 |
| Time | 12:11 AM |
| Location/Nearest Intersection | 9400 FALL CREEK ROAD |
| Vulnerable Road User? | No |
| Hit & Run? | No |
| SUV/Truck? | Yes – SUV |
| High Rate of Speed? | Yes |
| Does motorist have prior serious driving offenses? | Yes D1 = 1 Infraction. |
| Circumstances | V1 was driving southwest on Fall Creek Road when the passenger side tires left the roadway . D1 steered back onto the roadway and appeared to overcorrect. V1 left the roadway a second time on the opposite side of the roadway and crashed into two trees on the east side of the roadway. V1 was resting on its passenger side against the trees. D1 was pronounced deceased at the scene. The Marion County Coroner's office took possession of D1's remains. The vehicle was towed by/to Zore's Towing. Supplement done to add Coroner Tox for Fatal Driver. (JAG) |
| Recommendation | Upon the next resurfacing contract for this segment of Fall Creek Road add safety edge to the shoulder to assist run off road vehicles with safely correcting back onto the roadway. |

Master Record Number: 904462886

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| Date | February 23, 2024 |
| Time | 8:28 AM |
| Location/Nearest Intersection | NORTH IRWIN STREET & EAST 21 st STREET |
| Vulnerable Road User? | No |





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| Hit & Run? | No |
| SUV/Truck? | No |
| High Rate of Speed? | Yes |
| Does motorist have prior serious driving offenses? | Yes. D1 = 1 Felony (February 2016); 2 Criminal Misdemeanors; 13 Infractions; 1 Ordinance Violation. |
| Circumstances | V1 was traveling south on Irwin at a high rate of speed. V1 ran the stop sign at 21st Street and struck V2 in the driver's side as it traveled east on 21st Street. V1 then flipped on to its top and came to a stop in the ditch at 6701 E. 21st Street. D1 was taken to Methodist Hospital with a compound fracture to the right femur. V2 was traveling east on 21st Street when V1 ran the stop sign and struck it in the driver's side. V2 then went it to the ditch in front of 6701 E. 21st Street. It flipped and came to rest partially in the parking lot and the grass. D1 was declared deceased on scene. Passenger in V2 was taken to Riley hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. IMPD Accident Investigators took photographs and measurements of the scene. Both vehicles were towed to 1300 Mickley by Zore's. A blood draw was performed, and report was completed under IMPD Case number IP240017014. Supplement done on 4/25/2024 to add Toxicology for Both Drivers. (JAG) |
| Recommendation | None. |

Master Record Number: 904461759

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| Date | February 24, 2024 |
| Time | 2:36 AM |
| Location/Nearest Intersection | EAST 64 th STREET & ALLISONVILLE ROAD |
| Vulnerable Road User? | No |
| Hit & Run? | No |
| SUV/Truck? | No |
| High Rate of Speed? | No |
| Does motorist have prior serious driving offenses? | Yes D1 = 4 Infractions; 3 Ordinance Violations. |
| Circumstances | V1 was northbound on Allisonville Road when it crossed the double yellow center line and crash head on into V2 which was southbound on Allisonville Road. A witness, who was following V2, said he saw V2 try to avoid the collision. D1 was pronounced deceased at the scene. D2 was transported to Eskenazi Hospital with a possible broken left leg. The Marion County Coroner's office took possession of D1. Both vehicles were towed to/by Zore's Towing. Supplement done 4/4/2024 to add Toxicology for D2 and Coroner results for Fatal D1. (JAG) |
| Recommendation | None. |



SUMMARY

Total Number of Crashes Reviewed: 13

Total Cases with Recommendations or Follow-Up Action: 0 (0%)

Proportion of Crashes Involving Vulnerable Road User: 4 (31%)

Proportion of Crashes Identified as Hit & Run: 0 (0%)

Proportion of Crashes Involving SUV or Truck: 9 (82%)

Proportion of Crashes Involving Prior Serious Traffic Offender: 4 (31%)

Bicyclist Fatalities: 1 (8%)

Pedestrian Fatalities: 3 (23%)

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