

Indiana Traffic Records Coordinating Committee

February 19, 2026

MINUTES

The Indiana Traffic Records Coordinating Committee met on February 19, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. EST in Indiana Government Center South, Conference Room 29.

Present: Douglas Huntsinger (Executive Director of the Indiana Criminal Justice Administration); Christina Beymer (Director of the Indiana State Department of Toxicology); Chris Daniels (Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor at the Indiana Prosecuting Attorney's Council); Christyna Eaton (Program Specialist at the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles); Ramzi Nimry (Trauma and Injury Prevention Program Director at the Indiana Department of Health); Taylor Ruble (Manager of the Office of Traffic Safety at the Indiana Department of Transportation); Mike Wilson (eCWS Deputy Director at the Indiana Office of Judicial Administration)

Memorandum of Understanding

Douglas Huntsinger

- Introduced draft of an updated Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to comply with current federal and state law
- New MOU to be signed by nine voting member agencies: Indiana Criminal Justice Institute, Indiana Department of Transportation, Indiana State Police, Indiana State Department of Toxicology, Indiana Prosecuting Attorneys Council, Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Indiana Office of Judicial Administration, Indiana Department of Homeland Security, Indiana Department of Health
- All partner agencies and organizations are invited to join discussions at TRCC meetings.
- Members should send feedback on the MOU to Sydney Godwin (ICJI) by February 27, 2026.

“An Overview of HSIP Funding in Indiana”

Taylor Ruble

Indiana Criminal Justice Institute Updates

Douglas Huntsinger

- ICJI is searching for a new Traffic Safety Division Director.
- ICJI introduced four priorities for the agency in 2026:
 - Increase the Institute's engagement and leadership in the coordination of Indiana's criminal justice system
 - Reduce administrative burden on grantees and stakeholders
 - Improve internal operational efficiency
 - Maximize use of federal funds

FARS Report

Michelle Dunn

- The number of traffic fatalities to date has increased by 5% compared to last year, totaling 91 fatalities.

- Fatality statistic report distributed weekly via email.
 - Data reflects a point in time.

Traffic Records Data Updates

Taylor Ruble

- Traffic Data Discussion Group meeting scheduled for March 19, 2026
 - Email Molly Sipes (BMV) for Teams meeting link

ICJI Traffic Safety Assistant Director Updates

Karrie Cashdollar

- ICJI has hired Erin Henderson to serve as a FARS analyst.
- Comprehensive Highway Injury Reduction Program (CHIRP) and Traffic Safety Improvement Program (TSIP) 2027 Requests for Funding projected to be available in March/April 2026.
- Triennial Highway Safety Plan (3HSP) due to National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in July 2026
- ICJI to distribute survey for feedback for Public Participation and Engagement

2026 Traffic Records Strategic Plan

Douglas Huntsinger

- Annual Traffic Records Strategic Plan is required as part of Indiana's application to receive 405C funds. The plan must be approved by the TRCC.
- April 30 TRCC meeting: Draft of State Traffic Records Strategic Plan to be presented for feedback
 - Vote to approve plan at June TRCC meeting

Stakeholder Reports

- Taylor Ruble – Indiana Department of Transportation
 - Initiated safety analysis for 2032 and completing analysis for 2031.
 - Conducted meetings with four out of six districts to review the most hazardous 100 locations.
 - AASHTOWare implementation scheduled for October.
 - Safety summits planned for June, with a focus on local government initiatives.
- Ramzi Nimry – Indiana Department of Health
 - Current efforts are directed toward fall prevention for older adults and child passenger safety.
- Jamie Palmer – Indiana University Public Policy Institute
 - Institute is currently in the off-season.
 - Providing graphic design support for prior reports.
- Greg Dunn – Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles
 - Exploring strategies to reinforce traffic safety laws among drivers.
- Karen Stippich – Federal Highway Administration
 - Monitoring funding and project progress for INDOT.

- State of Indiana has adopted a new manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.
- Chris Daniels – Indiana Prosecuting Attorneys Council
 - Ongoing training for law enforcement officers and prosecutors.
 - Preparing for an increase in new prosecutors.
 - Hospitals are increasingly reluctant to assist law enforcement with blood draws, posing challenges for investigations.
 - Reviewing potential modifications to Bureau of Motor Vehicles license suspension procedures.
 - Boating while intoxicated is no longer classified as a separate offense.
 - Legislation regarding hemp may impact operating while intoxicated (OWI) cases.
 - Emphasis placed on addressing commercial driver's license (CDL) related crashes.

Adjournment

The Indiana Traffic Records Coordinating Committee will meet Thursday, June 4, 2026, at 1 p.m. EDT at Indiana Government Center South, Harrison Hall, Conference Room 30.

The meeting adjourns at 1:50 p.m. EDT.