



New Lenox Safe Community Coalition

Motor Vehicle / Traffic Safety Task Group Meeting

March 11, 2025 / 10:30am
Via Zoom Videoconference

Agenda

1. Call to Order / Attendance
2. Approval of Minutes from the November 12, 2024 Task Group Meeting (**there was no meeting on January 14, 2025*)
3. Old Business
 - a. *“Teen Driver? What Every Parent Should Know”*
 - i. This presentation was held via Zoom on Wednesday, November 20, 2024 from 7:00pm to 8:00pm. The presenters were John Karales / Lincoln-Way Community High School District 210, Jason Helbling / Lincoln-Way Community High School District 210, Jim Mihalovich / Top Driver, Margaret Pearson / Illinois Secretary of State’s Office, and Rocky Dellamano / Rocky Dellamano COUNTRY Financial. Brian Tamblin from the Illinois Secretary of State’s Office was not present. 234 citizens registered for this presentation via Eventbrite and approximately 50% attended.
 - b. Rules of the Road Review Course – Offered by the Illinois Secretary of State’s Office
 - i. This course was held from 10:00am to 12:00pm on Thursday, November 21, 2024 in the Community Room at the New Lenox Village Hall. This was the LAST TIME this course is being offered by the Illinois Secretary of State’s Office. Approximately 25 citizens, mostly older adults, attended the presentation.
4. New Business
 - a. *“ThinkFirst For Parents of Teen Drivers”*
 - i. This presentation will be from 7:00pm to 8:00pm on Thursday, April 17, 2025, via Zoom Videoconference. This is a 60-minute evidence-based traffic safety program designed to educate parents on the GDL law. The goal of the program is to reduce new driver crashes and the resulting injuries and fatalities by increasing parents’ awareness and enforcement of the GDL law. Michelle Larsen, Project Manager, ThinkFirst, will be the presenter.

b. **“Operation Lifesaver” (Rail Safety) Presentation**

- i. Carl Cicero from Metra will deliver an **“Operation Lifesaver”** presentation, via Zoom, and a date and time TBD.

5. **Good of the Order**

a. **Programs and Events for Future Consideration**

- i. Illinois Secretary of State’s Office Mobile DMV
ii. Rules of the Road Refresher (Jim Mihalovich has offered to present)
iii. **“Teen Driver? What Every Parent Should Know”** (Fall, 2025)
iv. Senior Vehicle Inspections (Fall, 2025 at LWCHS)
v. Bicycle Safety
vi. Motorcycle Safety
vii. Child Car Seat / Booster Seat Event

6. The next New Lenox Safe Community Coalition meeting will take place on Wednesday, March 26, 2025 / 10:30am, at Gatto’s Italian Restaurant in New Lenox. A FREE luncheon will immediately follow the meeting. THIS WILL BE DAN MARTIN’S LAST MEETING AND HE WOULD VERY MUCH APPRECIATE IF EVERYONE WOULD ATTEND.

7. Next Task Group Meeting will take place on Tuesday, May 13, 2025 / 10:30am, via Zoom videoconference.

8. **Adjournment**

Motor Vehicle and Traffic Safety Task Group

“To establish collaborative partnerships with organizations that utilize education, engineering and enforcement efforts to reduce deaths and injuries related to motor vehicle crashes.”