

# Renville County Safety Committee Meeting

## Monday, February 10, 2025 9:00am

*Location: GSC Room 117 or Remote*

Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.

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Committee Member	Present	Absent		Committee Member	Present	Absent
*Jeff Marlowe	X			Andee Unruh	X	
Chad Peterson, Safe Assure	X			*Sara Benson, Chair	X	
Theresa Maher-Bock		X		Erik Flaot	X	
*Jason Mathwig		X		*Mike Hennen	X	
Luke Jacques		X		*Lisa Herges	X	
*Lisa Neutgens	X			*Dave Altmann	X	
Kjersti Bastian	x			*Greg Mertens, Cmsr.	X	
Holly Hatlewick, SWCD		X		Sara Anderson	x	
Matt Hardin		X		Larry Rock		X
*Jon Mitchell		X		Penny Kandt		x
Alethea Sheridan, MCIT		X		<i>*Management (9 members incl. Cmsr. Mertens) / Non-mgmt (10 incl. Chad, Holly, and MaryJo)</i>		

- Welcome and attendance
- Review November 18, 2024 meeting minutes
  - No Changes
- Old Business
  - Elect Co-Chairs
    - Sara Benson will chair. Per policy, we do need a co-chair from Labor. Policy language: Co-chairpersons: one representative of Management and one from Labor
  - Annual and Defensive Driving Training Status
    - Reminder has been sent to all necessary staff. Sheriff's Office has 8; Assessor 1; Attorney 1; Public Works 1
  - Safety System Upgrade
    - New panic buttons installed, throw away old ones.
    - Some EEs had buttons but do not now, some didn't but do now, it was up to the Supervisor (not IT) on who has a panic button.
- New Business
  - Replacement for Samantha Best
    - Will replace when new Public Health EE is hired
  - First Reports of Injury (since November 18, 2024)
    - Public Works: cut on shin while walking in road right of way. No medical needed.

- Public Works: employee hit in leg & knee by tree while it was being lifted by grapple. Employee had ER visit, follow up dr appts and restrictions.
  - “Near Miss” Reports (since November 18, 2024)
    - None
  - Property Damage Reports (since November 18, 2024)
    - Sheriff’s vehicle hit a deer. Best practice is to hit deer rather than try and swerve to avoid.
- Discussion items
  - Child Protection – is it possible to get a criminal history of those in the home before doing a visit?
  - Discussed home visiting safety document (Chad will send out to all).
- 2025 Safety Committee meeting dates (9:00am start time for all)
  - May 12, 2025
    - Agenda items: Situation Awareness handout/Follow-up on Child Protection discussion.
  - August 11, 2025
  - November 10, 2025