

This is the follow-up from Sheriff Joski on Wednesday, June 26, 2024.

These are his comments following the two-vehicle accident on the corner of Heritage and Valley Roads on the morning of June 25. A town resident posted a picture of the accident complaining about the need for a four-way stop and reduced speed.

“For those that are interested, here is some data and background. I ran the history of all PI (personal injury) and PD (property damage) accidents in the Town of Luxemburg for the past 22 years. There has been a total of 718 accidents in the Town of Luxemburg during that time frame, with this accident being the only one at this intersection. The contributing factors to these accidents vary greatly from Car-Deer to Road Condition, speed, inattentive driving, and yes, failure to stop/yield at a controlled intersection. This particular intersection does not account for any extraordinary incidents beyond any other, in fact, there are many other intersections throughout our county that account for many more accidents. While one accident is one too many, we must also recognize the factor of human behavior. We could go through and make every intersection a four-way stop. We could reduce the posted speed throughout the county to 45 mph. These changes would in fact make us safer, but this approach is both unrealistic and unenforceable. For those that have mentioned the value of defensive driving, I applaud you, for in the end our ability to reduce or even eliminate motor vehicle accidents rests with our abilities as defensive drivers. As I looked at the vehicles involved in the post on facebook, we cannot ascertain which of these two vehicles had the right of way. The point is every accident is avoidable, and whether you had the right of ways means little to the law if physics. Don't assume that vehicle will stop or remain stopped at that intersection. Don't assume that the vehicle approaching you in the opposite lane is going to stay in that lane. Don't assume that the vehicle directly in front of you is going to continue at the same rate of speed. For those that would like to discuss traffic safety further, please feel free to call me (920)255-1100. For those concerned about matters in the Town of Luxemburg, they are publicly posted. And for those who are asking who the heck is this guy and what does he know, I am the Sheriff. Take Care and Stay Safe!”