

September 18, 2012

**Bedford Township Board Members**

Supervisor - Walt Wilburn

Treasurer - Sherry Meyer

Clerk - Trudy Hershberger

**Bedford Township Trustees**

Paul Francis

Larry O' dell

Gail Hauser-Hurly

Jim Goebel

**Cc: Monroe County Commissioners**

LaMar Frederick

Jason Sheppard

**Cc: Monroe County Road Commissioner**

Bob Stammer

Attached you will find a letter that I am sending to the Monroe County Road Commission requesting the installation of a traffic light at the intersection of Lewis Avenue, Hickory Creek Blvd. and Bedford Drive.

I previously attempted to secure a light at the intersection and the MCRC declined based on the specified criteria.

At this time, we would like the full support of the Bedford Township Board to work with MCRC and the various County Commissioners to help secure a traffic light at this intersection.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 419-356-3244.

Sincerely,

Rick Steiner  
6963 Pheasant View Dr.  
Temperance, MI 48182

September 17, 2012

Monroe County Road Commission  
Janeen Abar  
840 South Telegraph Rd  
Monroe, MI 48161

Subject: Request for Traffic Light Installation

Dear Ms. Abar,

This letter is in reference to a recent fatal accident that took place on Wednesday, August 1, 2012 in Temperance, MI (Bedford Township). The accident involved a passenger car and a Bedford Township Fire Department vehicle at the intersection of Lewis Ave, Hickory Creek Blvd, and Bedford Drive.

The car was westbound from Hickory Creek Subdivision (Hickory Creek Blvd), trying to cross Lewis Avenue and continuing westbound on Bedford Dr. When the car pulled out to cross Lewis Avenue, unfortunately, there was a Bedford Volunteer Fire Department vehicle travelling southbound and the car was struck broadside on the passenger side of the car.

The driver of the car was taken to the hospital where he died a few days later. There were also a few injuries incurred by passengers traveling in the Fire Department vehicle.

One day after on August 2, 2012, there was another accident at the same intersection but not as serious occurrence as the previous day. I cannot say if there were injuries in this particular incident.

I am writing this letter to you as follow up to a letter I that filed approximately 8-10 years ago requesting a traffic light be positioned at the intersection of the three roads referenced above. The reason of my original letter was due to a major accident in the same general vicinity at that time. The accident took place when a vehicle exited Zeiler's Farm Market turning northbound, when a southbound vehicle travelling at excessive speed T-boned the driver's side of the vehicle. Due to the severity of the accident and serious injuries incurred, two life flight helicopters were summoned to remove injury victims from the scene.

The letter I wrote to MCRC referenced the general area congestion, with intersecting streets, and various business entrances, which would one day lead a major accident that would involve a fatality. Whether that was one day ago or ten years ago, it is imperative that do whatever we can do to prevent any loss of life. The congestion area is shown in Diagram A (Attached)

After my initial communication with MCRC 8-10 years ago, a traffic analysis was completed using crash data and trip lines to measure traffic volumes and flows. After all of the studies were complete, I was notified by your office that the intersection area did not warrant a traffic light as the majority of the accidents must fall within a 100' zone. The accident in front of Zeiler's fell just outside the 100' zone of the major intersection, therefore no traffic light was warranted at where the three roads intersect.

At this time, my fellow citizens and I are urging the MCRC to re-examine the area and reconsider the possible installation of a new traffic light before we lose another precious life.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 419-356-3244.

Sincerely,

Richard Steiner  
Hickory Creek Subdivision  
6963 Pheasant View Dr.  
Temperance, MI 48182

DIAGRAM A

NORTH



SOUTH

To Addition  
Subdivision H



## Traffic Crash Reporting System - Crash Detail Report

You searched for County = Monroe City/Township = Bedford Twp Street = Bedford Dr @ Lewis Ave Date Range = 01/01/2008 To 12/31/2008 Time Range = 00:00 To 23:59 Distance = 200

Time	Date	Type	Area	Alcohol Related	Commercial Vehicles	Pedestrian	Bicycle			
01:05	10/11/2008	Rear End	Intersection	No	No	No	No	<a href="#">More</a>	<a href="#">History</a>	<a href="#">UD-10</a>
LEWIS AVE @ BEDFORD DR			Distance = 150 feet	Direction = North						
04:30	11/12/2008	Single Motor Vehicle	Other	No	No	No	No	<a href="#">More</a>	<a href="#">History</a>	<a href="#">UD-10</a>
LEWIS AVE @ BEDFORD DR			Distance = 200 feet	Direction = South						
15:30	01/23/2008	Single Motor Vehicle	Other	No	No	No	No	<a href="#">More</a>	<a href="#">History</a>	<a href="#">UD-10</a>
LEWIS AVE @ BEDFORD DR			Distance = 100 feet	Direction = South						
18:15	12/15/2008	Single Motor Vehicle	Other	No	No	No	No	<a href="#">More</a>	<a href="#">History</a>	<a href="#">UD-10</a>
LEWIS AVE @ BEDFORD DR			Distance = 153 feet	Direction = South						



## Traffic Crash Reporting System - Crash Detail Report

You searched for County = Monroe City/Township = Bedford Twp Street = Bedford Dr @ Lewis Ave Date Range = 01/01/2009 To 12/31/2009 Time Range = 00:00 To 23:59 Distance = 200

Time	Date	Type	Area	Alcohol Related	Commercial Vehicles	Pedestrian	Bicycle			
07:01	01/16/2009	Rear End	Intersection	No	No	No	No	<a href="#">More</a>	<a href="#">History</a>	<a href="#">UD-10</a>
LEWIS AVE @ BEDFORD DR Distance = 10 feet Direction = South										
11:40	06/12/2009	Angle	Other	No	No	No	No	<a href="#">More</a>	<a href="#">History</a>	<a href="#">UD-10</a>
LEWIS AVE @ BEDFORD DR Distance = 153 feet Direction = South										
15:30	10/23/2009	Head On-Left Turn	No Value	No	No	No	No	<a href="#">More</a>	<a href="#">History</a>	<a href="#">UD-10</a>
LEWIS AVE @ BEDFORD DR Distance = 2 feet Direction = South										



## Traffic Crash Reporting System - Crash Detail Report

You searched for County = Monroe City/Township = Bedford Twp Street = Bedford Dr @ Lewis Ave Date Range = 01/01/2010 To 12/31/2010 Time Range = 00:00 To 23:59 Distance = 200

Time	Date	Type	Area	Alcohol Related	Commercial Vehicles	Pedestrian	Bicycle		
11:15	03/25/2010	Angle	Other	No	No	No	No	<a href="#">More</a>	<a href="#">History</a>
LEWIS AVE @ BEDFORD DR			Distance = 100 feet	Direction = South					

[UD-10](#)