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WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE ... PUBLIC HEARING - COMMITTEE RECORDS

2011-12

(session year)

Assembly

(Assembly, Senate or Joint)

Committee on Natural Resources...

COMMITTEE NOTICES ...

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INFORMATION COLLECTED BY COMMITTEE FOR AND AGAINST PROPOSAL

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(**ab** = Assembly Bill) (**ar** = Assembly Resolution) (**ajr** = Assembly Joint Resolution)
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- Miscellaneous ... **Misc**

* Contents organized for archiving by: Stefanie Rose (LRB) (August 2013)

Tiffany, Stroebel, Litjens, Mason, Molepske Jr,
Danou, Clark, Milroy and Hulsey.

Absent: (0) None.

Excused: (0) None.

Moved by Representative Kleefisch, seconded by Representative Nerison that **Assembly Amendment 1 to Assembly Substitute Amendment 1** be recommended for adoption.

Ayes: (16) Representatives Mursau, Rivard, Williams,
Kleefisch, Nerison, Severson, Steineke,
Tiffany, Stroebel, Litjens, Mason, Molepske
Jr, Danou, Clark, Milroy and Hulsey.

Noes: (0) None.

ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 1 TO ASSEMBLY SUBSTITUTE
AMENDMENT 1 ADOPTION RECOMMENDED, Ayes 16,
Noes 0

Moved by Representative Kleefisch, seconded by Representative Rivard that **Assembly Substitute Amendment 1** be recommended for adoption.

Ayes: (10) Representatives Mursau, Rivard, Williams,
Kleefisch, Nerison, Severson, Steineke,
Tiffany, Stroebel, Litjens.

Noes: (6) Representatives Mason, Molepske Jr, Danou,
Clark, Milroy and Hulsey.

ASSEMBLY SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1 ADOPTION
RECOMMENDED, Ayes 10, Noes 6

Moved by Representative Danou, seconded by Representative Mason that **Assembly Bill 234** be recommended for indefinite postponement.

Ayes: (6) Representatives Mason, Molepske Jr, Danou,
Clark, Milroy and Hulsey.

Noes: (10) Representatives Mursau, Rivard, Williams,
Kleefisch, Nerison, Severson, Steineke,
Tiffany, Stroebel, Litjens.


INDEFINITE POSTPONEMENT NOT RECOMMENDED, Ayes
6, Noes 10

Moved by Representative Kleefisch, seconded by Representative Severson that **Assembly Bill 234** be recommended for passage as amended.

Ayes: (10) Representatives Mursau, Rivard, Williams, Kleefisch, Nerison, Severson, Steineke, Tiffany, Stroebel, Litjens.

Noes: (6) Representatives Mason, Molepske Jr, Danou, Clark, Milroy and Hulsey.

PASSAGE AS AMENDED RECOMMENDED, Ayes 10, Noes 6



Tim Gary
Committee Clerk

Vote Record Committee on Natural Resources

Date: October 13, 2011

Moved by: Kleefisch Seconded by: Nerison

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Date: October 13, 2011

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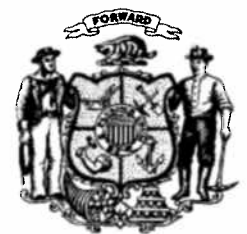
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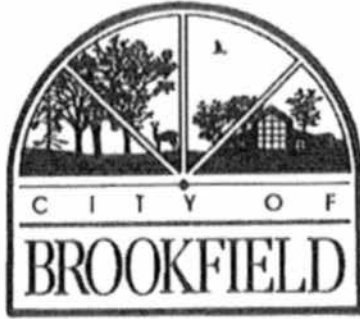
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MAYOR

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September 27, 2011

Assembly Committee on Natural Resources

Representative Jeffrey Mursau (Chair)	Representative Lee Nerison	Representative Duey Stroebel
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RE: Assembly Bill 234

Dear Representatives:

The key provision of the referenced bill is:

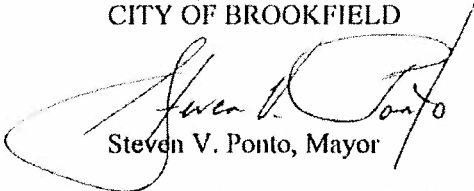
No local governmental unit may enact or enforce an ordinance or adopt or enforce a regulation, resolution, or other restriction that prohibits hunting with a bow and arrow within the jurisdiction of that local governmental unit except that a local governmental unit may prohibit hunting with a bow and arrow within 150 yards of an occupied building.

As a conservative, I favor local control and less centralized decision making. As a general proposition, I believe that the most effective government is the government closest to the people and, wherever practical, decisions affecting a municipality should be made by the elected leaders of that municipality.

I have reviewed this proposed legislation and discussed it with our Police Chief. I believe it is an unwarranted interference with local decision making. The constraints placed on municipal action are unnecessary, and any municipal action as restricted by the legislation would be complicated and difficult to enforce. Decisions of this nature are best left to local government and I urge you not to support this proposed legislation.

Very truly yours,

CITY OF BROOKFIELD


Steven V. Ponto, Mayor

cc: Senator Leah Vukmir; Senator Rich Zipperer; Representative Paul Farrow; Representative Dale Kooyenga; Brookfield Common Council; League of Wisconsin Municipalities







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DANIEL J. TRAWICKI, *Sheriff*

September 27, 2011

Wisconsin State Capitol
State Representative Joel Kleefisch

Dear Representative Kleefisch:

Please accept this letter as complete and total support for Assembly Bill 234 regarding urban bow hunting. Here in Waukesha County, this is a particular problem as we have a fairly substantial deer population, not only in our rural areas, but in particular, our urban areas where they are typically not hunted. We have a very high incident of car/deer accidents, many of them involving injuries and certainly the possibility of a fatality. Car/deer accidents are a problem throughout not only Waukesha County, but also the State of Wisconsin and bow hunting as a management tool, is a very effective and safe way of helping to manage this resource.

My personal experience not only with bow hunting, but with car/deer accidents here in Waukesha County, compels me to come forward in support of Assembly Bill 234 and I am available to speak to you further on this matter, should it be requested. Unfortunately, I am unable to be in Madison due to prior commitments for the introduction of this Bill. Should you have any further questions, please contact me at 262-548-7126.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Daniel J. Trawicki'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Daniel J. Trawicki
Waukesha County Sheriff

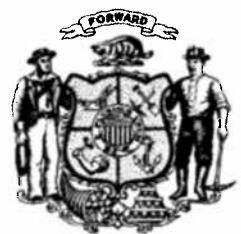
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An Accredited Law Enforcement Agency

Administration: 262-548-7126 Records: 262-548-7156 Process: 262-548-7151 Jail: 262-548-7170 Huber: 262-548-7181 Fax: 262-548-7887



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To: Assembly Committee on Natural Resources
From: Curt Witynski, Assistant Director, League of Wisconsin Municipalities
Date: September 28, 2011
Re: AB 234, Prohibiting Municipalities from Banning Bow Hunting for Health and Safety Purposes

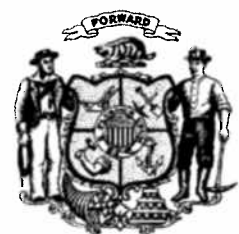
The League of Wisconsin Municipalities opposes AB 234, prohibiting a local government from banning bow hunting within the community. This preemption of local authority applies even if the community has determined that banning bow hunting within a densely populated neighborhood or district is necessary to protect human health and safety. This bill is inconsistent with Wisconsin's long held tradition of granting municipalities control over matters that are primarily local in nature. City and village elected officials are in the best position to determine whether bow hunting can be safely conducted within the community.

We strongly oppose this unnecessary interference with local control.

We urge you to vote against recommending passage of AB 234. Thanks for considering our concerns.



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News

Bowhunts Gaining Traction as Deer Control

Urban deer control includes bowhunters

October 29, 2007 (National)

* Several Midwestern towns are implementing bowhunting as a safe and effective way to control skyrocketing deer herds.

On Oct. 3, the Granville, Ohio Village Council unanimously approved an ordinance to allow bowhunting in the community. As of Nov. 2, hunting will be permitted on private property with written permission. The chief of police, with approval of the village manager and following a review of the village council, will establish rules and regulations for the hunt. Anti's resisted the new ordinance, instead suggesting deer birth control, which has been proven to be ineffective.

In the Des Moines, Iowa suburb of Urbandale, bowhunting will now be permitted in four city parks to safely control deer numbers. The Polk County Deer Task Force recommends there be 30 deer per square mile, and surveys show the new hunting areas have several times that many animals. Private property has also been included in the hunting area this year.

Sportsmen may take antlerless deer from a tree stand. Hunting and is not permitted within 100 feet of a road, trail or right of way, or within 200 feet of a home or building. The bowhunt will run through Jan. 27.

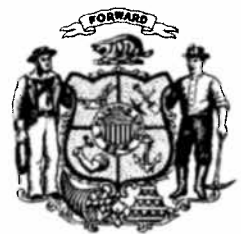
In Portage, Indiana, the John Merle Coulter Nature Preserve has opened its woods to bowhunting. On Oct. 2, the Shirley Heinze Land Trust received Portage City Council permission to allow bowhunting on the property to control a booming deer herd that is causing extensive property damage and threatening endangered plants.

Hunters must have a valid hunting license and are to have completed a hunter education course. The hunt will coincide with the state's bowhunting season, from now until Dec. 2 and from Dec. 8 through Jan. 6.

The Bowhunter Rights Coalition will continue to monitor the progress of these new deer control measures and with the help of sportsmen, will draw attention of their success to other communities that could integrate bowhunting into deer population control.



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Urban deer hunts working so well, hunters want access to public land

by Rick Smith :: UPDATED: 10 September 2010 | 8:28 am :: in Government

The city's sixth annual urban bow hunt of deer starts Saturday, and proponents say the hunts are working so well they should be expanded to city-owned land.

They cite fewer deer inside the city, fewer deer-vehicle crashes and fewer complaints — about too many deer and about the hunt itself.

“There is empirical data that indicates that there is a reduced deer herd within the city limits and there has been a decrease in deer-vehicle collisions,” said Greg Buelow, spokesman for the Cedar Rapids Fire Department, which oversees the hunt. “Any decrease in accidents means that fewer citizens are getting injured.”

Complaint calls have “substantially” decreased since the hunt’s inception, he added.

Tim Thompson and Greg Harris, Iowa Department of Natural Resources biologists, said a statewide effort to reduce the deer population actually has succeeded in bringing deer numbers in northwest Iowa and much of northern Iowa in line with where the state agency believes they need to be.

That is not true everywhere in the state, though, and the biologists said urban hunts continue to be necessary to manage deer populations in places like Cedar Rapids. Cities, they said, become refuges for deer if hunting is not permitted in the city.

The DNR's annual aerial deer count for the city and its border areas put the number after last year's hunt at 1,938, down from a high of 3,098 deer three years earlier.

The number of deer-vehicle crashes — the City Council's central justification for instituting the hunt five years ago — has dropped by 37 percent since 2005, as figured by the number of deer carcasses picked up along highways and streets by city employees.

Within three years, the deer herd numbers in Cedar Rapids would be back to pre-hunt numbers if the bow hunt in the city were abandoned, Harris said. The city, he added, could do an even better job of reducing its deer numbers if it opened certain public spaces to bow hunters, such as the sprawling area around the Mount Trashmore landfill.

Bow hunt enthusiast Bert Carmer has his own numbers. Carmer, 62, has taken about 50 deer himself from privately owned timber in the city's northeast quadrant over the five years of the hunt. He said it's harder now to find deer in that part of Cedar Rapids. He

said he and grandson Tyler Carmer will be lucky to nab five does each by the time the hunt ends Jan. 30.

“We’ve taken quite a few does out of there, and so you’re going to reduce the breeding population — which is what they want us to do,” he said.

The city of Coralville, which has a decade-old urban bow hunt, allows bow hunters on city-owned land in several parts of the city.

Coralville police Lt. Bruce Freeman, who administers the Coralville hunt, said required proficiency testing and a classroom session “where I yell at them for an hour not to mess up” has made for safe hunting in Coralville.

Fifty-six hunters have signed up so far for this year’s bow hunt in Coralville and 77 in Cedar Rapids — though, city officials in Cedar Rapids expect about the same total number of hunters, 128, as last year. Hunters took 312 deer in Cedar Rapids last year and 135 in Coralville.

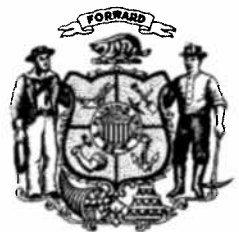
Among other cities conducting urban bow hunts are Dubuque, Waterloo, Cedar Falls, Muscatine and Bettendorf.

Iowa City does not use a bow hunt. In years past, Iowa City has paid sharp shooters to thin the city’s deer herd, but the city has no plans for new deer controls until at least 2011-12. Low deer-harvest numbers and a reduction in deer-vehicle crashes were cited as the reason.

The Gazette ~ Cedar Rapids, IA



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Wausau, WI First Urban Bowhunt a Success

Following its first special urban archery hunt to help manage a problematic deer population inside the city limits, officials in Wausau, Wisconsin say they were extremely pleased with the results and hope to continue the effort with future hunts.

Bowhunters harvested 45 deer during a special hunt held in selected areas of the city from Sept. 13 to Nov. 20 and Dec. 1 to Jan. 4.

Citing the city's growing deer herd and 140 car-deer crashes recorded since 2002, the Wausau City Council approved an ordinance to establish the hunt earlier in 2008.

In mid-October, Wausau Police Lt. Bill Kolb said he hoped to see between 20 and 30 deer harvested during the hunt.

"This exceeded expectations," Kolb told the Wausau Daily Herald. "This is not a one-year effort. It's going to take several years (to thin the herd)."

According to city figures, 69 registered bowhunters participated in the hunt. Of the animals killed, 38 were does and seven were bucks.

When the ordinance was being debated, some city leaders and residents voiced concerns about the safety of permitting bowhunting in residential areas. The hunt did not yield a single trespassing complaint or injury, Kolb said.

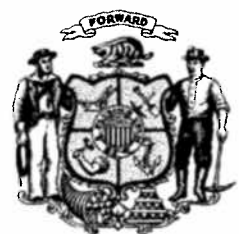
"I think we've made good progress," said Dave Erickson, an environmental engineer for the city. "We didn't have any of the nightmares we were concerned would happen."

More and more cities faced with deer problems are discovering the best way to help manage herds is through enlisting the ranks of local bowhunters, with Wausau becoming the latest municipality to utilize archers successfully.

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Wisconsin Data

Year	Total Crashes ^a	Deer-Vehicle Crashes	Percent Deer Crashes	Fatalities	Injuries	Pre-Hunt Deer Population Estimates ^b	Salvaged & Unsalvaged Deer Carcasses ^c
1993	142,285	22,819	16.04	3	567	1,152,000	36,787
1994	148,325	24,573	16.57	4	794	1,383,000	39,249
1995	148,864	23,922	16.07	9	822	1,665,000	46,443
1996	136,698	19,931	14.58	3	805	1,423,000	46,239
1997	129,954	19,167	14.75	7	735	1,226,000	44,210
1998	125,831	19,595	15.57	5	783	1,494,000	41,829
1999	130,950	21,289	16.26	6	841	1,663,000	44,897
2000	139,510	20,468	14.67	5	806	1,818,000	47,555
2001	125,403	19,914	15.88	9	801	1,503,000	45,702
2002	129,072	20,470	15.86	6	710	1,345,000	45,278
2003	131,191	21,666	16.51	13	792	1,663,000	47,841
2004	128,308	19,846	15.47	11	686	1,643,000	48,316
2005	125,174	17,555	14.02	12	664	1,624,000	41,687
2006	117,877	17,878	15.17	7	633	1,809,000	36,900
2007	125,123	17,977	14.37	14	591	1,816,300	35,685
2008	125,103	15,821	12.65	10	525	1,523,800	31,951

Notes:

^aA reportable crash is defined as a crash resulting in injury or death of any person, any damage to government-owned non-vehicle property to an apparent extent of \$200 or more, or total damage to property owned by any one person to an apparent extent of \$1000 (\$500 before 1/1/96) or more.

^bEstimated statewide pre-hunt white-tailed deer population size

^cSum of deer carcasses removed by contractors of WI DNR and salvaged with free permits. Fiscal year data, from the beginning of July of previous year to the end of June in the year recorded.

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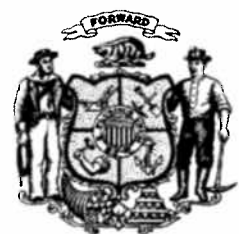
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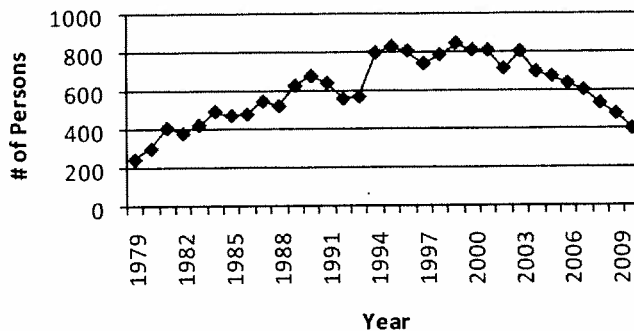
MOTOR VEHICLE-DEER CRASHES IN 2010



Motor vehicle-deer crashes continue to be cause for concern in highway safety. Deer are the third most commonly struck object in Wisconsin (behind striking another vehicle and striking a fixed object). In 2010, 14 people died in 13 fatal motor vehicle-deer crashes. In addition, 65 people suffered incapacitating injuries; less serious injuries totaled 204; and 120 people were possibly injured.¹ A recent study by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation made the following discoveries:



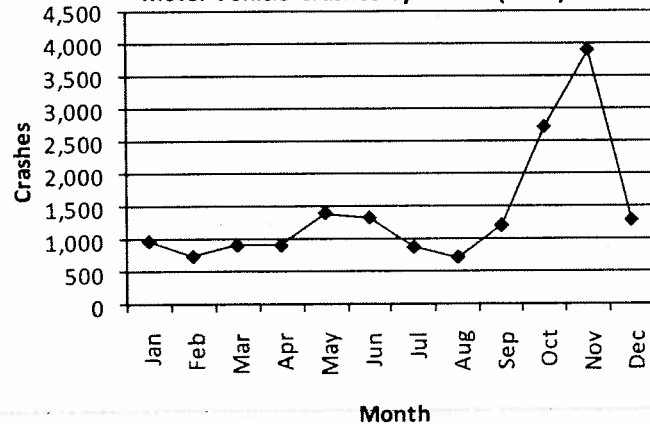
Figure 1:
Motor Vehicle-Deer Crashes:
Persons Injured or Killed
(1979-2010)



- **The number of persons injured or killed in deer crashes has increased since the late 1970s.** Since 1979, there has been a general increase in the number of persons injured or killed in motor vehicle crashes with deer. However, during the last seven years there has been a steady decline. The 403 people injured or killed in 2010 is the 4th lowest annual total in 30 years of record keeping. 1999 was the highest with 847 (Figure 1).
- **Deer crashes peak in October-November with a secondary peak in May-June.** In 2010, investigating officers reported 16,947 motor vehicle-deer crashes.² Of those, 6,616 (39.0%) occurred in October and November. The secondary peak time of May-June included 2,726 crashes (16.1%) (Figure 2).

- **While October and November are the peak months, June often accounts for a surprising number of injuries.** In 8 of the last 15 years, June ranked as the worst or second worst month for injuries. In 2010, injuries were the worst in October with 55 injuries, 53 in November and 49 in both May and June.
- **Deer crashes follow time of day patterns based on the season.** In 2010, deer crashes from April to August were most likely to occur between 8 p.m. and midnight and from March to June from 5 a.m. to 7 a.m.; in October to January, they were most common between 5 p.m. and midnight and from 5 a.m. to 8 a.m.

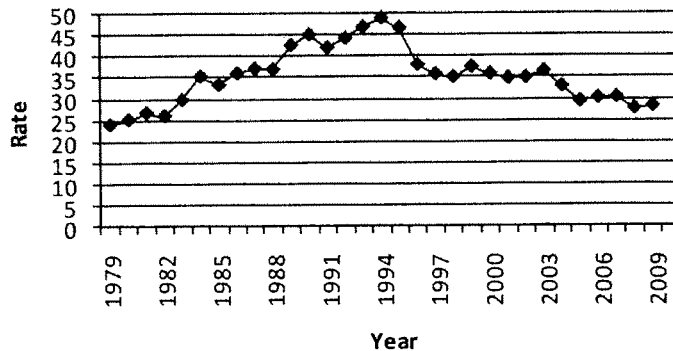
Figure 2:
Motor Vehicle Crashes by Month (2010)



¹ "Possible injury" is defined as any injury that is not evident at the scene but that is claimed by the individual or suspected by the law enforcement officer.
² Effective January 1, 1996, "property damage only" crashes with less than \$1,000 damage need not be reported. Previously, the threshold was \$500. Hence, reported property damage only crashes sustained a substantial drop overall during the past five years.

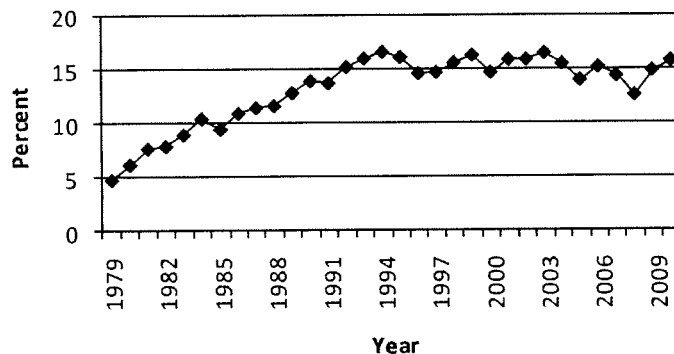
- In two Wisconsin counties, motor vehicle-deer crashes outnumbered non-deer crashes. In Green Lake and Shawano Counties, more than half of all police-reported crashes involved deer in 2010.
- Dane, Shawano, and Waukesha counties had the highest number of reported deer crashes. Dane County had the most motor vehicle-deer crashes reported in 2010 with 854. Shawano followed with 719 and Waukesha had 687.

Figure 3:
Motor Vehicle Crashes per 100 Million VMT
(1979-2009)



- The number of reported deer crashes per 100 million vehicle miles traveled peaked in 1994. In 1996, the rate declined sharply, tapering off through 2003, with a further decline to an average of 30 crashes per 100 million vehicle miles traveled in 2006 and 2007. There is a slight up-tick in 2009 (Figure 3).

Figure 4:
Deer Crashes as a Percentage of All Motor
Vehicle Crashes (1979-2010)



- Deer crashes account for a growing percentage of all reported crashes. In 1978 and 1979, deer crashes accounted for only 5.1% and 4.7% of all crashes, respectively. From 1996 to 2010, the number of deer crashes as a percentage of all yearly crashes averaged 15.1% (Figure 4).
- Deer crashes typically occur in rural settings. In 2010, 15,342 of the 16,947 (90.5%) deer crashes occurred on rural roads.

- Motorcyclists need to be particularly alert to deer. In 2010, while only 3.9% of passenger cars and 1.7% of utility trucks involved in deer crashes resulted in a fatality or injury to an occupant, 68.8% of motorcycle-deer crashes resulted in a fatality or injury to a motorcyclist. Thirteen of the 14 motor vehicle/deer crash fatalities in 2010 were motorcyclists.
- Another indicator of motor vehicle/deer crashes is the number of deer carcasses removed from Wisconsin's roadway system. These figures are compiled each fiscal year (July through June) by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. For Fiscal Year 2010, a total of 26,595 carcasses were removed. The DNR figure is much higher than the WisDOT figure because the WisDOT figure only includes crashes reported by law enforcement officers. For more information on deer carcass figures, please call Jason Fleener, Wisconsin DNR at (608) 261-7589 or by email at Jason.fleener@wisconsin.gov

These statistics are based only on crashes reported to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation by law enforcement officers. Deer crashes self-reported by drivers are *not* included. Also, crashes caused by drivers avoiding deer are *not* included. The information used in this monograph was taken from *The Wisconsin Crash Facts Book* and the Division of Motor Vehicles Accident Database. Questions or comments may be directed to: Wisconsin State Patrol/Bureau of Transportation Safety at (608) 267-5179.



2011 Bow Deer Hunt

The City of Wausau revised the Municipal Code in 2008 creating ordinance 9.08.010(b) which allows archery hunting of whitetail deer within the city limits. The ordinance is restrictive to protect the public and the rights of property owners. **(The use of firearms for hunting deer is not permitted within city limits.)**

The Archery Deer Hunt ordinance requires the following be met:

- **200 feet of separation** between the point where the hunting arrow is released and any public or commercial building, public road, park, or residence unless the hunter owns or resides at that residence.
- The hunter must release the arrow from an elevated deer stand which is positioned at least **six feet** above the ground level.
- No feeding or baiting of deer.
- Compliance with all rules and regulations of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (to include *blaze orange requirement during certain dates*) and City ordinances. **(Hunting season dates for archery hunting deer in the City of Wausau are the same as Wisconsin DNR Archery Deer Season dates.)**
- **Register with the Police first** - any person wishing to hunt deer by bow and arrow within the City must register *in person* with the Wausau Police Department. The hunter completes a registration form, provides photo identification and their WI DNR archery deer hunting license. Also, a letter of consent from the property owner for hunters planning to hunt property owned by another is required at time of registration.
- There is **no limit** on the number of hunters allowed to register for City Property.
- The hunter is expected to remove the hunting stand at the end of each day. Complaint of a stand left on City property will result in its confiscation.
- The hunter must be respectful of the private property of adjacent businesses. **DO NOT TRESPASS.**
- **HUNTERS MUST BE COURTEOUS TO EACH OTHER WHEN HUNTING THIS CITY PROPERTY. IT IS A PRIVILEGE FOR THE CITY TO PROVIDE THIS AS AN ADDITIONAL HUNTING OPPORTUNITY. PROBLEMS FROM HUNTERS MAY RESULT IN ITS LOSS.**

After the hunter registers the registration is reviewed and a letter of approval or disapproval is mailed to the hunter within several days. The approval letter should be retained by the hunter as proof of registration.

~ City of Wausau (<http://www.ci.wausau.wi.us/Departments/Police/BowDeerHunt.aspx>)