



RESOLUTION 26-04

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CRASH RESPONDER SAFETY WEEK NOVEMBER 2-6, 2026

RESOLVED, by the Village Board of the Village of Barneveld, Iowa County, Wisconsin:

WHEREAS, each year, Crash Responder Safety Week is set aside each year to recognize the often lifesaving work of our crash responders. This year's theme is **"Move Over or Slow Down, Lives Are on the Line"**; and

WHEREAS, all drivers on Wisconsin roadways have a responsibility to follow the laws (Move Over or Slow Down law – Stat. 346.072 and Wisconsin Act 115 – Banning Cell Phone Use in an Emergency Response Area) and take every precaution necessary to reduce the risk of secondary crashes; and

WHEREAS, in 2025, in Wisconsin emergency responders including fire, EMS, law enforcement, public works and towing services responded to over 128,000 traffic crashes. Of those, 2068 crashes occurred in work zones, resulting in 620 injuries and 7 fatalities; and

WHEREAS, in 2025 a total of 36 first responders across the United States have been lost due to struck-by-incidents on our roadways; and

WHEREAS, our first responders play a key role in keeping our roadways and communities safe; let's do our part to keep them safe as well; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board joins the Wisconsin Department of Transportation recognizing the need for public awareness and acknowledgement that we are all responsible for preventing secondary crashes that endanger the lives of our dedicated emergency personnel; and

NOW THEREFORE, the Village of Barneveld, does hereby proclaim the week of November 2-6, 2026 as

"CRASH RESPONDERS SAFETY WEEK"

Dated the 3rd day of September 2026.

John Forbes
Village President

ATTEST:

Brianna Ranney
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer