



County of Winnebago

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

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DUI Memorial Marker Application

1. APPLICANT INFORMATION

Applicant Name: _____ Relationship to victim: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

2. CRASH INFORMATION

Location of Crash: _____ Date of crash: _____

Investigating Law Enforcement Agency: _____

Name of driver determined to be DUI: _____

Attach copy of crash report and/or other official documentation showing proof of DUI. Note: See (d) on attached sheet.

3. VICTIM INFORMATION (Only list the victims that are related to the applicant)

Clearly write name(s) of the victim(s) the way they are to appear on the Commemorative Plaque(s). Note: See (e) on attached sheet.

Victim's Name: _____ Victim's Name: _____

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Initial here if you wish to have only the DUI Sign installed without a plaque: _____

4. CERTIFICATION

I have read and understand the information given on the attached sheet and certify that the answers I have provided are correct to the best of my knowledge. I also certify that I have contacted the other immediate family members of the deceased victim and to the best of my knowledge, no relative of the deceased victim will object to the placement of the memorial. I understand that, if approved, I will be billed \$80 for the Memorial Sign and \$30 each for every Commemorative Plaque containing the name of a victim listed in 3 above.

PLEASE DO NOT SEND ANY MONEY UNTIL SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED

Applicant's signature: _____ Date: _____

Mail application to: Winnebago County Highway Department, 424 N. Springfield Ave., Rockford, IL 61101

DUI MEMORIAL SIGN PROGRAM

- a) This application is to be used only for fatal crashes which occurred on highways under the jurisdiction of Winnebago County Highway Department for crashes occurring on or after January 1,1990.
- b) The applicant must be an immediate relative of the victim(s) listed in 3 on the application including spouse, child, stepchild, parent, stepparent, sibling, or a person with whom the deceased was in a civil union or domestic partnership as recognized by a State or local law or ordinance.
- c) The request will be denied if any immediate relative of any decedent involved in the crash objects in writing to the placement of the DUI Memorial Marker or Commemorative Plaque.
- d) Documentation showing proof that the driver was DUI at the time of the crash may include but is not limited to: police/crash reports, official eyewitness reports, newspaper articles, documents and/or letters from the state's Attorney's office, court system, or department of corrections.
- e) A DUI Memorial Marker or Commemorative Plaque will not be installed for a deceased driver involved in a fatal crash who is shown by toxicology reports to have been in violation of State DUI law unless the immediate relatives or any other victim(s) killed in the crash consent in writing to the erection of the memorial. If this is the case, please attach signed approval letters.
- f) A DUI Memorial Marker consists of a DUI Memorial Sign and any Commemorative Plaque(s). The DUI Memorial Sign is 36-inches wide by 24-inches tall with the words "Please Don't Drink and Drive" in white lettering on a blue background. It may be supplemented by one or more 36-inch wide by 18-inch tall Commemorative Plaques mounted underneath with the legend "IN MEMORY OF (Name)" and the date of the crash. A separate Commemorative Plaque will be used for each victim. The lettering on both the sign and the plaque(s) is white on a blue background. If the applicant wishes to have a DUI Memorial Marker installed without a Commemorative Plaque, this should be noted under Section 3 on the application.
- g) A one-time fee of \$80 for each DUI Memorial Sign installed and \$30 for each Commemorative Plaque installed will be charged to offset the cost of this program. **The fees will be billed at the time the application is approved by Winnebago County Highway Department and are not to be submitted until specifically requested.** Once the fee is paid for a DUI Memorial Sign or Commemorative Plaques and they are installed, they will be maintained for a 2-year period without any additional cost, at which time they will be removed and the plaque(s) given to the applicant(s).
- h) The Winnebago County Highway Department has the right to install a DUI Memorial Marker at a location other than the location of the crash or to relocate a marker due to restricted room, property owner complaints, interference with essential traffic control devices, safety concerns, or other restrictions. Markers will also not be installed adjacent to the main lanes on Interstate highways or other freeways or within the corporate limits of any municipality unless the municipality consents. In such cases, the Winnebago County Highway Department will discuss an alternate location with the applicant(s).
- i) A DUI Memorial Marker may memorialize more than one victim who died as a result of the same crash. If one or more additional, unrelated DUI deaths subsequently occur in close proximity to an existing DUI Memorial Marker, the Winnebago County Highway Department reserves the right to use the same marker to memorialize the subsequent death or deaths, by adding the names of the additional persons on additional Commemorative Plaques.
- j) The applicant agrees not to place or encourage the placement of flowers, pictures, or other items at the crash site or modify the DUI Memorial Marker or Commemorative Plaque(s) in any way.
- k) Mail application to: Winnebago County Highway Department
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