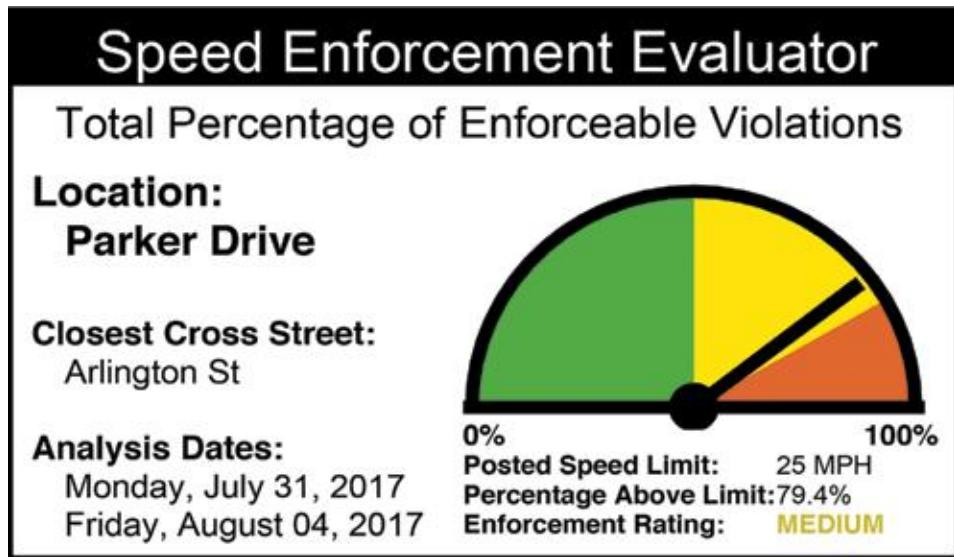


CPD asks residents to slow down



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Back to school season has begun. With that in mind, the Clinton Police Department (CPD) is raising awareness of excessive speeding on city roadways, especially in neighborhoods. School days bring congestion, buses are picking up schoolchildren, parents are trying to drop their children off before work, and kids are walking or riding bikes.

CPD reminds residents that it is vitally important for drivers to slow down and pay attention when kids are present, especially before and after school. Drivers must share the road and drive with caution and care.

Clinton Police Chief Ford Hayman stated that the department “routinely gets calls from various streets or neighborhoods, alerting us to speeding vehicles.”

To effectively identify problem areas and peak enforcement times, the department utilizes two traffic data recorders to make informed decisions by tracking speeding patterns within city neighborhoods.

Throughout the year, Clinton Police utilize the technology to record traffic data, such as number of vehicles, direction of travel and, most importantly, accurate speeds of vehicles on a particular roadway. The department then analyzes the data when making decisions to deploy the traffic unit and patrol officers to enforce traffic laws for a safer environment for residents.

“The safety of our residents is

paramount to CPD, and speeding increases the likelihood of an injury-sustaining traffic accident,” stated Chief Hayman.

Hayman provided an illustration of traffic data technology. In the last week of July 2017, speeding on Parker Drive was routinely 79.4% above the posted speed limit of 25 MPH. The fastest speed posted was between 56-60 MPH. The majority of recorded speed incidents (1,573) were recorded between 31-35 MPH. The traffic pattern on Parker Drive that week indicated that largest percentage of vehicles traveled at least 6 MPH to 10 MPH higher than the posted speed limit.

Hayman reiterated that combating the speeding problem on city roadways involves the community’s partnership with law enforcement.

“I ask for your assistance in sharing traffic awareness, so our neighborhoods and city are safer because we are adhering to the posted speed limits. Remember, it’s about our children, friends and neighbors.”

Whether on busy thoroughfares or neighborhood surface streets, City officials note that CPD is working diligently to prevent speeding and careless driving. As school begins, CPD will be using data gathered from the data recorders and historical trends to identify areas for heightened enforcement of the posted speed limits. Motorists are reminded that operation of a motor vehicle is a responsibility that carries serious consequences when operated carelessly.



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DRAIN

Remove standing water from around your home. It only takes a bottle cap’s worth of standing water to cause a mosquito problem.

Common culprits that should be monitored regularly for standing water include

- clogged rain gutters,
- corrugated drain pipes,
- bird baths,
- pet bowls,
- trash & recycling bins,
- plant pots, and
- children’s toys.

DRESS

When practical, wear long pants and long sleeves. Loose-fitting, light-colored clothing is best.

Studies have shown that some mosquitoes are more attracted to dark clothing and can most readily bite through tight-fitting, loose-weave clothing.

DEFEND

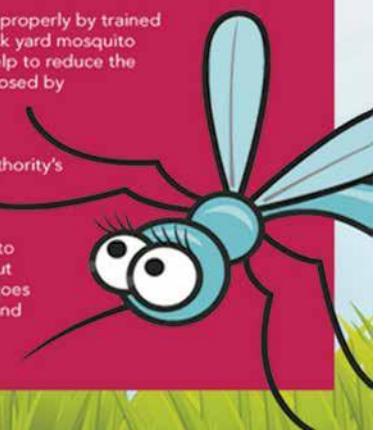
Use repellent! The EPA has registered repellents that have been reviewed and approved to pose minimal risk when used properly:

- DEET (N, N-diethyl-m-toluamide)
- Picaridin (KBR 3023)
- Oil of lemon eucalyptus (p-methan 3,8-diol, or PMD)

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