



Police to target aggressive driving at dangerous intersections

- Action follows 40 percent increase in crashes since 2014 -
- 30 fatalities in 2016 related to speeding/aggressive driving -
- Special information at daytonohio.gov/BeSafeDayton -

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The Dayton Police Department will operate enhanced enforcement of speed limits at some of the city's most dangerous intersections on February 3, 10 and 24.

Officers will be stationed at key intersections on North Main Street and Wayne Avenue for two- to four-hour periods on those dates. Additional locations may be scheduled on other dates.

In addition to issuing citations costing drivers up to \$150, officers will distribute information about the dangers of speeding and aggressive driving.

The action follows a 40 percent increase in vehicle crashes in Dayton since 2014. In 2016, there were 4,000 crashes on Dayton roads, resulting in 1,000 injuries and 30 deaths. Since July 2015, two pedestrians in Dayton have been killed in traffic incidents where motorists ran a red light.

In most cases, these crashes were entirely preventable and resulted from excessive speed, ignoring traffic signs, or running red lights.

The enhanced enforcement effort is part of the Dayton Police Department's observance of Aggressive Driving Awareness Month, in cooperation with AAA. Additional enforcement actions and public information are planned for the remainder of 2017.

"Speeding and aggressive driving are serious risks for the community, and unfortunately we have data to prove it," said Chief Richard Biehl. "We are urging drivers to slow down and pay attention."

For more information about how to prevent aggressive driving, visit daytonohio.gov/BeSafeDayton.

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