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TO: Washington City Council

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SUBJECT: Traffic Enforcement Update

The Washington Police Department has a strong belief that issuing Warning Citations has a positive impact in guiding motorists to follow the Illinois Traffic Code. To that end, whenever an Officer feels that issuing a Warning will accomplish the task of securing traffic compliance, one is issued, instead of a Traffic Citation.

Unfortunately, recent observations have revealed an increase in speeding and distracted driving in the Washington area. In order to reduce the speeding and help end distracted driving, the Washington Police Department is initiating a dedicated program of traffic enforcement.

This program will have two primary locations dedicated to enforcement. Those areas are Washington Road (Business 24) and Route 24. However, our efforts will not be totally limited to these areas.

In addition, we have stationed the Speed Trailers at different neighborhood locations in Washington. The results from these efforts are very encouraging. We are seeing an overall 85% compliance rate with the posted speed limits, with very few surpassing ten miles an hour over the limit. These Speed Trailers act as a reminder to the neighborhoods of the importance of following the posted limits.

The Washington Police Department will continue to monitor the traffic patterns and habits of the driving public and take any action we feel necessary to continue to provide a safe community.

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