

NEWS RELEASE



City of Chino Hills Police Department



Incident: Focused Enforcement for Aggressive and Unsafe Driving

Location: Carbon Canyon Road (State Route 142)

Date/Time: Continuous

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SUMMARY:

As part of an ongoing effort to educate drivers and encourage safe driving practices on Carbon Canyon Road, the Chino Hills Police Department will be conducting focused enforcement for violations of the California Vehicle Code. Violations of speeding, unsafe passing on the left, crossing double-parallel yellow lines, and aggressive driving will be strictly enforced. As this enforcement policy is implemented, we ask drivers for their cooperation in operating their motor vehicles and motorcycles in a safe manner. The safe operation of a motor vehicle is the responsibility of every driver and we want your help in reducing traffic collisions. If you witness aggressive and reckless driving, contact law enforcement immediately. For ongoing traffic problems, you can contact the Chino Hills Police Department directly at (909) 364-2000 or WeTip at (800) 78-CRIME.

The National Highway Transportation Safety Administration defines aggressive driving as "the operation of a motor vehicle in a manner that endangers or is likely to endanger persons or property". Common characteristics of the aggressive driver include:

- They are high-risk drivers, more likely to drink and drive, speed, or drive unbelted.
 - Their vehicle provides anonymity, allowing them to take out their frustrations on other drivers.
 - Their frustration levels are high, concern for other motorists, low.
 - They consider vehicles as objects and fail to consider the human element involved; therefore, they seldom consider the consequences of their actions.
 - They run stop signs, disobey red lights, speed, tailgate, weave in and out of traffic, pass on the right, make unsafe lane changes, flash their lights, blow their horns, or make hand and facial gestures.
- (<http://www.nhtsa.gov/people/injury/aggressive/Symposium/introduction.html>)

The Statewide Integrated Traffic Records System statistics show that unsafe speed, improper turning, and unsafe lane changes are the top causes of traffic collisions. From August 2014 through July 2015, Carbon Canyon Road has experienced 3 fatal collisions, 91 injury collisions, and 105 property damage collisions all within the city of Chino Hills.

Carbon Canyon Road, also known as State Route 142, traverses through the city of Chino Hills and the city of Brea. This asphalt roadway mainly consists of one lane in each direction that is divided by double-parallel yellow lines, and the speed limit for a majority of the road is 45 MPH. Please allow yourself sufficient time to travel to your destination as this heavily traveled roadway experiences the greatest congestion during early morning and late afternoon hours. Please act responsibly when behind the wheel, and drive safe.

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