

COMMUNITYNEWS

No excuse for speeding

One in five fatal crashes caused by illegal, unsafe speed

DPS STAFF REPORT

“I didn’t know I was speeding.” “There must be something wrong with my speedometer.” “I’m not from around here.” Law enforcement officers have heard all kinds of excuses from speeders, and they’ll probably hear many more July 10-27.

That’s when nearly 400 Minnesota law enforcement agencies will increase patrols to combat traffic crashes, deaths and serious injuries caused by illegal and unsafe speeding.

Speed is a leading contributing factor in fatal and serious injury crashes, according to the Minnesota Department of Public Safety/Office of Traffic Safety. In the last three years (2011-2013), illegal and unsafe speed was attributed to 212 fatal crashes, 235 deaths and 666 serious injuries. In many crashes, additional factors such as alcohol and distraction often combine with speeding to wreck cars and lives.

“Far too many motorists ignore speed limits and put all of our lives at risk on the road by speeding,” said Donna Berger, OTS director. “There’s greater poten-

tial to lose control, you have less time to avoid a crash, and the chances are higher of being killed or seriously injured.”

Data shows that speeding doesn’t save much time. Traveling at 55 mph versus 45 mph for a 10-mile journey only shaves off about two and one-half minutes of travel time.

Minnesota recognizes July 12 as Statewide Speed Enforcement Day, and drivers will notice increased attention from law enforcement as all agencies across the state will be specifically targeting speeding violations. An enhanced enforcement for speed campaign also was conducted June 16-20 because data shows the summer months are the deadliest on our roads.

Minnesota Law

The Minnesota statute on speed limits requires motorists to drive with due care:

Every driver must drive at a speed that is reasonable and prudent for the conditions.

Motorists must be aware of actual and potential hazards on the highway and use due care in operating a vehicle.

Costs of speeding violations vary by county but typically ramp up to at least \$120 for traveling 10 mph over the limit. Motorists stopped at 20 mph over the speed limit face double the fine, and those ticketed at more than 100 mph can lose their license for six months.

BORDERLAND BRIEF

CHAMBER PUBLIC LUNCHEON

A Chamber of Commerce Public Luncheon is planned for noon to 1:30 p.m. Thursday at Lenard’s. A presentation by New Gold Mining Company will be featured. Participants may get the facts on the developing gold-mining project located 45 minutes northwest of International Falls. Topics to include an overview of the Rainy River Project construction and operation phases; also information on the permitting process, jobs, and project needs. Site tours available following the luncheon for those interested in driving to the Rainy River project. Cost is \$10 inclusive. RSVP the Falls Chamber at 283-9400 or faye@intlfalls.org.

POLICE REPORT

International Falls Fire Department

Garage fire: The siding on a garage on 17th Street was damaged Wednesday when the sun struck a mirror or glass on a vanity outside near the garage. Department officials said they recreated the situation and found the sun had caused the minor damage.

Electrical fire: Firefighters responded July 4 to a small electrical fire contained to an outlet in the Rose Smuda residence, Town Road 214.

Gas leak: A few residences in the area of 18th Street and Fifth Avenue were evacuated for a couple hours June 26

when a residential gas line was struck during road work there. Under department policy, firefighters remain at the scene of a gas leak until the gas is turned off.

State Patrol

Injury accident: Officers responded to an accident at Highway 65 and County Road 72 Wednesday when a vehicle driven by Douglas F. Boerboom, 58, Barnum, struck the rear of a semi-tractor truck driven by Gerald D. Smith, 36, Littlefork, when it slowed for a deer in the road. Boerboom was treated for non-life threatening injury at the Rainy Lake Medical Center.

CALENDAR

TODAY

- Community Market, 9 a.m.-noon, Backus Third Street parking lot.
- Falls High School Class of 1964 reunion, 5 p.m., Thunderbird Lodge.
- BBQ Chicken with Tater Salad Supper, 6 p.m., Moose Lodge (Legion; reservations, 283-3615).
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 7 p.m., Alano Club.

SUNDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous Open, 9 a.m., Alano Club.
- Sons of Norway, Vinland Lodge 1-193, open house, 1-4 p.m., County Road 134, Fire No. 1997.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 7 p.m., Pineview Recovery Center, Littlefork.

MONDAY

- North Koochiching Area Sanitary District Board, 8 a.m., Sanitary District Boardroom, 1412 Highway 71.
- Water Testing, 8 a.m.-noon, Koochiching County Health Department.
- Retired Minnesota, Dakota and Western Railroad employees, 8:30 a.m., Chocolate Moose Restaurant.
- WIC Clinic, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Koochiching County Health Department.
- Exercise, 10-11 a.m., Backus Auditorium gymnasium.
- Northland Art Society open, various arts, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Backus, Room 114.
- Board Game Monday, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., International Falls Public Library.
- Community Band, 4 p.m., The Dungeon, Backus Community Center.
- Weight Watchers — weigh-in, 5-5:30 p.m.; meeting, 5:30-6, Littlefork Lutheran Church.
- Women’s Non-Violence Group, 5:15-6:45 p.m., Friends Against Abuse office.
- Ranier City Council, Committee of the Whole, 6:30 p.m., Ranier Community Building.
- Texas Hold ‘Em, 7 p.m., Moose Lodge.
- Cribbage, 7 p.m., Elks Lodge 1599.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, Women’s Step Study, 7 p.m., Coffee Landing Cafe.
- Narcotics Anonymous, “How It Works” step gathering, 7:30 p.m., Alano Club.

TUESDAY

- Boise Cascade retired welders and pipefitters, 9 a.m., Coffee Landing Cafe.
- Bone Builders, 10 a.m., Woodland Apartments.
- Littlefork Ambulance Thrift Shop open, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
- Northland Art Society open, various arts, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Backus, Room 114.
- Falls Hunger Coalition Food Shelf open, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 1000 Fifth St.
- Community Services retirees, noon, Rose Garden Restaurant.
- Koochiching County Housing and Redevelopment Authority Board of Commissioners, 12:30 p.m., HRA Northome

- office.
- Alanon, 1:30 p.m., Zion Lutheran Church (283-3739, 283-8540).
- TOPS MN34, 5 p.m. weigh-in; 5:45, meeting, Koochiching County Senior Center.
- Women’s Ministries, 5-7 p.m., The Salvation Army.
- Community Café, free meals served, 5:30-6 p.m., lasagna, salad, bread stick, Backus Community Center.
- Beginner’s Tae Kwon Do, 5:45 p.m., Falls Elementary School gymnasium or cafeteria.
- Sloppy joes Supper, 6 p.m., Moose Lodge.
- Cradle Cafe, breast feeding support group, 6:30 p.m., St. Paul Lutheran Church.
- Women’s Support Group, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Friends Against Abuse office.
- Minnesota Deer Hunters Association, Trails End Chapter, 7 p.m., Elks Club.
- Texas Hold ‘Em, 7 p.m., Moose Lodge.
- International Voyageur Snowmobile Club, 7 p.m., Almost Lindy’s, banquet room.
- Garden Girls, 7 p.m., Northwoods Assisted Living.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 7 p.m., Pineview Recovery Center, Littlefork.
- “Celebrate Recovery,” 7-9 p.m., Evangelical Covenant Church.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 7:30 p.m., Zion Lutheran Church.

WEDNESDAY

- Retired Boise Cascade electricians, 9 a.m., Coffee Landing Cafe.
- Sing and Play in the Park, 10-11 a.m., Ranier Park.
- Exercise, 10-11 a.m., Backus Auditorium gymnasium.
- Community Clothes Closet drop offs, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Aquinas Hall.
- Littlefork Ambulance Thrift Shop open, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
- Northland Art Society open, various arts, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Backus, Room 114.
- Wednesday Study Group, 10:15 a.m., Faith United Church of Christ.
- Salvation Army Advisory Council, noon-1 p.m., Salvation Army building.
- Community Market, 4-6:30 p.m., Backus Third Street parking lot.
- Sunbeams and Girl Guards, 4:30-6 p.m., The Salvation Army.
- Free At Last, 4:30-6:30 p.m., Forestland Annex, lower level conference room.
- Community Band, 5 p.m., The Dungeon, Backus Community Center.
- International Falls Recreation Commission Board, 5:45 p.m., city council chambers.
- Narcotics Anonymous, 6 p.m., Alano Club.
- Stories in the Park, 6 p.m., Eighth Avenue green space (near community gardens).
- Men’s Non-Violence Group, 6-8 p.m., Friends Against Abuse office.
- Elks Lodge Wednesday Meal, 6:30 p.m., udda tacos.
- Little Lambs (up to age 4) and King’s Kids (ages 5 and up), 6:30-7:15 p.m., Full Gospel Fellowship Church.
- Texas Hold ‘Em, 7 p.m., Moose Lodge.
- Rainy Lake Sportfishing Club, 7 p.m., Americlenn.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 7:30 p.m., Alano Club.

LOTTERY

Wednesday’s Daily 3 0, 9, 5	Wednesday’s Hot Lotto 17, 37, 38, 43, 45	Mega Ball 9
Wednesday’s Northstar Cash 3, 8, 10, 28, 31	Hot Ball 15	Wednesday’s Powerball 9, 25, 42, 55, 57
Wednesday’s Gopher 5 8, 18, 22, 38, 40	Saturday’s Mega Millions 14, 25, 27, 48, 49	Powerball 14

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Filing is open for the following positions of the Northern Itasca Hospital District Board of Directors:

Carpenter Township	4 year term
Liberty Township	4 year term
Marcell Township	4 year term
Pomroy Township	4 year term
City of Bigfork	4 year term
City of Big Falls	4 year term
Itasca Co. At-Large	4 year term
Koochiching Co. At-Large	4 year term

Dates for filing are **July 29 – August 12, 2014.**
Interested individuals are to file with their township or city clerk’s office, or at the Itasca County Courthouse for Liberty or unorganized townships.

Election date is Tuesday, November 4, 2014.

Should you have any questions regarding participation on the Board, please contact Gail at 743-3776.




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It has been 4 years since you answered that knock on the door that we did not hear, we did not get to say goodbye. As I sit here and think about a poem I once heard.
As I am saying good night at the end of the day.
And you are not here, but many miles away.
My heart is so empty and so lonely inside.
As I wipe away a tear I am trying to hide. I close my eyes and try to go to sleep.
But with the sadness inside I began to weep.
Suddenly I remember what once you said to me.
Just meet me in the stars, waiting for you I will be.
When distance tends to keep us a part.
Remember I still hold you near in my heart.
When the night together, can't be ours.
Just close your eyes and meet me in the stars.
Remembering those words, I begin to smile and gently close my eyes, lessening the miles.
I can see the stars, oh how beautifully arranged
But you are not there, no hugs to exchange. I sit alone waiting, with hope in my heart.
No longer wanting to be kept apart.
Suddenly in the distance, a shadow appears. A tear rolls down my face and the image is clear.

Missed every day and hour by Mary Lee
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