

COMMUNITYNEWS

ASK A TROOPER

Speeding puts every motorist at risk

Q: How fast can I drive before getting stopped? Is there a tolerance?

A: The short answer is no. The reality is that there is no set allowance for speed by officers except the speed limit or to the conditions. I have been asked that question more than most other questions. Simply, State Patrol policy does not allow for any speeds in excess of the posted limit.

Officers have to go by their departmental policy, the totality of circumstances and all other conditions (road, weather, lighting and traffic) and common sense. Speeding and driving too fast for the conditions is discouraged by law enforcement everywhere.

Each year, illegal or unsafe speed is a leading contributing factor in Minnesota's fatal crashes accounting for at least 130 deaths annually, of which 70 percent occur on rural, two-lane roads in Minnesota.

Young adult motorists are the most common offenders and those at greatest risk.

Speeding is not an innocent crime — it puts every motorist at risk on the road:



Sgt. Neil DICKENSON MINNESOTA STATE PATROL

- Greater potential for loss of vehicle control.
- Increased stopping distance.
- Less time available for driver response for crash avoidance.
- Increased crash severity — the faster the speed, the more violent the crash.

Remember too that fines double when going 20 or more over the limit and if you are going over 100 mph, you can lose your license for up to six months.

If you have any questions concerning traffic related laws or issues in Minnesota send your questions to Sgt. Neil Dickenson, Minnesota State Patrol, 1131 Mesaba Ave., Duluth, MN 55811. (You can follow me on Twitter @ MSPPIO_NE or reach him at neil.dickenson@state.mn.us).

BORDERLAND BRIEFS

GRAVE MARKER FLAG PLACEMENTS

In observance of Memorial Day, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post and Auxiliary 2948 will place flags on grave markers of veterans at 9 a.m. Saturday at Forest Hill Cemetery. The public is welcome to assist in this tribute to ensure all veterans are recognized. Family of departed Ladies Auxiliary members may request an Auxiliary Flag for graves by stopping at the Post Home, 1416 Third Ave. There is no charge. Memorial Day services will take place Sunday at various times and cemeteries.

CLASS OF 1948

Falls High School Class of 1948 will meet at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Island View Lodge. To carpool, meet earlier at City Drug parking lot.

Law enforcement begin extra seat belt enforcement effort

DPS REPORT

More than 300 law enforcement agencies across Minnesota are beginning an effort to ticket motorists who don't wear a seat belt.

The Minnesota Department of Public Safety says the extra enforcement begins Monday and runs through the end of the month. The coordinated effort coincides with the beginning of the tradition-

ally busy travel season. Public safety officials say 38 people who weren't wearing seat belts have died in fatal crashes this year in Minnesota, including 18 in April and May alone. Under Minnesota law, officers can stop and ticket unbelted drivers or passengers. Authorities say that from 2012 to 2014, 823 people died in traffic crashes and about half were not wearing seat belts.

CALENDAR

TODAY

- Retired Boise Cascade electricians, 9 a.m., Voyageur Restaurant.
- Walk-ercise group, 10-11 a.m., Backus Community Center gymnasium.
- WIC Clinic, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Northome.
- 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.
- East Koochiching Area Sanitary District Board, 11 a.m., Sanitary District Boardroom, 1412 Highway 71.
- Salvation Army Advisory Council, noon, Salvation Army building.
- Girl Guards, Sunbeams and Adventure Corps, 4:30-6 p.m., The Salvation Army.
- Free At Last, 4:30-6:30 p.m., Forestland Annex, lower level conference room.
- Northland Art Society open, various arts, 5:30-8 p.m., Backus, Room 114.
- International Falls Recreation Commission Board, 5:45 p.m., city council chambers.
- Northwoods Shutterbugs Photography Club, 6 p.m., International Falls Public Library basement meeting room.
- Narcotics Anonymous, 6 p.m., Alano Club.
- Game Night, 6 p.m., Moose Lodge.
- Men's Non-Violence Group, 6-8 p.m., Friends Against Abuse office.
- Members and guests Elks Lodge 1599 Wednesday Meal, 6:30 p.m., Chicken Oscar.
- Little Lambs (3 years to kindergarten) and King's Kids (1st-5th grades), Youth Group (6th grade-up), 6:30-7:30 p.m., Full Gospel Fellowship Church.
- Rainy Lake Sportfishing Club, 7 p.m., Americlenn.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 7:30 p.m., Alano Club.

THURSDAY

- Bone Builders, 10-11:30 a.m., Woodland Apartments.
- Littlefork Ambulance Thrift Shop open, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

- WIC Clinic, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Koochiching County Public Health Department.
- Falls Hunger Coalition Food Shelf open, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., 1000 Fifth St.
- Northland Art Society open, various arts, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Backus, Room 114.
- Storytime and Stay and Play, 10:30 a.m., International Falls Public Library.
- Falls High School Class of 1960, 11:30 a.m., Lenard's.
- Weight Watchers, 4:45-5:15 p.m. weigh-in; 5:15 meeting, Zion Lutheran Church.
- Community Café, 5:30-6 p.m., scalloped potatoes with ham, vegetable, dinner roll, Backus Community Center.
- Beginner's Tae Kwon Do, 5:45 p.m., Falls Elementary School gymnasium or cafeteria.
- The Lamplighters, women's support group for survivors of childhood sexual abuse, 6-8 p.m., Friends Against Abuse office.
- Line Dancing, 7 p.m., Moose Lodge.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 7:30 p.m., Alano Club.

FRIDAY

- Walk-ercise group, 10-11 a.m., Backus Community Center gymnasium.
- Falls Hunger Coalition Food Shelf open, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., 1000 Fifth St.
- Serenity Sisters, Women's A.A., noon, Backus, Rational Alternatives, Room 101.
- Members and guests Elks Lodge 1599 Friday Light Meal, 5:30 p.m., shrimp basket, coleslaw and fries.
- Narcotics Anonymous, 6 p.m., Alano Club.
- For Those in Need, Addiction Recovery, 7 p.m., The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 1340 Keenan Drive.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 7:30 p.m., Alano Club, 410 Fifth Ave.

SATURDAY

- VFW Post and Auxiliary 2948 placing Memorial Day grave marker flags, 9 a.m., Forest Hill Cemetery.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 7 p.m., Alano Club.

LOTTERY

Sunday's Daily 3 3, 3, 3	Saturday's Hot Lotto 1, 12, 20, 30, 44	Mega Ball 15
Sunday's Northstar Cash 1, 2, 18, 22, 26	Hot Ball 14	Saturday's Powerball 24, 29, 38, 48, 52
Friday's Gopher 5 11, 17, 33, 34, 37	Friday's Mega Millions 11, 17, 21, 36, 74	Powerball 32

POLICE REPORT

Koochiching County Sheriff's Office

Burglary: Wesley A. Krzoska, Falls, reported Monday that someone forced entry into his cabin and shed located on Highway 217 sometime within the last three weeks. Items reported missing are a spotting scope valued at \$70 and a saw valued at \$40.

International Falls Police Department

Hit-and-run: Joyanne M. Boudreau, Selkirk, Manitoba, reported Friday that her vehicle sustained damage while parked at the Americlenn, 1500 Highway 71. **Theft:** Three all-terrain vehicles were taken from the unlocked garage at the Kurt P. Boyum residence,

11th Street. According to police, the ATVs were later returned and charges are pending against a juvenile male.

International Falls Fire Department

Fuel spill: Firefighters cleaned up a fuel spill and ensured safety of workers Friday at Holiday Station Store, 1100 Third Ave.



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For all ages led by an adult.
Children under age 5 must be accompanied by an adult
No Open Gym June 15 - 20 during Summer Arts Week

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For further information, call the Backus office at 218-285-7225 or visit the web site at www.backusab.org.



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