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BPD is Committed to Keeping our Roadways Safe in 2022 ***"Safe Driving, Saves Lives, and Reduces Injuries"***

Bloomington, IL - The Bloomington Police Department is committed to keeping our roadways safe in 2022. Chief of Police Jamal Simington said, *"One essential goal for the BPD in 2022 is to reduce the number of traffic crashes in the city by 10%. On average, per year, there are 1,828 traffic crash incidents, 272 injuries, and at least two deaths. If we, as a community, can lower the traffic crash percentage by 10%, will be saving lives and reducing injuries in our community."*

You can expect us to continue a high level of traffic enforcement efforts in the city, as well as implementing a traffic safety education campaign for 2022. The enforcement and education will focus around the top five contributory causes for traffic crashes in the city. They are: 1. Failure to Reduce Speed to Avoid an Accident / Too Fast for Conditions, 2. Failing to Yield: Right-of-Way, 3. Lack of Driver Skills / Knowledge / Experience, 4. Following Too Closely, and 5. Disregarding Traffic Signals / Control Devices.

The 2022 safety campaign will also include adding traffic safety information to our website, weekly social media postings of traffic safety information, continuing traffic safety presentations for the community, as well as working with community partners and government officials to help find alternative ways to achieve a safer roadways.

As part of community education, we added a new tool to our website that allows the community access to traffic crash information through an improved "Police Activity Map" formerly named the Community Crime Map. To access the Police Activity Map: <https://www.cityblm.org/government/departments/police/crime-maps-and-statistics>.

We also encourage you to report traffic safety concerns (DUI drivers, frequent high speeds, reckless driving, etc.) to us so we can solve these problems together! We need everyone to do their part in keeping the community safe! Remember, safe driving, saves lives, and reduces injuries."

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