Neighborhood Traffic Safety Program

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Traffic Education
TEAM
And Management

The leading cause of death for children in the United States is not a disease or a birth defect; it is unintentional injuries. The primary causes of these injuries are traffic related.

The safety of our neighborhood streets is a top priority to the City of Mesa Transportation Division. Making Mesa's streets the safest possible requires a combination of enforcement, engineering, and education. To meet this critical need, Mesa has developed the TEAM Program.

TEAM (Traffic Education And Management) brings traffic safety education to the residents of the City of Mesa. Working together with neighborhoods, schools, Police, Fire and community organizations, the City of Mesa Transportation Division is committed to keeping Mesa's streets safe.

If you would like more information about TEAM or keeping your neighborhood street safe, please contact the City of Mesa Transportation Division at (480) 644-2160.

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Resources

The City of Mesa Transportation Division has many tools available to assist neighborhoods in their traffic safety efforts. Resources include the following:

Video Library

Several videos are available through the Transportation Division's Traffic Studies Office. These videos may be checked out on a limited basis to Mesa residents. Topics include:

- ***Child Restraint***
- ***Speeding/Aggressive Driving***
- ***Pedestrian & Bike Safety***
- ***Driving Under the Influence***

Brochures

Educational brochures are available in limited quantities to Mesa residents to be used for neighborhood education and distribution. In addition, master copies of educational materials are available for copying. Topics include:

- ***Child Restraint***
- ***Aggressive Driving***
- ***Pedestrian Safety***
- ***Bicycle Safety Issues***
- ***Traffic Signals***
- ***Stop Signs***

For more information, or to obtain a complete list of available topics, contact (480) 644-2160.

Services

Services include the following:

Car Seat Inspection Service

Studies have shown that up to 89% of all car seats are improperly installed. To schedule an appointment to have your car seat installation inspected or to coordinate a car seat inspection event, please contact the Traffic Safety Educator at (480) 644-2160.

Speakers Bureau

The Transportation Division has a speakers bureau available for neighborhood meetings. Topics include speed control, bike safety, pedestrian safety, traffic engineering, street maintenance, and child restraint issues.

To schedule a speaker for your neighborhood meeting, please contact the Transportation Division at (480) 644-2160.

Programs

Programs include the following:

Pace Car Program

Upon request, the Transportation Division will assist in the development of a neighborhood Pace Car Program. A Pace Car Program is an information campaign that encourages participants to "pledge" to drive the speed limit in their neighborhood. Those who commit are given a certificate and an "official pace car" window sticker. For more information, please contact the Traffic Safety Educator at (480) 644-2160.

Walking School Bus

The Transportation Division will assist neighborhood groups or schools in developing a Walking School Bus Program. Successful in many other communities, a Walking School Bus is a group of children who walk to school together under the supervision of one adult or "driver". The program encourages walking as well as provides adult supervision for children who are pedestrians. For more information, contact the Traffic Safety Educator at (480) 644-2160.

Enforcement

Enforcement options that are currently available include the following:

Traditional Speed Enforcement

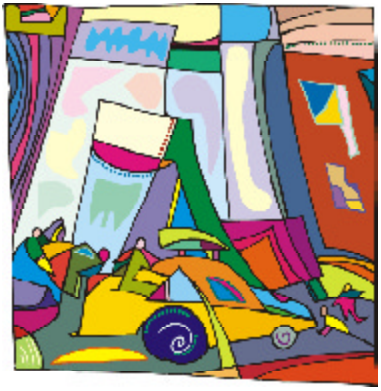
The presence of a Police Officer for traffic enforcement can be requested by calling the Mesa Police Department at (480) 644-3533.

Actions that neighborhoods may take include the following:

Neighborhood Speedwatch

Neighborhood Speedwatch involves citizens in the collection of speed and vehicle information that can be used to notify speed violators. Upon request, the Transportation Division will loan radar equipment to a neighborhood representative for use in measuring traffic speeds in their vicinity. Residents will provide a vehicle description, license number, and measured speeds for those vehicles travelling over the posted limit. This information will then be utilized by the Police Department to identify vehicle owners. A request will then be sent by the City asking the driver to watch their speed. Radar equipment is available by contacting the Transportation Division at (480) 644-2160.

Resident Efforts



Speed Trailers

Speed trailers are speed detection devices that display the traveling speed of an oncoming vehicle as it passes the trailer. This program operates under the assumption that many drivers do not speed intentionally and will respond to a visual reminder of excessive speed. Speed trailers are loaned to neighborhoods by contacting the Mesa Police Department at: Superstition (480) 644-4371, Falcon (480) 644-2598, Dobson (480) 644-2614, or Central (480) 644-2229.

Neighborhood Block Watch Programs

Block Watch Groups are a great way to bring neighbors together to discuss traffic concerns. When a speeding problem arises in a neighborhood, the offenders are often neighborhood residents or friends of the residents. Raising awareness of the issue is an effective method of reducing speed in a neighborhood. Assistance coordinating a Block Watch Meeting can be obtained by calling Police Community Relations at (480) 644-2300.

Engineering

Engineering changes are also a possible solution to neighborhood traffic safety issues. One engineering treatment is speed humps.

Speed Hump Installation

Speed humps are physical features in the road to slow the speed of traffic. There are at least eight factors that must be considered when evaluating a street for a possible speed hump.

1. ***The street must be a paved, residential street.***

2. ***Curbing on the proposed street must be appropriate.***

3. ***The posted speed limit must be 30 mph or less.***

4. ***The 85th percentile speed of the street must be at least 8 mph over the posted limit. A speed sampling must be gathered.***

Engineering

5. *Traffic volumes must be between 500-5,000 vehicles per day (for full city participation).*

6. *The proposed speed hump must not be within 200 feet of a stop sign or traffic signal.*

7. *The street is neither a fire route nor a major collector street.*

8. *Drainage on the street is not compromised.*

Once the above criteria have been satisfied, the installation must then go through a neighborhood acceptance procedure. This is to ensure that the majority of residents support the installation. At least 70% of residents must support the installation and all residents within 50 feet must be in favor.

If all criteria are met, the City will pay for the installation of the speed hump.

Safety Tips

Keeping our streets safe is a TEAM effort. Please keep the following tips in mind!

OBEY THE SPEED LIMIT!

In Mesa, speeding is the driver error most often committed immediately preceding an accident.

WEAR SEAT BELTS!

The use of seat belts is estimated to reduce the risk of fatal injuries to adults by up to 50%. The use of car seats for infants has been shown to reduce the risk of fatal injury by 71%.

WEAR BIKE HELMETS!

Wearing a helmet when bicycling, skating, or using a scooter is an easy way to prevent head injuries.

LOOK LEFT, RIGHT, LEFT!

When crossing streets, look to your left, your right, and then look to your left again. Be aware of traffic and teach young children to be aware of oncoming traffic.

KEEP VEGETATION TRIMMED!

Landscaping can be hazardous when it limits visibility. Please keep vegetation trimmed.

For more information on traffic safety, please contact the City of Mesa Transportation Division at (480) 644-2160.

Contacts

Bus Route Information	(602) 253-5000
Block Watch	(480) 644-2300
Traffic Enforcement	(480) 644-3533
Potholes	(480) 644-3038
Storm Drains	(480) 644-3038
Streetlight Outages	(480) 644-3191
Alley Maintenance	(480) 644-3038
Traffic Signal Malfunction	(480) 644-2160
After Hours	(480) 644-2262
Speed Hump Requests	(480) 644-2160
Traffic Safety Education	(480) 644-2160
Sign Requests or Missing Signs .	(480) 644-2160
After Hours	(480) 644-2262
Bike Safety Information	(480) 644-2160
Visibility	(480) 644-2160
Graffiti Hotline	(480) 644-3083
Video Loan Program	(480) 644-2160
Speakers Bureau	(480) 644-2160

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