

CITY OF LONG BEACH

Police Department

Michael Tangney, Commissioner

Current Initiatives for Traffic Safety and Enforcement



Public Safety Committee

- ▶ **The City formed a Public Safety Committee on February, 2012.**
- ▶ **The objective of the Public Safety Commission is to establish a dialogue between citizens and employees of the City in order to create more awareness about safety concerns within our city.**
- ▶ **The Public Safety Committee is comprised of:**
 - 6 Long Beach Residents
 - 2 City Employees



Bicycle Safety

- ▶ The boardwalk has again become the premier bicycle route on Long Island.
- ▶ Sharrows were installed to facilitate the City's partnership in the bike rental program.
- ▶ The "Share the Road" campaign was initiated to make motorists aware that we are a "bicycle friendly community" and must use caution towards bicyclists. Signs were placed throughout the community.



Traffic Enforcement

Despite this year's harsh winter, our ticket numbers and traffic related arrests have increased:

December 2012 – February 2013:

- ▶ 21 Unlicensed Operator Summons
- ▶ 12 DWI Arrests
- ▶ 568 Other Traffic Summons

December 2013 – February 2014:

- ▶ 50 Unlicensed Operator Summons
- ▶ 49 DWI Arrests
- ▶ 1419 Other Traffic Summons



Reduced Speed Limits in Residential Areas



- ▶ President Streets neighborhood reduced to 15 MPH.
 - Direct Result of our ability to work with other levels of Government including the State Assembly, State Senate and Governor's Office.
- ▶ The City is aware of concerns about speeding in other areas of Long Beach such as the one way streets from Chester St to Bay Dr and Walnut St to Penn St.
- ▶ A traffic study will be performed which will give the City the ability to petition the State Legislature to change any speed limits deemed necessary.



Grants for Traffic Enforcement

- ▶ In partnership with the Nassau County Traffic Safety Board, we have received grants to be utilized for the following:
 - STOP-DWI.
 - Buckle Up New York (B.U.N.Y.).
 - Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (S.T.E.P.).
 - Safe Routes to Schools.

- ▶ Long Beach has one of the only 3 Drug Recognition Officers (DRE) in Nassau County.
 - Highly specialized training which significantly enhances our ability to detect, apprehend, and prosecute motorists that are driving while intoxicated by means other than alcohol.
 - 2013
 - 6 DRE evaluations and 13 Total DWI Drug Arrests
 - January to March 25, 2014
 - 9 DRE evaluations and 10 Total DWI Drug Arrests



Enhanced Technology

- ▶ New LIDAR guns.
- ▶ New Intoximeter PBT.
- ▶ MPC's equipped with new computers.
- ▶ New solar powered radar sign which has the ability to:
 - Post radar detected speed.
 - Store the data.
 - Be programmed and observed in real time.
 - Displays any advisory messages.
- ▶ We work closely with Nassau County Traffic Management in order to obtain large electric signs used to assist with traffic notifications.
- ▶ Ability to notify residents through the City's website and social media.



Goals

- ▶ Continue to work closely the Public Safety Committee and residents to address and improve to remedy traffic safety and conditions.
- ▶ Continue to minimize inconvenience of both residents and motorists alike while Long Beach rebuilds from the devastating effects of Super Storm Sandy.
- ▶ Continue to ensure the safe and orderly arrival and dismissal of our children to and from school.
- ▶ Continue to have a working relationship with the Nassau County Traffic Management Division to help with traffic light timing during different times to assist with flows of traffic.



Initiatives



- ▶ Portable STOP SIGNS placed along Oceanview in the West End to enhance both pedestrian and bicyclist safety.
- ▶ Increased foot patrols by Special Officers in the West End and the Business Districts.
- ▶ New road painting and thermo-plastic equipment was purchased and will allow the City to keep the crosswalks and roads properly marked.
- ▶ New “better visibility” cones and barricades have been purchased for driver and pedestrian safety.





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