



NEWS RELEASE

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TRAFFIC SAFETY;

The City of Portage strives to maintain safe and efficient road systems. With that in mind, the Portage Police Department requests that drivers follow and comply with Michigan Traffic Laws. The Department has recently received complaints from citizens concerning the improper use of left turn lanes. Drivers are reminded that left turn lanes are for that specific purpose. Left turn lanes are not intended to be merge lanes nor are they intended as normal driving lanes. Driver cooperation is appreciated and will help keep our roadways safe.

Additionally, it is the practice of the Portage Police Department to establish "directed patrols." Directed patrols are specific locations designated for concentrated enforcement efforts. These areas are determined as a result of citizen concerns and complaints, as well as traffic crash data reports. At this time, the Portage Police Department has four open directed patrols.

- #1: West Centre and Brookwood. The primary purpose is to enforce left turn violations.
- #2: East Shore. The primary purpose is speed enforcement. This area is being used as a detour route because of construction on Sprinkle Road.
- #3: Idaho and Oregon area. The primary purpose is concern about speed violations.

#4: Milham between Oakland and Westnedge. The primary purpose is traffic light violation enforcement.

Please note that officers will enforce all traffic violations in the designated areas. Citizens are encouraged to contact the Portage Police Department with areas of traffic safety concerns. Working together, we can make Portage a safer place to live, work, and visit. The Department can be reached at 269-329-4567.