



ALLENDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Dear Allendale Community,

As we welcome the start of a new school year, the safety of our students, pedestrians, and all roadway users remains a concern. The Allendale Police Department is launching a comprehensive **Traffic Enforcement and Safety Initiative** aimed at creating a safer environment around our schools and throughout the community.

Key components of this initiative include:

- **Infrastructure Improvements:** Replacement of faded traffic signs and renewal of roadway striping to enhance visibility and driver awareness.
- **Data-Driven Enforcement:** Utilizing data collected from existing and newly installed electronic speed signs to prioritize enforcement efforts accordingly.
- **Radar Trailers:** Deployment of "Your Speed Is" radar trailers in school zones and other critical areas to provide real-time feedback to drivers and encourage voluntary speed compliance.
- **Visibility Enhancements:** Trimming of tree limbs and vegetation that obstruct traffic signs to ensure all signage is clearly visible to drivers.
- **Targeted Traffic Enforcement:** Increased patrols and specialized task forces focused on addressing:
 - Speeding
 - Failure to yield to pedestrian violations
 - Distracted driving
 - E-bike violations
- **Advanced Speed Detection Tools:** Use of handheld laser and radar speed measuring devices to support precise and effective speed enforcement operations.
- **Automated Parking Enforcement:** Installation of parking enforcement cameras to address illegal parking in crosswalks downtown causing an unsafe condition for pedestrians.
- **Commercial Vehicle Enforcement:** In partnership with the Bergen County Sheriff's Office, we will be conducting commercial truck enforcement to ensure compliance with safety regulations and NJ state laws.
- **Pedestrian Safety Education:** Continued implementation of the Cross with Care program, aimed at educating pedestrians, especially children, on safe crossing habits and traffic awareness.

We encourage all residents to remain vigilant, drive responsibly, and help us make this school year a safe one for everyone. Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Sincerely,

Michael T. Dillon
Chief of Police, Allendale Police Department