

Truro Police Department

Greetings Everyone – SUMMER IS HERE! Each year we ask “Is this summer busier than last year?” I’m not sure of the answer but I do know we have lots of people coming to Truro visiting family, filling the campgrounds, beaches and most noticeably – our roads. Bicyclists, walkers, runners are everywhere and I urge everyone to be patient, leave some additional time for travel and understand others are not paying attention.

Summer Safety:

The season not only brings loads of people to Truro, but also moves all of us outside to enjoy the activities of summer. As we enjoy the time with family and friends please consider the following safety tips:

1. Barbeque Grills:
 - a. Ensure all parts including starters are in working order
 - b. When starting, open lids then keep your face and head away from the grille
 - c. Ensure grease has a path away from the flames and clean after use
2. Boating / Watersports:
 - a. Know your equipment and receive training on its use if needed
 - b. Ensure things like axles, bearings and tires are serviced
 - c. Wear life preservers EVEN IF YOU'RE AN ADULT! When a boat or a jet ski hits a wave or underwater object anyone can be thrown into the water.
 - d. Tell someone where you are going and for how long, then let them know your back
 - e. If you're new to watersports, take a safety course.
3. Bicycles:
 - a. PLEASE wear a helmet and make sure it fits correctly
 - b. High visibility colors help you be seen
 - c. Ride with traffic and stay in a single file
 - d. If riding at night, use reflective clothing and lights
4. Walkers / Runners
 - a. High visibility colors help you be seen
 - b. Travel in the opposite direction as traffic
 - c. If it's during the evening or nighttime, use reflective clothing and lights
 - d. Stay hydrated

And some special notes about driving our vehicles:

1. Ensure your vehicles lights and safety equipment are all in order
2. Keep your windows clean – especially on the inside with air conditioning film

3. PLEASE, PLEASE – don't text while driving. Far too many lives are destroyed by texting and whatever it is, it can wait. Talk with your kids – consider showing them the u-tube videos that depict texting – here is a sample which all of us should watch. I'll mention ahead of time – it's powerful.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dht-Vy25jPs>

4. Left hand turns into traffic are especially dangerous – look beyond the car you are about to pull in front of. You can wait just a few moments longer.
5. Consider a right hand turn flowing with traffic, and then pulling into another location further up the road with less congestion to reverse direction.
6. Help your fellow drivers (and yourself) by using turn signals, allowing some extra space between your vehicle and the next and finally...
7. Slow down, PLEASE

Morning Coffee with the Police Chief:

Please consider joining me for coffee on Saturday August 10th, 2013 here at the Police Station. We'll begin at 8:30 AM and stay until all your questions and thoughts have been addressed. I thought a Saturday might allow any of our residents or visitors that might wish to join me the opportunity to come and say hello. I look forward to seeing you.

Summer is the busiest time of the year for all of us. If you need the services of the Police Department, don't hesitate to call us. Our number is 508-487-8730 or you can always call 911.

Stay safe and enjoy your summer.

Very Respectfully,

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