



POLICE CRIME REPORT

September 14, 2020 to September 20, 2020

Weekly Public Safety Information

Dealing with Aggressive and Reckless Drivers

Did you know that a study by the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety concluded that 51% of American drivers have purposefully tailgated another vehicle and 47% have yelled at another driver? Aggressive driving is something that many drivers have taken part in despite possibly not being aware of it. Although drivers can unintentionally incite road rage or aggressive driving, it is best to try and focus on what you can do as a driver to prevent situations where you can provoke other drivers or avoid being the aggressive driver yourself.

Follow the rules of the road!

- **Maintain adequate following distance** – allowing a distance of 3 seconds between you and the car in front of you is the safest minimum following distance. This can be determined by finding a fixed point on the road such as a road sign, seeing when the vehicle in front of you passes that point, and adjusting your distance so you pass that same fixed point 3 seconds after the car in front of you does.
- **Use Turn Signals!** – **Turn signals do not give you the right of way**, they only alert drivers of your intention to change lanes or turn. Make sure to only change lanes or turn when it is safe to do so and when you have the right of way.
- **Allow others to merge** – by allowing others to merge you can avoid a situation where a driver may feel the need to turn or change lanes rapidly and cut you off.
- **Allow traffic to pass** – on roads with multiple lanes, the furthest lane to the left is considered the passing lane. This allows faster drivers to pass slower drivers on the road. A driver traveling slowly in the left lane can lead to aggressive driving like tailgating or even road rage. If you are traveling at the same speed as traffic around you in the left lane, move out of the left lane to keep the passing lane open.
- **If you must use your horn, do not hold the horn for an excessive length of time** – a short tap or 1-2 second use of the horn should be adequate for most situations

If you encounter an aggressive driver

- **Avoid engaging the aggressive driver** – do not make eye contact with them and do not respond to their aggression with aggression.
- **Avoid inflammatory gestures** – do not honk your horn aggressively, flash your lights, or make offensive hand gestures in response to a driver who cuts you off.
- **If a driver begins following you following an aggressive driving incident** – remain calm, do not escalate the situation, and drive to a public place such as a police station, fire station, or hospital.
- **If a Driver exits their vehicle to confront you** - Drivers exiting their vehicle due to road rage is a relatively rare occurrence. Less than 5% of drivers have exited their vehicle or caused an accident intentionally due to aggressive driving and road rage, but it is best to know how to handle this type of incident. Keep doors and windows locked and rolled up. Remember not to engage the person or look at them in the eyes.
- **If you feel threatened** by an aggressive driver, you can always call 911.

Always Remember

- **Don't respond personally** – You will see other drivers doing things that are illegal, inconsiderate and even incomprehensible. Most drivers are not thinking about their impact on you; they are just rushed, distracted or upset.
- **Never cause another driver to change their speed or direction.** That means not forcing another driver to use their brakes or turn the steering wheel in response to something you have done.
- **Be Tolerant and Forgiving** – The other driver may just be having a really bad day. Assume that it's not personal.
- **Do Not Respond** – Avoid eye contact, don't make gestures, maintain space around your vehicle, and contact 911 if needed.

Additional Resources

For more information regarding safe driving and aggressive driving information, visit these websites:

Maryland State Highway Administration

<https://zerodeathsmd.com/aggressive-driving/>

AAA Aggressive Driving

<https://exchange.aaa.com/safety/driving-advice/aggressive-driving/#.Xbm-UOhKiUk>

The Rockville City Police Department is committed to protecting and serving all members of the public. By following the safety tips and resources provided above, you can help us help you by taking steps to inform yourself on public safety issues to prevent yourself from becoming a victim.

If you have a crime or concern to report, you can call the Rockville City Police Department at:

Non-Emergency: 240-314-8900

Emergency: 9-1-1

IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING!

Rockville City Police Reported Incidents

The Rockville City Police Department provides a weekly Crime Report of serious incidents to serve as an overview of police activity occurring within the City Limits of Rockville. Please note this summary does not include every reported incident that has occurred during this time frame.

It is to be noted that the words “arrested” and “charged” do not imply guilt.

ARRESTS

09/13/20, a male, age 28, was arrested for first degree assault and reckless endangerment following an incident that occurred in the 1900 block of Veirs Mill Road.

09/14/20, a male, age 26, was arrested for indecent exposure and disorderly conduct following an incident that occurred in the 2000 block of Veirs Mill Road.

09/15/20, a female, age 22, was arrested for driving under the influence following an incident that occurred in the 700 block of College Parkway.

09/15/20, a male, age 19, was arrested for possession of CDS - Oxycodone and Marijuana following an incident that occurred in the 2100 block of Veirs Mill Road.

09/17/20, a male, age 50, was arrested for possession of an open container and disorderly intoxication following an incident that occurred in the 300 block of West Edmonston Drive.

09/18/20, a male, age 43, was arrested for driving under the influence following an incident that occurred at the intersection of Interstate 270 southbound and Shady Grove Road.

09/19/20, a male, age 24, was arrested for driving under the influence following an incident that occurred at the intersection of Frederick Road and College Parkway.

09/20/20, a male, age 21, was arrested for possession of a firearm following an incident that occurred in the 500 block of College Parkway.

INCIDENTS

1500 block Bradley Avenue, the complainant reports that an unknown subject removed catalytic converter from an unsecured motor vehicle between 11:00 p.m. on 09/08/20 and 3:00 p.m. on 09/11/20. **Report received 9/14/20.**

1900 block Chapman Avenue, the complainant reports that an unknown subject removed a bicycle from an unsecured residence between 4:54 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. on 09/12/20. **The suspect is described as:**

B/M - approx. 6-foot 1 inch, 200 pounds, muscular build, black hair, brown eyes

1000 block Carnation Drive, the complainant reports that an unknown subject removed a fishing rod from the complainant between 5:51 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. on 09/16/20.

300 block Howard Avenue, the complainant reports that an unknown subject removed a catalytic converter from an unsecured motor vehicle between 12:01 a.m. on 09/11/20 and 12:01 a.m. on 09/18/20.

400 block Redland Boulevard, the complainant reports that an unknown subject removed grocery items from a business without paying for the items between 9:15 a.m. and 9:37 a.m. on 09/20/20.

1900 block Chapman Avenue, the complainant reports that an unknown subject forcibly removed a bicycle from a residential storage room at 4:00 a.m. on 09/12/20.

1900 block Lewis Avenue, the complainant reports that an unknown subject removed jewelry and US currency from an unsecured motor vehicle between 5:00 p.m. on 09/19/20 and 5:00 p.m. on 09/20/20.



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