POLICE CRIME REPORT
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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

06/07/21, a male, age 33, was arrested for violation of a protective order following an incident that occurred in the 600 block of Blandford Street.

06/08/21, a male, age 20, was arrested for first degree assault, second degree assault, trespassing, and resisting arrest following an incident that occurred in the 15000 block of Shady Grove Road.

06/08/21, a female, age 32, was arrested for possession of CDS: suspected Heroin, Cocaine, Adderall and Amphetamine, Xanax, and Gabapentin; possession of CDS paraphernalia, and possession of CDS with intent to distribute following an incident that occurred in the 1000 block of Nelson Street.

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INCIDENTS

1600 block Forbes Street, the complainant reports that an unknown subject removed US Currency from an unsecured motor vehicle between 7:30 p.m. on 06/06/21 and 7:30 a.m. on 06/07/21.

15000 block Frederick Road, the complainant reports that an unknown subject removed a laptop and sneakers from an unsecured residence between 11:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. on 06/06/21.

Unit block Courthouse Square, the complainant reports that an unknown subject removed a bike rack from an unsecured business between 3:00 p.m. on 06/04/21 and 7:00 a.m. on 06/08/21.

1600 block East Jefferson Street, the complainant reports that an unknown subject assaulted the complainant between 10:06 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. on 06/08/21.

1500 block Rockville Pike, the complainant reports that two unknown subjects removed personal care items from a business without paying for the items between 3:32 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. on 06/09/21. **The suspect is described as:**

> **#1 – W/F – approx. 5 feet 6 inches, slim build, blonde hair – Last seen wearing: black leggings, black t-shirt, blue sneakers, and carrying a black purse**
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> **#2 – W/F – approx. 5 feet 6 inches tall, slim build, brown hair – Last seen wearing – Red t-shirt, black shorts, white sneakers, and carrying a brown purse**

2000 block Baltimore Road, the complainant reports that an unknown subject removed a catalytic converter from an unsecured motor vehicle between 2:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. on 06/07/21.

400 block Hungerford Drive, the complainant reports that an unknown subject broke a window of a business at 6:22 p.m. on 06/09/21.

200 block New Mark Esplanade, the complainant reports that an unknown subject destroyed an air conditioning unit between 2:55 a.m. and 3:10 a.m. on 06/09/21. **The suspect is described as:**

> **W/M – approx. 6 feet tall, medium build – Last seen wearing: black pants, black hooded shirt, and black sneakers**

1600 block East Jefferson Street, the complainant reports that an unknown subject removed a catalytic converter from an unsecured motor vehicle between 10:00 p.m. on 06/09/21 and 9:00 a.m. on 06/10/21.

1500 block Rockville Pike, the complainant reports that an unknown subject removed a purse containing credit cards from an unsecured business between 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. on 06/10/21.

600 block Elmcroft Boulevard, the complainant reports that an unknown subject removed medical equipment from an unsecured motor vehicle between 8:30 p.m. on 06/10/21 and 7:50 a.m. on 06/11/21.

100 block Halpine Road, the complainant reports that an unknown subject removed a desktop computer from an unsecured residence between 4:41 a.m. and 1:34 p.m. on 06/11/21.

700 block Monroe Street, the complainant reports that an unknown subject displayed a firearm and assaulted the complainant between 10:00 a.m. and 6:38 p.m. on 06/12/21.

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