

## **POLICE TRAFFIC SECTION**

Speeding reduces a driver's ability to steer safely around curves or objects in the roadway, extends the distance necessary to stop the vehicle and increases the distance a vehicle travels while the driver reacts to a dangerous situation.

- Speeding is a contributing factor in 30 percent of all fatal automobile crashes
- 606,000 people were injured in speed related crashes.
- 86 percent of speed related fatalities occurred on roadways that were not interstate highways.
- 85,000 pedestrians were injured due to speed related crashes.
- On average, a pedestrian is killed by a motor vehicle every 107 minutes.
- On average, a pedestrian is injured by a motor vehicle every 6 minutes.
- A large portion of motor vehicle crashes occurs less than one mile from the home.

Please help and support the Long Hill Township Police Department in its efforts to slow drivers down. We need your help in identifying and targeting motor vehicles that are violating the speed limit in your neighborhood. By working together we can make our streets a safer place. If you observe speed violators, or are aware of other traffic safety problems, contact the police at 908-647-1800. The Long Hill Township Police use a traffic radar monitor to assist with the department's goal to keep the Township streets safe. The monitor is placed on various streets around the township to give each passing vehicle a visual readout of their actual speed.

The monitor also is capable of counting each vehicle that passes. A precise inventory of vehicle traffic on the roadway will assist in determining if additional traffic signals, signs or speed limits are adequate for the given location. The monitor can also keep an account of each vehicle's speed and stores it on a computer disk for later analysis of driving trends and traffic volume.

The monitor is an effective tool around the school zones when parents and others are attempting to get to their destination and do not realize how fast they are actually traveling. This also holds true for those residents traveling to work or other locations within the township. Long Hill Township residents who would like to see the monitor in their neighborhood can contact the traffic section (908) 647-1800 ext. 252.