

Speeding is Everyone's Problem to Solve

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The Prince William County Police Department is concerned about speeding and reminds residents that this is everyone's problem to solve.

Speed can affect safety, even when driving at the speed limit but too fast for road conditions, such as during bad weather, when a road is under repair or at night on poorly lit roads. Speeding endangers not only the life of the speeder, but others on the road, including public safety employees, pedestrians and bicyclists. It is a problem everyone needs to help solve.

Speeding is a type of aggressive driving. Several factors have contributed to an overall rise in aggressive driving:

- **Traffic** – Drivers may use aggressive driving behaviors, including speeding, changing lanes frequently or becoming angry at anyone they believe impedes their progress.
- **Running Late** – Some people drive aggressively because they are “running late” for appointments.
- **Anonymity** – Drivers can feel less constrained when they cannot be seen by others and/or when it is unlikely that they will ever again see those who witness their behavior.

If it seems there are more cases of rude and outrageous behavior on the road than in the past, the observation is correct. Speeding behavior and aggressive drivers not only affect the speeder—they can also affect other drivers, pedestrians and bicyclists.

To report speeding on the County roadways, call (703) 792-6500. Provide as much information as possible, including street names, make/model of vehicle(s) and license plate numbers. Remember – keeping roads safe is everyone’s business.