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## **Increased Traffic Enforcement Results**

*Abilene, Texas* – The Abilene Police Department began increased traffic enforcement in September to help encourage safe driving habits. Officers have targeted specific areas throughout Abilene to help reduce speeding and thus bring about awareness. As a result of the increased enforcement, through October, the Department has conducted 385 stops, issued 309 citations, cited 271 drivers for speeding, and arrested three individuals. Officers have worked a total of 173 hours of increased traffic enforcement since the inception of the program.

Year-to-date, the Traffic Department of the Abilene Police Department has worked 23 fatal crashes that have resulted in a record high 28 fatalities on the streets of Abilene. The increased traffic enforcement is being conducted to help curb this trend and will continue throughout the year.

We urge drivers and motorcycle riders to practice safe driving habits by slowing down, avoiding distracted driving, and following the rules of the road. We also urge pedestrians and bicyclists to use caution and be attentive when navigating through the streets of Abilene.

Respectfully,

Rick Tomlin  
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