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### APD Increasing Traffic Enforcement

ABILENE, TX – The Abilene Police Department began increased traffic enforcement on Monday, October 10, 2022. The increased enforcement will go towards helping change driving habits and making the roads safer for all drivers. Selected officers will target specific areas of Abilene by increasing enforcement for a 12-month period through a grant provided by the Texas Department of Transportation.

Officers will focus on several driving factors, including speeding, distracted driving, seatbelt and child restraint violations, and Driving While Intoxicated.

In the first ten months of 2022, Abilene has surpassed the total number of fatal traffic crashes for all of 2021. From January 1 through mid-October of this year, Abilene Police responded to 21 fatal crashes resulting in 26 fatalities. The Police Department and TxDot are teaming up to bring traffic enforcement, hoping to impact this trend positively.

Abilene Police want to remind all drivers to practice defensive driving habits and slow down while on our roadways.

Respectfully,

Rick Tomlin  
Public Information Coordinator

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