

Know Your Traffic Laws

Prepared in cooperation with the Traffic Education Bureau of the Torrance Police Department

A review of Labor Day weekend statistics showing the number of people killed and injured across the United States should clearly show the need for concern by our driving public toward traffic safety.

A number of people killed and injured were the victims of someone who was not using good judgment in his driving. Had the proper safety measures been applied by that driver, in many cases the accident could have been avoided. Accidents don't "just happen," but are the result of one or more persons being careless.

DRIVING a vehicle is a full-time assignment requiring full attention by the driver. It requires split-second decisions with the proper application of good judgment along with the willingness to yield to other vehicles when necessary. It calls for sharing the roadway with the other drivers.

It is not enough to have the knowledge and skill required to pass the required examinations to receive an operator's license from the Department of Motor Vehicles. One must develop added skills that are needed in the everyday operation of a vehicle with the ability to maintain the proper mental attitude toward driving.

A DRIVER'S attitude is clearly reflected by the manner in which he drives his automobile and how he conducts himself on the road.

We in Torrance were fortunate during the Labor Day holiday as traffic on our streets and highways flowed in an orderly manner with very few accidents.

Most important was the fact that very few were injured during the long weekend, and that the city recorded no fatal accidents.

THE CITY'S traffic chief, Lt. Don Nash, says many factors must be considered with analyzing the excellent holiday weekend in Torrance. He

is quick to point out, however, that the most important of all probably would be the cooperation of the driving public — not only those from Torrance, those throughout the Southwest — and the respect shown for law enforcement.

Lieutenant Nash personally checked holiday traffic and noted in the driving public a determined effort to obey the many traffic regulations. Each driver did his share to keep the streets and highways accident free, he reported.

CHIEF PERCY BENNETT supported Lt. Nash's findings and said, "once again the citizens of Torrance met a tremendous challenge just as they have been doing all year."

With this type of cooperation, Torrance will remain among the cities of its size as the safest in the nation, a finding recently announced by the National Safety Council.

DURING THE first six months of the year, Torrance led cities of 100,000 to 200,000 population in traffic safety, the NSC reported.

"It is you, the driving public, who put Torrance there; and it is you, the driving public, who can keep Torrance there," the officers said.

The city's rating is no accident but the result of drivers making the proper boulevard stops, stopping for red lights, yielding the right of way when necessary, driving at safe and sane rates of speed, and giving of the required signals when turning. Many other requirements of the driver have been met to achieve such a record.

"LET US NOT relax this effort for a moment but continue to strive to improve our safety record," Chief Bennett urged.

"The Labor Day weekend shows beyond a doubt that accidents can be avoided and that loss of life and injury on our streets and highways can be reduced if not eliminated," he said.

BOX SCORES

Month	1961			
	Total Accidents	Non-injury Accidents	Injury Accidents	Fatalities
Jan.	97	57	39	1
Feb.	90	44	43	3
March	107	64	43	0
April	93	49	43	1
May	95	55	40	0
June	89	50	39	0
July	92	59	33	0
Aug.	87	54	33	0
	750	432	313	5
1962				
Jan.	79	33	46	0
Feb.	83	48	35	0
March	111	46	65	0
April	97	56	41	0
May	117	69	48	0
June	102	63	39	0
July	108	72	35	1
Aug.	71*	46*	25*	0*
	768	433	334	1

*Figures for August, 1962, cover the first 26 days.



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"Students and residents of the community are welcome to avail themselves of the opportunity of having an X ray made locally at a cost of \$1," Mrs. Polly Butts, college nurse, said yesterday.

The X rays are taken by a reliable licensed X-ray technician and are interpreted by P. K. Telford, M.D., chest spe-

Garden Checklist

1. Lawns will benefit from feeding again this month, also from application of a weed killer. Do not apply any weed killer without thoroughly reading directions.

2. Shasta daisies, phlox, many other perennials can be divided this month.

3. Deep watering still should be the practice in September. Don't hold off in anticipation of rain.

4. Plant calendulas, stocks, and pansies for winter bloom.

5. Plant cyclamen in pots or in the ground for bloom through winter and well into spring.

Burglar Enters Steinkamp Home

George Steinkamp, 18214 Taylor Ct., reported to police late Monday the theft of a cam-

er, projectors, binoculars, adding machine and clothing from his home. The burglar evidently entered the home through a window, police said.

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