



"A LITTLE BIT OF COUNTRY"

LINDON CITY NEWSLETTER

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Mayor

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City Center Offices

100 North State Street
Upper Level
785-5043

Community Development

100 North State Street
Lower Level
785-7687

Public Works

946 West Center Street
796-7954

Justice Court

100 North State Street
Upper Level
785-1971

Police

100 North State Street
Lower Level
Emergency - 911
Non-emergency Dispatch
229-7070
Police Department Offices
769-8600

Fire

Emergency - 911
Non-emergency Dispatch
229-7070
Other Fire Services
229-7327

Aquatics Center

60 West 60 North
610-4160

City Website

www.lindoncity.org

Traffic Safety

I have some good news to report for a change! It seems that some members of the driving public are doing something right. This is evidenced by the fact that nationwide, traffic accidents, injuries and fatalities are all on the decline. Fatalities from traffic crashes in 2010 were the lowest they have been since 1950 and injuries have declined for 10 years in a row! That's for the rest of the country. Why is it that here in Lindon our total numbers of accidents over the past 2 years have actually increased slightly, from 333 in 2009 to 351 in 2010, an increase of 5.4%. Interestingly, in that time period our accidents with injuries increased by almost 12%. The question that I have to ask is; why are the numbers here on the increase when other places are declining? Why are our injury accidents increasing so greatly? And, how do we turn these numbers around?

One easy way to tell what is going on is to look at what the primary causes of the accidents are. Historically the #1 cause of traffic accidents is called failure to yield. What that means is the driver didn't see the other car and pulled out in front of it or changed lanes into the side of him. #2 is speed or speed too fast for conditions. That simply means that they were driving way too fast, possibly on hills or winding, snowy or icy roads. In these accidents their speed caused them to lose control or to hit someone driving slower who possibly didn't realize how fast they were going so they pulled out or turned in front of them. A third common cause which we are faced with is distracted driving. This is when someone is on their cell phone, is texting, or playing with the radio and is simply not taking care of the most important business at hand... driving!

I believe that we are seeing more accidents because of the greater numbers of cars on the roads. More people driving means a greater chance that someone will make a mistake. I also believe that we are seeing more injuries because we... you, me and all of us... are going way too fast!

Now to get to my point, I told you that story so that I could tell you this one. Believe it or not, even though it is snowing almost every day, spring is here. With spring comes activity, the world and all of us, are waking up from winter and we can't wait to get outside! That means a ton of kids on the streets. We all know that here in Utah we have a lot of them and it seems like they're everywhere! Before long they'll be traveling to the pool, to ball games, to their friends or just going about their kid business... as kids are supposed to do. That doesn't even count all of the adult joggers, walkers and bikers who will be sharing the road with you! Now, combine all those kids/pedestrians with increased cars and speed and distracted drivers and you can start to see the possibility of tragedy.

In 2009 almost 4100 pedestrians were killed nationally and almost 60,000 were injured, One pedestrian accident happened every 9 seconds! Unfortunately several of those accidents were right here in Lindon. There are two things that we as a police department can do to try and prevent accidents from happening. First is to educate people and second is to enforce the laws. We all know that we should slow down and pay attention. We know that we should watch for kids, pets, pedestrians and other drivers. We also need to be aware and watch for traffic enforcement Officers as they will be out there all summer long helping you and all of our kids to safely enjoy the summer fun!

Chief Cody Cullimore, Lindon City Police Department

YOUTH BASEBALL REGISTRATION

T-Ball ages 4-5
Coach Pitch ages 6-7
Machine Pitch ages 7-8
Registration April 5-22
Register on-line
www.lindoncity.org