



## Wesley Neighbors Community Association

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Captain Gordon Catlett, Jr.  
West District Commander  
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Dear Captain Catlett:

With enforcement being the major thrust of the City of Knoxville's newly approved traffic-calming policy passed unanimously by City Council on November 23, the Wesley Neighbors Community Association formally requests increased police patrols in our neighborhood to improve safety by reducing incidences of speeding, stop-sign running, and reckless driving on our neighborhood streets.

The following streets need attention for speeding and reckless driving:

Wesley Road  
Sheffield Drive  
West Hills Road

The following intersections need attention for stop-sign running:

Traditional Drive and Wesley Road  
Sheffield Drive and Wesley Road  
Rockingham Drive and Wesley Road  
Stockton Drive and Wesley Road  
Hampshire Drive and Wesley Road  
Sheffield Drive and West Hills Road  
Stockton Drive and West Hills Road

For the purposes of this request, the following definitions apply:

“Speeding” is defined as exceeding the posted speed limit enough to cause a safety hazard. We are not concerned about vehicles innocently traveling a few miles per hour over the posted limit.

“Reckless driving” is defined as leaving the proper lane of traffic by driving into the opposing lane, or passing vehicles over the double yellow line, or driving off the road, whether or not excessive speed is involved.

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“Stop-sign running” is defined as driving through a posted stop sign at enough speed to be unable to determine that the intersection is clear and thus presenting a safety hazard. We are not worried about drivers who slow down enough to be sure the way is clear without absolutely stopping.

This neighborhood suffers from speeding and stop-sign running every few minutes and reckless driving every day. The most common times of day for these infractions are obviously weekday morning and evening rush hours, but these infractions occur regularly from 7 a.m. to 3 a.m. daily.

Your attention to this matter is needed and will be appreciated. Please let us know how we can help you to help us in this regard.

Sincerely,

Bill Stack, President

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