

Dear Chief,

What can be done about the cars speeding on W 4<sup>th</sup> Street (county road 3) and those speeding on N. Monroe Street (county road 10)? Both are school zones and I am concerned about a child being hit by a car since school is starting soon.

I have received numerous complaints about speeding cars and drivers not stopping at stop signs in both of these locations. I have personally witnessed several violations and have tried to change people's driving behavior by being very visible in these locations and by making selective traffic stops in hopes of drawn attention to the problem. Unfortunately my efforts have had only a minor impact on driving behavior. As a result I am left with only one choice. Starting August 18<sup>th</sup>, the first day of school, I am going to strictly enforcing traffic law in the school zones (speed is 20mph when children are present) This means that if you are stopped for a traffic violation you are going to get a ticket. Fines range from \$120.00 and up. I know in this economy that most people don't have an extra \$120.00 laying around and I really don't want to write someone a ticket, especially for a behavior that drivers can so easily change. There is nothing that is so important that prevents you from slowing down or counting to two when you completely stop at a stop sign. All I am asking for is a few seconds of your time at a stop sign and maybe an extra minute or two in passing through town. If you do this you will avoid getting a ticket and more importantly save a child's life.