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LaGrange Police Urge Pedestrian & Motor Vehicle Safety, Pedestrian Motor Injuries Increased in 2018

LaGrange, Ga. December 14, 2018 – The LaGrange Police Department is urging pedestrian and motor vehicle safety.

So far this year, the city has seen fifteen pedestrians struck by vehicles compared to seven being struck in 2017. The most recent pedestrian incident happened Tuesday night in the 300 block of North Greenwood Street. The pedestrian that was struck was airlifted to Midtown Medical Center in Columbus.

Fortunately, none of these local collisions were fatal but there have been a total of seventeen pedestrians injured in crashes since 2017. Many of these injuries range from broken bones to significant internal injuries.

“It is important to remember that individuals who are not in a motor vehicle and are in the roadway are extremely vulnerable and more likely to be seriously injured should a collision occur,” said LPD Lt. Mark Kostial.

“If you give pedestrians notice, room, and time to move out of your path, you may be able to avoid hitting a pedestrian. The best way to avoid a wreck with a pedestrian is to understand that "defensive driving" means

being wary of people who walk, jog, or run in the road and also those who are standing in close proximity to the roadway.”

Lt. Kostial also advises that hitting a pedestrian at a speed of over 30 miles per hour results in more serious injuries and fatalities yet a driver can severely disable a pedestrian in a crash where the driver is traveling only 10 miles per hour.

Roughly 130,000 pedestrians are treated in emergency departments across the country for non-fatal crash-related injuries on an annual basis. In calendar year 2017, a total of 260 traffic fatalities involving pedestrians occurred throughout the State of Georgia compared to 235 being reported in calendar year 2016.

As of Tuesday December 11, 2018, a total of 234 traffic fatalities involving pedestrians have been investigated throughout the State according to the Georgia Department of Transportation Office of Traffic Operations. There were 5,984 pedestrian fatalities in 2017 across the nation according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.



2017 Pedestrian Wrecks

Commerce Avenue @ Horace King Street

Lafayette Parkway @ Patillo Road

Callaway Avenue @ Poplar Street

Jarboe Street @ Hamilton Road

200 block of Boston Drive

Lafayette Square @ Bull Street

Lafayette Parkway in front of the Army Store

This map identifies pedestrian wreck in the city from January 1, 2017-December 11, 2018

2018 Pedestrian Wrecks

1517 Lafayette Parkway

908 Hogansville Road

South Greenwood Street @ Wilkes Street

300 Lukken Industrial

South Greenwood Street @ Vernon Street

Morgan Street @ Hamilton Road

Lafayette Parkway @ Morgan Street

Revis Street @ Daniel Street

Hamilton Road @ Bell Street

Hamilton Road @ Union Street

803 New Franklin Road

Commerce Avenue @ Young's Mill Road

Commerce Avenue @ New Franklin Road

Daniel Street between Revis Street and Borton Street

North Greenwood Street @ Smith Street

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