

Traffic Safety – Horrible situation number 1:

“Safety is a priority for Governor Carney’s administration,” as stated in letter. Well, current motor vehicle laws need to be enforced if there is to be any improvement. Already year to date, Delaware highway deaths are running **ten percent higher** than last year which was a horrible year.

The main issues as I see them are:

*** SPEEDING**

- * Using handheld device while operating motor vehicle. (texting, photography, talking, etc.)**
- * Running freely through RED Lights.**
- * Running freely through STOP Signs.**

There is a mention of a reckless driving offense if a driver is operating at 90 miles per hour, or more, on any highway. Just how crazy is that? A person going 89 mph in a 25 mph zone would not be concerned. According to Delaware Law, the posted speed limit is the maximum speed allowed. So why are so many running 15 to 25 over the maximum speed allowed by law? It is a huge safety violation. Further, the speed limit is exactly the same in the left lane as it is in the right lane. Here is a typical challenge to law abiding motorists. A needed left turn from highway is coming closer. As one tries to get in left lane with speeders going 70+ mph in preparation for the upcoming turn, it becomes difficult. As one finally succeeds in getting into the left lane when able, the vehicle is quickly approached by more speeders coming up behind. Now they are flashing their lights, honking their horns, jumping in and out of lanes, etc., before making the turn. No wonder that so many are dying on Delaware Highways.

I know the problem is bad, but I didn’t know just how bad until a few weeks ago. I had an airport shuttle service take me to my destination and return. It was absolutely horrifying. I was in the back seat where I could clearly see the speedometer. It was typical for the driver to be 15 to 25 mph above the speed limits. Yes, I even saw a speed of 91 mph at one point. As if that was not crazy enough, other vehicles were passing us.

It is a “royal free-for-all” on the highways. Enforcement? NONE! I am not nearly as concerned with putting green lights on snow plows as I am with SPEEDERS racing down the highway and using the handhelds while driving.