



CITY COUNCIL REPORT
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SUBJECT: Traffic Complaints on Linda Vista and Lockett Avenues



The following report provides a synopsis on traffic issues and enforcement related to the Linda Vista and Lockett Avenue areas.

DISCUSSION

The mission of the Police Department is to protect and preserve life and property. Our traffic enforcement program focuses primarily on problem areas within the City, those areas where we have the greatest number of collisions. None of our top 40 most dangerous intersections (number of collisions) are within the Linda Vista/Lockett area. However we also conduct enforcement efforts in certain areas in response to citizen complaints. The Linda Vista/Lockett area is currently an area where we have had citizen complaints and is the highest priority on our Target Radar Advisory Program (TRAP). We have several TRAP locations we work within the City based on concerns citizens bring to our attention. These TRAP areas are posted in our patrol briefing room for all officers to see, so they know the problem areas in their beats. In these areas we utilize our decoy car, sign board or speed trailers depending on the complaint, and then follow it up with enforcement action by all officers.

This year seems to have resulted in more citizen complaints (78), from the Linda Vista/Lockett area than previous years. Our traffic officers tell us the common complaints they get from this area over the last couple of years include: stop sign violations at the stop sign at Lockett and Patterson, the large trucks using Lockett instead of Linda Vista, speeding in the school zone at Thomas School (Lockett), and speeding on Linda Vista. It is apparent we have done more enforcement this year than in previous years. We issued citations to 63% of the 531 vehicles we stopped in the area.

The enforcement numbers for the Linda Vista and Lockett area include:

Year	Citizen Traffic Complaints	Traffic Stops	Traffic Citations	Traffic Accidents
2013	75	548	216 (39%)	36
2014	70	361	168 (47%)	37
2015 thru 8/25	78	531	337(63%)	19

CONCLUSION

Our year to date statistics at the Police Department tell us the following: The number of all collisions in the City are up 10% from last year. The number of traffic stops made by officers is up 27%, while the number of traffic citations we have issued are up 29%. The number of traffic warnings and repair orders issued by officers is also up 13%.

There may have recently been increased traffic on these two corridors for a couple of reasons. Some people are using Linda Vista instead of Lockett due to the rough road surface, Patterson stop sign, and school zone on Lockett. The recent repaving of Highway 89 caused traffic to back up on Route 66. Drivers may have been using Linda Vista and Lockett recently as an alternate to try and get around the traffic congestion on East Route 66. These two issues may help account for the increased traffic resulting in increased complaints. We will continue to monitor this area. This report is for information only.

