

Speeding complaints being investigated

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Amity Township police are taking a long, hard look at places in the township where they might want to add patrols to be on the lookout for speeders.

Police Chief Kent Shuebrook presented the township supervisors with a report listing 13 roads and intersections that have been identified as areas of concern from citizen complaints, and promised more traffic details would comb the areas in the future to gather additional data related to speeding.



"It's to get an idea where the problems are and the times when we need to deploy personnel," he said.

The data presented to the supervisors for the various stretches of road included the speed limit and the average and highest speeds observed.

The greatest disparity between average and posted speed was 5 mph at the intersection of Maplewood Drive and Terry Court. The greatest discrepancy between posted and high speeds was 19 mph at North Monocacy Creek Road and Kettle Lane.

In some cases, average speeds were less than the posted speed limits.

Chairman Robert Yanos mentioned Old Airport Road as a problem stretch that draws frequent complaints from residents, but Shuebrook said the data didn't necessarily suggest a problem there.

The greatest potential for speeders there, Shuebrook said, is late afternoon when people are leaving work.

"People are in a hurry to get home," he said.

Joe McKerman, a resident of the 400 block of Maplewood Drive, said speeders are a frequent problem where he lives. He said he put up a large yellow sign reading "Watch Out For Children" and watched as motorists frequently hit the gas as they approached it.

Shuebrook said it is an issue his department is aware of.

"They're not kids - they're people in their 30s and 40s with children," Shuebrook said.

Yanos said complaints from residents about some of the roads were nothing new.

"It's a concern of the board to control speeding," he added.

- By Kevin Duffy