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Pedestrian Safety Operation

On Thursday September 3, 2009, the Greenwich Police Department Traffic Enforcement Unit along with the Community Impact Section conducted a Pedestrian Safety Operation on Mason Street at the intersection of Fawcett Place and Milbank Avenue.

The focus of the enforcement effort was motorists failing to yield to pedestrians trying to cross the street in the two clearly marked crosswalks. In addition, those motorists using a cell phone while driving were also stopped. The enforcement operation consists of a plainclothes police officer acting as a pedestrian trying to cross the street, in the clearly marked crosswalk, and then observing which cars stop and which do not. Uniformed officers, in radio contact with the plainclothes officer, pull over those motorists that do not stop down the street.

The effort was a result of numerous complaints received by the Police Department concerning the problems encountered at that location by pedestrians trying to cross Mason St by utilizing the crosswalk. The results of this morning's effort are as follows:

- (3) Stop sign violations
- (7) Cell phone violations
- (18) Failure to yield to a pedestrian in a crosswalk.

28 total citations issued

These, and other efforts will continue as the Department strives to respond to the public in attempting to make the Town of Greenwich safer for pedestrians and motorists. As of this date, motor vehicle collisions are down almost 10% for 2009 as opposed to the same time period in 2008.