



# RYE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Dear Rye Residents,

I am writing to you as a police officer seeking community partnership with the residents of Rye who share our concerns regarding speeding vehicles. The police officers and I received letters, e-mails and met with concerned citizens about solutions to improve the safety and quality of life for everyone in our community.

The Town of Rye recognizes that traffic flow directly contributes to the quality of life within our neighborhoods. Speeding is not simply about fines and endorsements upon a license, it is an aggravating factor in many road deaths, or serious injury collisions. Speeding is a neighborhood issue that has a direct effect on our children's ability to safely play in neighborhoods, in addition to our pets and our own safety. We all want to live in a calm, welcoming place where we know we'll be at ease during an evening stroll or an early morning run. Often, drivers who do speed through our neighborhoods are unaware of the impact that their actions could have on the peace and comfort of neighborhood streets and residents.

Great communities don't just happen – the people who live in them must all pitch in to create the kind of place that they want to reside.

To encourage speed limit compliance, all town employees are asking Rye residents and visitors to take an active role in changing driver behavior on our streets by helping raise public awareness about the impact that unreasonable speeds have on our neighborhoods. We are asking each driver to drive his/her vehicle as if every child on the street were your own.

Your anticipated assistance in keeping the Town of Rye safe is greatly appreciated. Help us help you by talking with family and friends about the speed and driving habits of vehicles on Rye roads.

*Goals are kind of like children. When you pay attention to them, they evolve into something powerful.*

- Doug Firebaugh

Sincerely,

  
Chief Kevin Walsh

Cc: Town of Rye Board of Selectmen  
Town Administrator Becky Bergeron  
Rye Highway Department  
Rye Recreation  
Rye Library