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ROADWAY: 2000 Block of Jenkintown Rd

SPEED SURVEY

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INITIAL COMPLAINT: The Traffic Safety Unit conducted this survey based on recent crashes on Jenkintown Rd and an upcoming Community Meeting.

DESCRIPTION OF AREA: The 2000 block of Jenkintown Rd. is a two lane roadway posted at 35 MPH. There are two curves on Jenkintown Rd in this area, one by Louise Rd and one by Abington Ave. This stretch of Jenkintown Rd runs from Highland Ave to Abington Ave. It is located in the Glenside section of Abington Township. There are residential homes on the north and south sides of the street. Jenkintown Rd is a State road, route number 2021.

INFORMATION GATHERING METHOD: The Speed survey was conducted with a RADAR TRAFFIC COUNTER. The counter is attached to a pole and uses radar to record traffic volume and speed data. Crash data was obtained for Jenkintown Rd between Abington Ave and Highland Ave for the past 8 years. Crash data showed that there were 22 Total Crashes in this area. Seven of those crashes involved DUI's. Four crashes were hit and runs. Eight crashes were caused by distracted driver's (cell phone, GPS, reaching for drink, etc). One crash each was caused by fatigue, medical condition and following too closely. No crashes were the result of speed.

FACTORS: The speed of the vehicles using this section of Jenkintown Rd showed that 1.3 % of the traffic met the criteria for enforcement. The 85th percentile speed for this section of Jenkintown Rd was 39 MPH. The average speed was 28 MPH. 33,788 vehicles were monitored in this survey.

ANALYSIS: At this time, speeding does not seem to be an issue on this section of Jenkintown Rd. There is a speed zone at Jenkintown Rd and Louise Rd that we will continue to use for enforcement. The average speed was 28 MPH. Based on the analysis; the roadway appears to be appropriately posted.

<u>RECOMMENDATIONS</u>: PennDOT was asked to look at this section of Jenkintown Rd for any additional signage or improvements that could be made. A speed cart can be put on the block to make motorists more aware of their speed.

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