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**ROADWAY:** Huntingdon Pike between Moreland Rd. and Susquehanna Rd.

## **SPEED SURVEY**

**SEPTEMBER 2018**

**INITIAL COMPLAINT:** The Traffic Safety Unit conducted this survey based on a complaint from the ward commissioner

**DESCRIPTION OF AREA:** Huntingdon Pike is a state route (232) that is an arterial road through the east side of Abington Township. It traverses residential areas as well as areas encompassed by Holy Redeemer Hospital and the Rydal East Elementary School. The roadway is a four lane roadway with three other state roads (Moreland Rd., Susquehanna Rd., Cedar Rd.) and extends from the northern boundary with Lower Moreland Twp. to the southern boundary with Rockledge Borough. The segment of Huntingdon Pike that was studied was between Moreland Rd. and Holy Redeemer Hospital.

**INFORMATION GATHERING METHOD:** Speed survey was conducted with a handheld radar gun. Crash data was obtained from the two closest intersections (Meadowbrook Drive and Moredon Rd.) for the past 5 years. Crash data at Meadowbrook Dr. showed 33 crashes with four being attributed to "unsafe speed" due to weather and road conditions. This does not mean that the vehicles involved in these four crashes were speeding but were driving at a speed that was unsafe for the present conditions. All other crashes were a result of following too closely, red light violations, illegal turns and distracted driving. There were 21 crashes reported at Moredon Rd. with none being attributed to speed.

**FACTORS:** The speed of the vehicles using this section of Huntingdon Pike/ SR 232 showed that .09 % of the traffic met the criteria for enforcement. The 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed for this section of Huntingdon Pike was 49 MPH.

**ANALYSIS:** At this time, speeding does not seem to be an issue on this section of Huntingdon Pike. The average speed was 44 MPH, which is only 4 mph over the posted 40 MPH speed limit. Based on the analysis the roadway appears to be appropriately posted.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:** Continue the normal enforcement and adding an additional speed enforcement zone at Old Huntingdon Pike.

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