

## **Abington Township Police Department**

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ROADWAY: 700 block Tyson Ave.

SPEED SURVEY

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**INITIAL COMPLAINT:** The Traffic Safety Unit conducted this survey based on a request from Commissioner Zappone.

**DESCRIPTION OF AREA:** Tyson Ave. is a two-lane roadway posted at 30 MPH. It is two lanes, one north and one south. It intersects Bruce Ave. to the south and Custer Ave. to the north. It is located in the Glenside section of Abington Township. There are residential homes on the east and west bound sides of the street.

**INFORMATION GATHERING METHOD:** 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 from the closest two intersections (Custer Ave. (north) and Bruce Ave. [south]) for the past 5 years. Crash data showed no crashes reported at either intersection over the 5-year period. There were two reported crashes in the 700 block during this time, one being a DUI and one caused by distracted driving. Speed was not indicated as a factor in either crash.

**FACTORS:** The speed of the vehicles using this section of Tyson Ave. showed that 14.0 % of the traffic met the criteria for enforcement. The 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed for this section of Tyson Ave. was 40 MPH. 13837 vehicles were monitored in this survey. Enforcement rating for the area was medium.

**ANALYSIS:** At this time, speeding does seem to be a moderate issue on this section of Tyson Ave. The average speed was 35 MPH. Based on the analysis, the roadway appears to be appropriately posted.

**RCOMMENDATIONS:** The Traffic Safety Unit will continue enforcement details and as time and equipment are available will utilize portable speed signs to make motorists more aware of their speed.

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