

PRESS RELEASE

Tacoma Police Department Tacoma, Washington <u>cityoftacoma.org/police</u>

IMMEDIATE RELEASE March 1, 2023

MEDIA CONTACT Wendy Haddow, Tacoma Police Department Public Information Officer, 253-591-5968 whaddow@cityoftacoma.org

Tacoma Traffic Officers Ask Drivers to Slow Down to Save Lives

Tacoma, Wash. – In 2022, the Tacoma Police Department's Collision Investigation Team responded to 45 callouts, including 21 fatality collisions and 24 serious injury collisions. In the first two months of this year, the team has already responded to 8 traffic collision callouts, including 6 traffic fatalities and 3 collisions resulting in serious injuries. Traffic officers continue to find speed as a contributing factor in these deadly collisions.

Tacoma Traffic officers ask that you follow these driving tips to save lives:

- Follow the posted speed limits
- Talk to young drivers in your household about the risks associated with speeding
- Always use a seatbelt, and make sure your passengers do also
- Don't use alcohol or narcotics if you are driving
- Don't drive distracted

In an effort to enhance traffic safety, the City of Tacoma has reduced speed limits in multiple locations throughout the city. For more information, go to <u>Vision Zero - City of Tacoma</u>.

Let's work together to help ensure everyone gets to their destinations safely.

###