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Failure to obey traffic signals at intersections and related unsafe driving behaviors contribute tremendously to the number and severity of crashes occurring on Anne Arundel County roadways. As increasing numbers of drivers and vehicles add to the congestion on our roads, intersection related accidents continue to mount.

In an effort to reduce the amount of accidents in the Northern District area of Anne Arundel County, the Anne Arundel County Police Department in conjunction with a grant from the Maryland Highway Safety Office announces the commencement of OPERATION R.A.T.E. (Reducing Accidents Through Enforcement). The Operation begins May 1st and runs through September 30th, 2008. The operation will focus on ten (10) intersections in Northern District that have been identified as having a high accident and personal injury rate. These intersections accounted for 20.34% of all intersections accidents during a specific tracking period. The intersections that will be the focus of this operation are:

- 1) Mountain Road and Route 648/Jumpers Hole Road**
- 2) Crain Highway and 5th Avenue**
- 3) Dorsey Road and Aviation Blvd/Stewart Road**
- 4) Route 2 and Mountain Road**
- 5) Route 2 and Route 648**
- 6) Route 2 and 6th Avenue SE**
- 7) Route 2 and Welham Avenue**
- 8) Route 648 and Marley Station Road/Marley Neck Blvd.**
- 9) Dorsey Road and Interstate 97**
- 10) Route 2 and Ordnance Road**

Supervisor approving

During this operation, Anne Arundel County Police Officers will be aggressively monitoring and enforcing these intersections for such violations as failure to obey a traffic control device, failure to yield to oncoming traffic, turning right on red when not allowed, improper/illegal U-turns, and crossing private property in order to avoid a traffic control device.

The Anne Arundel County Police Departments goal is to reduce the total amount of intersection related accidents in 2008 through education, visibility, and enforcement.

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Approving Supervisor