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Press Release

Westport Police Department Announces Bicycle Traffic Enforcement Campaign

(Westport, CT) As warm summer weather continues to draw us all outdoors, the Westport Police Department has begun to receive a number of complaints related to cyclists using town roads recklessly with little or no regard to posted traffic control signage and other rules of the road. Many of these complaints have focused on the areas surrounding Compo Beach and have cited weekends as the prime time for these offenses.

With that in mind, Westport Police Department enforcement efforts have already begun targeting these offenders. Officers will take note of these violations on all town roads, with even more concentrated enforcement efforts planned in the Compo Beach area. If you do not obey stop signs and traffic lights, if you do not keep to the right, if you fail to yield, etc. you can expect to be stopped by our officers and can potentially be cited for these violations.

The National Safety Council offers the following tips for traffic safety while cycling:

- Get acquainted with local traffic laws; bicyclists must follow the same rules as motorists.
- Ride single-file in the direction of traffic.
- Remain alert, keep your head up and look around; watch for opening car doors and other hazards.
- Use hand signals when turning and use extra care at intersections.
- Never hitch onto cars.

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- Before entering traffic, stop and look left, right, left again and over your shoulder

The goal of this campaign is not to discourage cyclists from enjoying the scenic beauty that the town of Westport offers to its residents and visitors. It is instead to educate and ensure the safety of cyclists, motorists and pedestrians alike while all must share our roads. Your individual cooperation can make all the difference in making our neighborhoods a safer place to ride.

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