

City Traffic Accidents Show Decline During '63

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The City of Torrance had a decline in the number of traffic accidents per 1,000 population, which occurred within its limits during 1963, according to an accident report prepared by the Traffic and Lighting Department.

While the total number of traffic accidents of 1,396 was up over the 1962 figure of 1,150, in comparison to the increase in population, the rate was down.

In addition, the figure did not take into consideration the fact that part of the larger figure was due to a change in procedure, the use of a new short form accident report by the police department. This form is used only on very minor accidents where no charges are issued and no injuries have occurred. Many such reports are completed by citizens who come into the police department and advise of an accident. Most of these accidents are not reviewed or observed by the police. While only used through a part of 1963, this form did account for about 130 of the total number of accidents. Before, minor accidents were not a part of the accident records.

ACCORDING to the report, some reasons for the decline in the accident rate included:

1. Utilization of radar speed control.
2. Increased enforcement efforts by the police department.
3. Establishment of more efficient and effective methods of enforcement by the police department.
4. Installation and/or remodeling of signal systems within the city.

6. Installation of left turn pockets and other channelization on major streets.

Another significant fact reported was that some 10 percent of the accidents that occurred within the city, happened on private property, such as parking lots, over which the city has no control over the operation of vehicles.

THE REPORT also included a breakdown of accidents by intersection, enabling the police department to recognize critical locations and institute appropriate action there. Figures also may be of use to the Traffic Commission in considering proposed traffic control.

The total number of accidents at intersections was 1,208: Signal-controlled intersections, 616; stop sign-controlled intersections, 507; and uncontrolled intersections, 85.

Accidents at intersections were further broken down by their type: Involving two or more vehicles approaching an intersection at right angles, 387; involving two or more vehicles approaching each other in opposite directions, 70; involving two or more vehicles proceeding in the same direction, 447; involving pedestrians, 41; involving a single car, 100.

INTERSECTIONS with one or more reported accidents numbered 406, out of 1596 possible intersections open to traffic.

Critical signal-controlled intersections having more than 10 accidents were: Hawthorne and Torrance, 39; Crenshaw and 190th, 27; Carson and Hawthorne, 27; Anza and Sepulveda, 26; Crenshaw and Pacific Coast Highway,

24; Hawthorne and 190th, 22; Artesia and Crenshaw, 21; Artesia and Prairie, 20; Hawthorne and Sepulveda, 19; Del Amo and Hawthorne, 18; Carson and Western, 18; Artesia and Hawthorne, 17; Hawthorne and Pacific Coast Highway, 17; Torrance and Western, 16; Western and 190th, 16; Calle Mayor and Pacific Coast Highway, 15; Hawthorne and 182nd, 15; Hawthorne and Lomita, 15; Arlington and Sepulveda, 13; Sepulveda and Western, 12; Artesia and Western, 11; Maple and Torrance, 10.

CRITICAL one-way stop-controlled intersections, primarily "T" intersections, with more than four accidents included: Amie and Torrance, 9; Crenshaw and Rolling Hills Road, 9; Palos Verdes Boulevard and Torrance, 8; Torrance and Victor, 8; Carson and Fern, 7; Hawthorne and 225th, 6; Madrona and Sepulveda, 6; Border and Torrance, 5; Donora and Torrance, 5; Hawthorne and Tallman, 5; Crenshaw and Dominguez, 4; Cypress and Sepulveda, 4; Newton and Pacific Coast Highway, 4; Torrance and Wood, 4.

Critical two-way stop controlled intersections included Emerald and Hawthorne, 13; Crenshaw and 164th, 8; Hawthorne and Spencer, 6; Artesia and Atkinson, 5; Garnet and Wood, 5; Crenshaw and the On/Off Ramp, 4; Crenshaw and 230th, 4; Garnet and Hawthorne, 4; Ocean and Pacific Coast Highway, 4.

Critical four-way stop controlled intersections reporting five or more accidents were: Madrona and Torrance, 11; Hawthorne and 244th, 7;

New Navy Program Explained

A new Navy program designed to encourage re-enlistment of persons with prior service was explained this week by Chief Vandorne E. Isaak, local Navy recruiter.

The program, RESCORE (Re-enlistment Selective Conversion and Retention) offers persons re-enlisting the rate he held at the time of discharge for conversion into an undermanned technical rating.

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To be eligible for the program, men must have been discharged or separated from the service for more than three months but less than four years.

Isaak said more information can be obtained from his office, 1520 Cravens Ave., or by calling him at FA 0-3141.

Carson and Madrona, 6; Crenshaw and Sonoma, 6.

Only eight intersections with no traffic control had more than one intersecting type accident. They were: El Prado and Sartori, 3; Gramercy and 218th, 3; Amie and 172nd, 2; Calle Mayor and Camino de Encanto, 2; Casimir and 179th, 2; Gramercy and 220th, 2; Madison and 225th, 2; Madrid and Maricopa, 2.

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