



Maryland Coalition for Highway Safety

The Problems

Fed up with excessive, dangerous speeding on Maryland highways and other roads? Tired of excruciatingly loud vehicles of all kinds throughout the day and night?

Extreme sporting seems on a dangerous rise on many major and local roads through our communities and near our homes. Speeds exceeding 100mph and jet aircraft decibel noise. And across the board, average speeds by drivers creep up, creating safety hazards that risk lives or serious injuries to innocent parties. Often, alcohol and other abused substances further cloud vehicle operator judgment.

Who We Are

Concerned people first posted long strings of complaints on social media. Then we thought: Everyone could just keep submitting and “liking” posts, or we could do something about it.

So we did. We’ve formed the *Maryland Coalition for Highway Safety*, a new movement of concerned organizations and citizens advocating for positive change in the Maryland motoring experience.

Founding organizations include the American Automobile Association (AAA) Mid-Atlantic, the Greater Olney Civic Association and a group of Maryland home owner associations. We’ve made some good progress since we began meeting in Summer 2020. We’re recruiting additional members from across Maryland.

**Slow It Down... . . . Quiet It Down.
Up With Safety and Quality of Life.**



Not This.

Our Goal

Improve safety and reduce sound along Maryland roads.

Our Mission

Work collaboratively with one another and with State and local authorities in advocating enhanced sanctions for dangerous vehicle operation, supporting the police who patrol and safeguard our roads, encouraging the courts to apply justice fairly and effectively and welcoming innovation in illegal behavior deterrence via communications and technology.

What We Know

Are these problems with speed and noise growing? We think so. And the experts we've met struggle themselves to understand why. But here's some solid evidence we discovered: Maryland is way too light on its fines and other sanctions for dangerous and illegal motor vehicle operations.

Sanctions for the following violations and others are lenient compared to neighboring jurisdictions: *Intentionally hidden license plate...reckless driving...racing or participating in a speed contest...illegally modifying an exhaust system.*

Vehicle operators cited for speeding on roads such as the MD200 InterCounty Connector in Montgomery County or Indian Head Highway in Prince Georges and Charles Counties at upwards of 175mph receive the same fine as a person driving 15mph over the posted speed limit. Hardly more than a slap on the wrist. In reality, an occasional expense to those who abuse Maryland roads and neighbors for convenience, sport or in bad judgment, too often a DUI. The innocent majority pays the real price. Where's the deterrence?

The Solutions

It's all about deterrence. Discouraging speeding and noise. Promoting safety and quality of life.

We're working with State elected officials in Annapolis and in our districts across Maryland to introduce legislation for the next session to modernize motor vehicle operation laws and sanctions for serious violations.

We're also working with county, state and transportation police to encourage their collaboration and more effective highways and roadways law enforcement. Also, we're working with the State to explore more effective warnings on signage and safe driver education on the roadways themselves.

It's for the safety of our families and friends. And for Maryland society.

Get Involved

If you represent an organization, business or home owner association anywhere in Maryland, you're eligible to join *Maryland Coalition for Highway Safety*. No cost. Just sign on at facebook.com/groups/marylandcoalitionhighwaysafety.



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Also, please follow this group and invite other parties who may want to get on board. We'll continue to share our progress and plans with all group members going forward. And, we can help you reach your State representative when the time is right. Feel free to post your story, share your concerns and demonstrate your support for increased safety and quiet along Maryland roads.

Maryland State Police crack down to curb crashes on Capital Beltway's 'Big Curve'
19-year-old driver, dog killed in two-car crash in Owings Mills late Friday, Baltimore County Police say

Man dies in crash near Vienna Bridge in Wicomico; 2 injured
Two die in Prince George's County car crash, police say
State Police Investigate Fatal Crash In St. Mary's County

One Killed, Three Injured in Pittsville Crash
Deadly incident that injured 4 Maryland officers involved 2 suspected impaired drivers

3 Children, Uncle Dead After Accident In Cecil County



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