



CITY COUNCIL FOLLOW UP REPORT

MEETING DATE: DECEMBER 6, 2004 ITEM NUMBER: Request Number

TO: COUNCIL MEMBERS/CITY MANAGER
FROM: POLICE DEPARTMENT/FIELD OPERATIONS DIVISION
DATE: NOVEMBER 23, 2004
REQUESTED BY: RICH REISER
ADDRESS OF REQUESTING INDIVIDUAL: 445 ½ OLD NEWPORT BLVD., NEWPORT BEACH, CA 92663

BACKGROUND:

On November 15, 2004, Rich Reiser of Newport Beach attended the City Council meeting and discussed concerns on the safety of pedestrians at the intersection of 19th Street and Monrovia Avenue. Mr. Reiser reported that pedestrians were entering the roadway and were causing a traffic hazard and/or that drivers were not yielding to the pedestrians. Mr. Reiser proposed that the City do something to alleviate this traffic safety issue.

FOLLOW UP REPORT:

Police Department staff has taken 17 accident reports on 19th Street between Placentia Avenue and Whittier Street during the first 10 months of 2004. Of the 17 accident reports taken this year, none of the accidents has involved a pedestrian.

	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS</u>
1.	19 th Street and Placentia Avenue	13
2.	19 th Street and Federal Avenue	0
3.	19 th Street and Monrovia Avenue	0
4.	<u>19th Street and Whittier</u>	<u>4</u>

TOTAL 17

Since November 17, 2004, the Costa Mesa Police Traffic Safety Bureau has assigned three motor officers to monitor the area of 19th Street and Monrovia Avenue and adjoining intersections. The officers focused their traffic enforcement and education efforts between 7:30-9:00 AM, and again between 12:00-3:30 PM. This time frame was

selected as the most likely hours for the highest level of pedestrian traffic in the area, particularly in regard to children walking to and from the surrounding schools.

The officers have reported that pedestrians are walking on the sidewalks along 19th Street and are using the appropriate crosswalks at the four above-mentioned intersections. Thus far, the officers have issued only one hazardous citation for unsafe speed on 19th Street. No violations have been observed with regard to traffic violating pedestrians right of way.

Officers from the Traffic Safety Bureau will continue to monitor this area for the next few weeks and take appropriate action with regard to matters of pedestrian safety.

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Traffic Safety Bureau Sergeant

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