

Carol Stream Police Department

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PRESS RELEASE

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Carol Stream's Most Dangerous Intersection for Crashes: North and Gary

An analysis of 2006 traffic crash data has revealed that the intersection of North Ave. and Gary Ave. was Carol Stream's most dangerous intersections. Last year 47 crashes occurred in that intersection. Four of those involved injuries.

Last year there were 11 fewer crashes at North Ave. and Schmale Rd. resulting in North and Gary Ave. becoming the leading intersection for crashes in Carol Stream.

Traffic Sgt. John Jungers recently compiled the data and has identified the most dangerous crash locations in Carol Stream by frequency and severity. This data will be used to focus the department's traffic safety efforts to these intersections.

The department has realized a significant reduction in the number of injury crashes. In 2006, there was a 14.7% reduction in injury crashes and an overall 6.8% decrease in total crashes. In addition, Carol Stream experienced no fatal crashes in 2006.

"I believe our increased enforcement efforts in the target zones has contributed to the continued reduction in personal injury accidents", said Police Chief Rick Willing. "I am very pleased that even though we investigated 43 crashes in an intersection, only four of those involved injuries."

Historically, the intersections along North Ave., Gary Ave., County Farm and Schmale Rd. have been the target area for the traffic officers. The data will be analyzed to identify potential problems and specific traffic violations that may contribute to the accident rate.

Traffic safety is a combination of engineering, education and enforcement. The Carol Stream Police Department will continue to utilize all three components in attempts to reduce both the frequency and severity of traffic crashes.

"The data clearly identifies two intersections that have a disproportionate amount of crashes", said Jungers. "Our resources will be directed to those areas and we will do what ever is possible to reduce the frequency and severity."

Though the department encourages citizens to drive safely at all times, extra caution should be used in and near the high crash intersections.

Carol Stream's MOST DANGEROUS INTERSECTIONS FOR 2006 *('05 totals in parentheses)*

BY FREQUENCY

1.	North Ave. at Gary Ave.	44	(43)
2.	North Ave. at Schmale Rd.	32	(48)
3.	County Farm at Lies Rd.	21	(20)
4.	Gary Ave. at Lies Rd.	18	(17)
5.	North Ave. at Kuhn Rd.	17	(14)
6.	Gary Ave. at Fullerton	12	(18)
	Kuhn Rd. At Lies Rd.	12	(9)
8.	Schmale Rd. at St. Charles Rd.	10	(20)
	Gary Ave. at St. Charles	10	(20)
10.	North Ave. at President St.	9	(6)

BY SEVERITY (INJURY ACCIDENTS)

1.	Gary Ave. at Fullerton	4	(4)
	Gary Ave. at Lies	4	(5)
	Kuhn Rd. at North Ave.	4	(4)
4.	County Farm Rd. at Lies Rd	3	(5)
	North Ave. at Gary Ave.	3	(6)
	Kuhn Rd. at Lies Rd.	3	(4)
	North Ave. at Schmale Rd.	3	(3)

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