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Mourn for the Dead
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The Union Received a complaint about a person driving out Aircraft Road at a very high rate of speed passing 5-6 cars and a tractor trailer truck at once in a no passing zone, almost being hit head on by another tractor trailer truck. By doing this you are endangering yourself and other this must stop and is totally unacceptable. If that person hit that tractor trailer truck coming in they would have been killed. At those speeds if you hit at those speeds the impact would have been approximately at 120 MPH. Your vehicle is not designed for impacts like that and there is NO reason to be doing this. Do you want to not come home, do you want your loved one miss you? What do we tell them John Doe was driving at 80 MPH and crossed over the traffic and hit someone and both were killed in the accident.

Slow down, drive the speed limit and only pass another vehicle when it is safe to do so on Aircraft Road.

In the 38 years I have been at Pratt & Whitney we have had 3 people killed on Aircraft Road and numerous other accidents from very serious to fender benders. In every case but one it involved a Pratt & Whitney employee.

Driving on site and on Aircraft Road by Pratt & Whitney employees, hourly and salary is creating a very hazardous condition.

Driving is a Privilege.

Sisters and Brother, we have been receiving numerous complaints about the traffic light at A Road, S Road and D parking lot at shift change. We reviewed a past Safety complaint and the agreed-on times were the following. A road 25 second green, S road 15 seconds green and D road 15 seconds green in-between each cycle the yellow is for 5-6 seconds, the red to green will be 1-2 seconds. This was done on 10/5/23. We still are receiving complaints that the lights are not long enough or people running the red lights at shift change. I know everyone want to get home/out of work after being here, but we must do it safely. Running red light driving at high speeds are going to cause and accident. We must follow the rules of the road.

Does any of you want to get into a car accident or hit someone in the parking lot or on the road or someone's car and injure them? By driving through these lights or at high speeds you are endangering yourself or someone else. Driving on site is a privilege. The company can make it so you cannot park on site. Its just like driving on the road, it's a privilege.

Being in a Volunteer Fire Department, I have responded to many car accidents of friends, loved ones and even Union Sisters and Brothers. Each one of these events had their own tragic outcomes, death of an individual, severe injuries, to basic first aid. In each case, the least of the worries was a damaged vehicle.

Do you want to be responsible for injuring another co-worker? Do you want to pay for replacement of their vehicle and yours? Do you want that on your conscience that you injured or killed someone? Well, I don't!!!! Do you want to go to court for driving irresponsibly or injuring someone. The Union cannot help you then. That is a civil matter and running a red light and hitting someone is something that is out of our preview.

Please Follow the Traffic Lights.

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Respectively submitted Chief Union Safety Representative Paul Dickes.

Deer Crashes on The Rise, Several in the area of Aircraft Road

There were 460 deer crashes in the Connecticut from October to December 2022, the equivalent of one deer crash every five hours, according to an AAA analysis of data from the [UConn Crash Data Repository](#).

That’s the greatest number of crashes during that time period since 2018. Worse yet, the deer season seems to be starting earlier, with 131 deer collisions in October 2022, the most since 2014. In Middletown and Haddam, we have had the following reported incidents

Town	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2018-22 Total
Haddam		2			1	3
Middletown	14	17	11	6	10	58

One of the worst spots of the deer crash spots currently is Guilford, with 47 collisions reported in 2022. Groton was runner-up, with 33, and Avon third with 31 too-close encounters. All tabulated, 1,023 vehicles hit deer on Connecticut roads in 2022, up from 934 the year before. It's not just about bent fenders, either. Deer are responsible for the deaths of about 440 of the estimated 458 Americans killed in physical confrontations with wildlife in an average year. “Deer crashes can occur quickly and in unexpected locations,” said Alec Slatky, managing director of Public and Government Affairs for AAA Northeast. “Drivers need to be especially vigilant this time of year.”

That's because this time of year is rutting season, and the bucks don't have their heads screwed on straight. In their single-minded search for accommodating Does, they will vault from cover, leap across roads, and into Escalades doing 75 on the Merritt Parkway.

Drivers should be especially vigilant during their afternoon commute, since crashes are most common near sunset, according to AAA. The most common hours for deer crashes are 6-8 p.m. before the time change and 5-7 p.m. after the time change.

AAA offers the following tips for avoiding or mitigating deer crashes:

Scan the shoulders of the road in front of you; deer may dash out from the shoulder or wooded areas adjacent to the road.

Follow the speed limit; keeping your speed down will give you more time to respond to unexpected wildlife movements.

- Be careful rounding curves and climbing hills where visibility is limited.
- One long blast on your horn may frighten animals away from your car if you notice them early enough.
- If you spy one deer, look out for others; deer rarely travel alone.
- Use your high beams along dark roadways if there is no oncoming traffic.
- If a collision is unavoidable, try to remain in your lane and avoid other vehicles; swerving sharply can cause an even more serious crash.
- Wear your seatbelt; your chances of being injured in a deer crash are significantly higher if you don’t have your seatbelt on.
- If a crash occurs, move the vehicle to a safe location if possible and report the incident to local or state police or DEEP Environmental Conservation Police at 860-424-3333.
- Contact your insurance company to report any damage to your car. Take photos of the damage if you can do so safely and without entering the roadway. Damage to the car from animal crashes generally falls under a driver’s comprehensive coverage.