

Safeguarding the Lives, Rights, and
Property of the People We Serve



Danville Police Department



Quarterly Update

June 2024

Traffic Safety



Small Town Atmosphere, Outstanding Quality of Life

It Has a Motor and Wheels, but What is it and What are the Rules?



CLASS 1 AND 2 E-BIKE - CVC 312.5

ALLOWED ON ROAD

ALLOWED ON IRON HORSE TRAIL

A “class 1 electric bicycle,” or “low-speed pedal-assisted electric bicycle,” is a bicycle equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling, and that ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of 20 miles per hour.

A “class 2 electric bicycle,” or “low-speed throttle-assisted electric bicycle,” is a bicycle equipped with a motor that may be used exclusively to propel the bicycle, and that is not capable of providing assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of 20 miles per hour.

- No vehicle registration or driver’s license required
- Helmet required for those under 18
- Must follow the same rules of the road as a bicycle



CLASS 3 E-BIKE CVC 312.5

ALLOWED ON ROAD

NOT ALLOWED ON IRON HORSE TRAIL

A “class 3 electric bicycle,” or “speed pedal-assisted electric bicycle,” is a bicycle equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling, and that ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of 28 miles per hour, and equipped with a speedometer.

- Must be 16 years old to ride
- All ages must wear a bicycle helmet
- Must follow the same rules of the road as a bicycle



E-SCOOTER - CVC 407.5

ALLOWED ON THE ROAD WITH DRIVER’S LICENSE

NOT ALLOWED ON SIDEWALK OR IRON HORSE TRAIL

A “motorized scooter” is any two-wheeled device that has handlebars, has either a floorboard that is designed to be stood upon when riding or a seat and footrests in place of the floorboard, and is powered by an electric motor.

- Driver must have a driver’s license or permit
- Only one rider per scooter
- Max speed of 15 mph

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MOTORIZED BICYCLE - CVC 405

ALLOWED ON ROAD IF REGISTERED / DRIVER LICENSED

NOT ALLOWED ON THE IRON HORSE TRAIL

A "motorized bicycle" or "moped" is a two-wheeled or three-wheeled device having fully operative pedals for propulsion by human power, or having no pedals if powered solely by electrical energy, and an automatic transmission and a motor that produces less than 4 gross brake horsepower and is capable of propelling the device at a maximum speed of not more than 30 miles per hour on level ground.

- Driver must have a license with an M1 or M2 endorsement
- Driver / Passenger must wear a DOT-approved helmet



MOTOR DRIVEN CYCLES - CVC 406

ALLOWED ON ROAD IF REGISTERED AND DRIVER LICENSED

NOT ALLOWED ON THE IRON HORSE TRAIL

A "motor-driven cycle" is any motorcycle with a motor that displaces less than 150 cubic centimeters. A motor-driven cycle does not include a motorized bicycle, as defined in Section 405.

- No pedals, throttle only
- Driver must have a license with an M1 or M2 endorsement
- Driver / Passenger must wear a DOT-approved helmet



OFF-HIGHWAY MOTORCYCLE - CVC 436

NOT ALLOWED ON THE ROAD

NOT ALLOWED ON THE IRON HORSE TRAIL

An "off-highway motorcycle" means a motorcycle or motor-driven cycle which is subject to identification under this code [CA Vehicle Code].

Per CA DMV, Off-Highway Vehicles are motor vehicles that are used only off public roads and highways, on lands that are open and accessible to the public. OHVs such as all-terrain vehicles, trail bikes, racing motorcycles, dune buggies, and snowmobiles do not require regular vehicle registration, but they must display an ID plate or placard issued by DMV.

What is the Police Department Doing to Educate the Community



YARD SIGNS WITH THE RULES

The Danville Police Department has delivered signs to local middle schools and installed several at trail heads throughout the town.

These signs are designed to inform and remind students and trail users of the specific rules and safety guidelines for e-scooters.



PAMPHLET DISTRIBUTION

Police Department staff have been stationed along pathways to and from schools, downtown, and commercial areas to distribute tri-fold pamphlets.

These pamphlets provide clear definitions and rules for e-bikes, e-scooters, and electric dirt bikes (off-highway motorcycles), ensuring everyone understands the regulations and safe practices associated with each type of vehicle.



ENFORCEMENT

The Police Department is actively enforcing regulations about E-bikes, E-Scooters, Mopeds, Motorized Bicycles, Motor Driven Cycles, and Off-Highway Motorcycles.

Enforcement measures include issuing citations, impounding vehicles, and contacting parents to retrieve their child's vehicle or property.

The objective of these actions is to ensure compliance with law through necessary enforcement measures. To date, no child has received a citation for operating an E-scooter or similar motorized vehicle.

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SOCIAL MEDIA CAMPAIGN

The Police Department actively shares information via social media, posting weekly to educate the public about different vehicles and their rules. At the start of the 2023/2024 school year, Chief Allan Shields and Diablo Vista Middle School Principal Jeff Osborn recorded a PSA on motor-driven vehicles and related laws.

To clarify distinctions and regulations, the differences between e-bikes, e-scooters, and off-highway motorcycles are discussed on the Mayor's "Town Talks" and the Police Department's "10-8 In-Service" podcasts, accessible to all residents.



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Attention Danville residents!

Our officers have been busy spreading the word about road safety! We've passed out over 300 flyers to educate our community on the rules of the road for e-scooters, e-bikes, and off-highway motorcycles. We will continue to educate as we move into enforcement.

Stay informed and ride responsibly! Check out the attached flyer to learn more about each vehicle and their associated rules. Let's make our streets safer together! #DanvillePD #RoadSafety #RideResponsibly

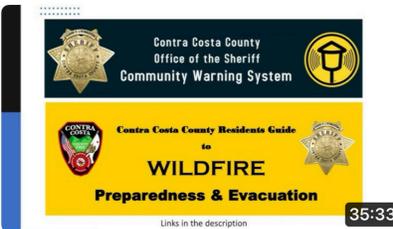
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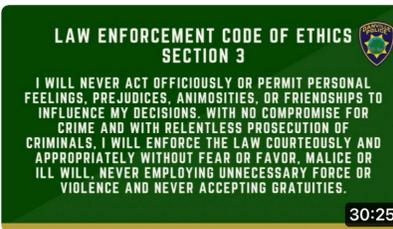
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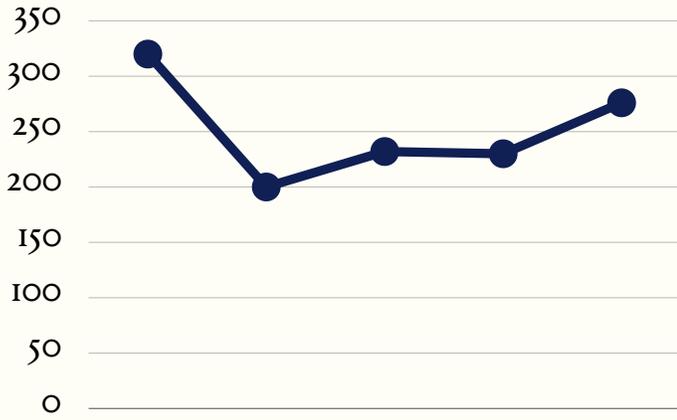
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Collisions

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■ Total Citations by Year

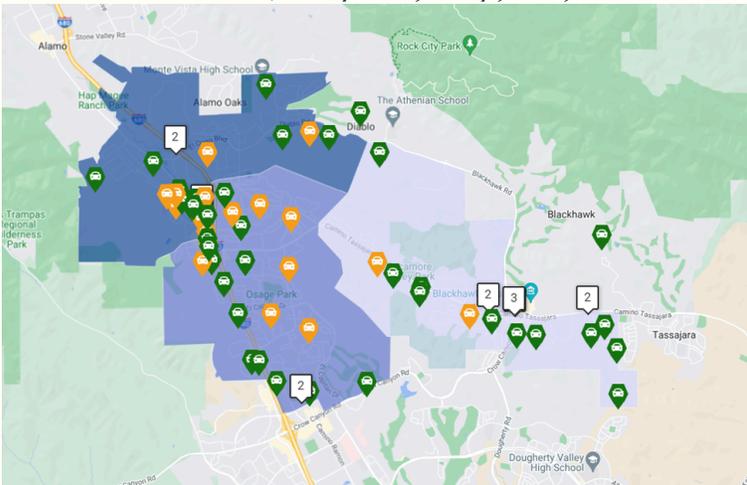


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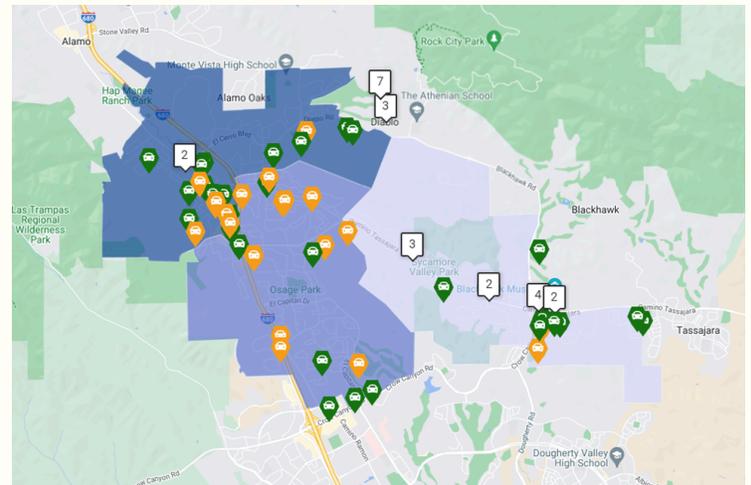
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JANUARY - MAY COLLISION COMPARISON 2023 TO 2024

Collisions in Town from January 1, 2023 - May 31, 2023:



Collisions in Town from January 1, 2024 - May 31, 2024:



COLLISIONS SO FAR THIS YEAR AND PRIMARY CAUSE

The total number of reported collisions has seen a slight increase from 124 in the period from January 1 to May 31, 2023, to 129 in the same period in 2024. The majority of these collisions have occurred along the Downtown corridor, in the Crow Canyon / Camino Tassajara commercial area, and along the Camino Tassajara corridor, as illustrated in the graphics above.

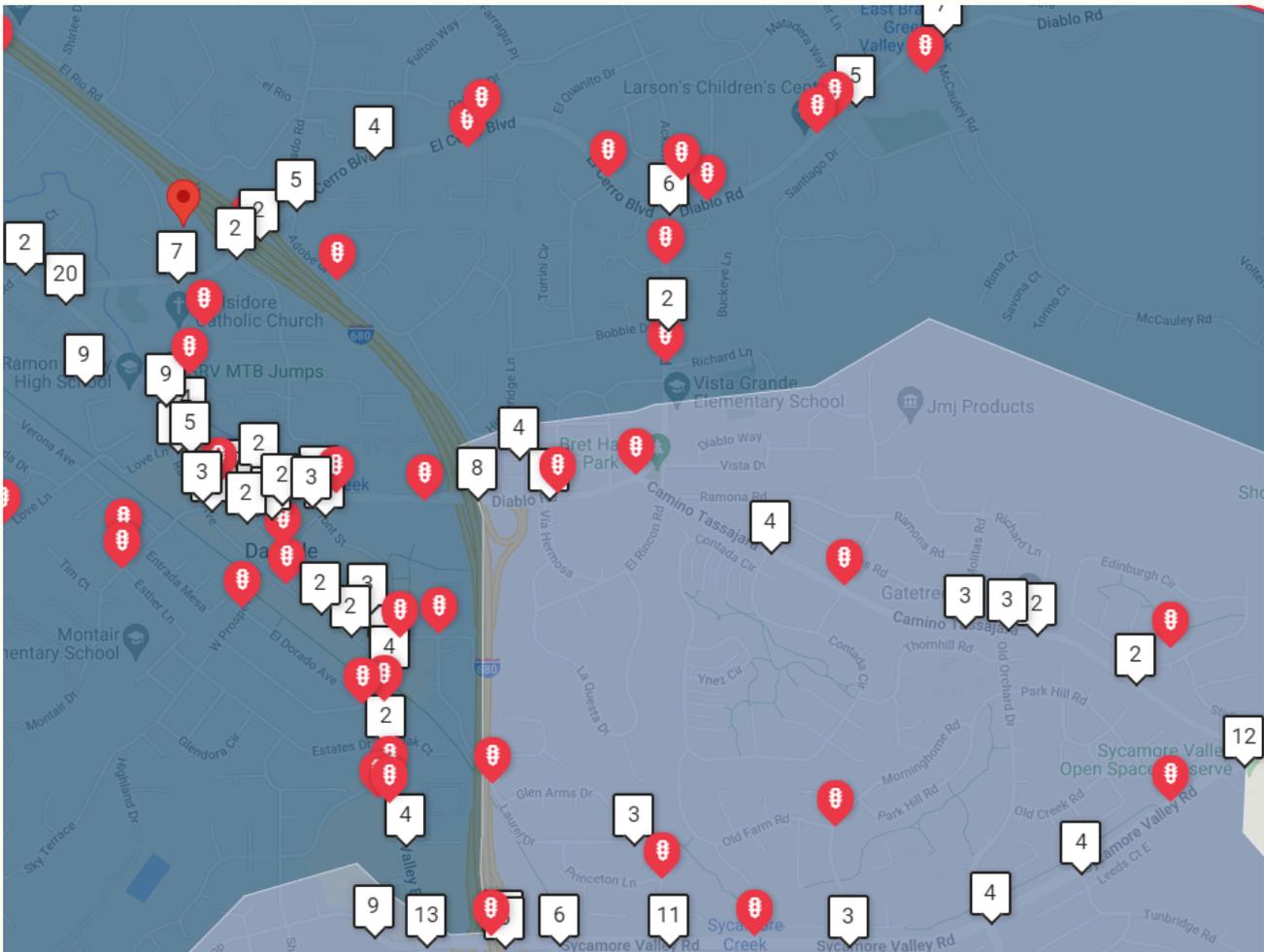
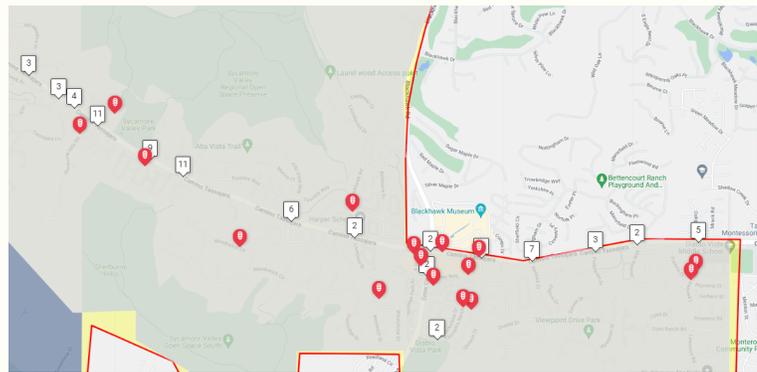
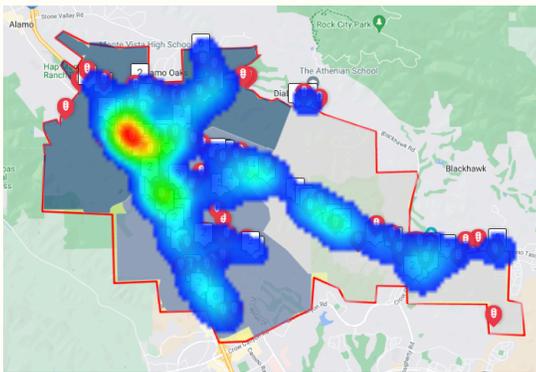
The prevalent primary collision factors for those collisions investigated by the Police Department were Unsafe Speed (25%), Traffic Signs and Signals (13%), Right of Way violations (10%), and improper turning movement (8%).

** The Police Department only investigates those collisions where there are reported injuries, disputes over fault, or crimes (hit-and-run, DUI, etc).

Traffic Enforcement

Traffic enforcement is essential for maintaining public safety and order in Danville. It is strategically conducted based on vehicle collision reports, resident complaints, and officer observations.

The following graphics show the distribution of traffic stops for moving violations, such as speeding, running red lights or stop signs, failing to yield right of way, and making improper turns, between January 1, 2024, and May 31, 2024. During this period, officers conducted over 2,300 traffic stops and issued more than 1,200 citations for vehicle code violations.



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Speeding in Town

In May 2024, two teenagers were arrested for engaging in a speed contest along San Ramon Valley Blvd near Podva Road. Both were released with misdemeanor citations. In June 2024, another motorist was arrested for reckless driving and illegally passing other vehicles in the bike lane on Camino Tassajara. The driver's vehicle was impounded, and the driver was released with a misdemeanor citation.

While the enforcement actions are not unusual, the police department has begun to publicly post details of these incidents online. The intent is not to shame the drivers, but rather to raise community awareness about the consequences of reckless driving, participating in speed contests, or engaging in exhibitions of speed.

As speeding is a primary factor in 25% of all investigated collisions in the Town, officers from both the Traffic Unit and Patrol work collaboratively to enforce speed laws and reduce incidents of speeding in the area.



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Attention Drivers: Slow Down!

A driver was recently arrested for reckless driving and passing other vehicles in the bike lane on Camino Tassajara. Their vehicle was impounded as a result.

This marks the fourth arrest for traffic violations in the past couple of weeks.

Please adhere to speed limits and drive safely.



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Klara Damjanovic Bleier
We are grateful for your service! Passing another car using the bike lane?! 🙄

Christian Sommer
89 mph on Camino Tassajara! What a buffoon.

Pat Herrera
Good news. You can sit there all day and write up many speeding tickets.

Anita Venezia
Cam Tass is a danger zone

Jay Bhagat
Great job DPD! Keep the nutcases off the streets of our beautiful town.

Rick Luciano
Great work DPD. Stay safe out there.

Larry Candeub
89....didnt know radar guns showed the temperature 🙄

Tricia Maravilla Shkapsky
Wow, impounded? Thank you! 🙏

Tim Henning
Great job
I live right off that road and people fly down that road
Set up on Glasgow Drive at arrest more of these nuts
Thank you!!!

STAY CONNECTED



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