Especially as the holiday preparations take place and people hurry out to shop, the people of Little Rock may face congestion, confusion, and conflict in traffic. The streets are busy with cars and trucks, buses and ambulances, motorcycles and bicycles, and even pedestrians. And in some locations, business and residential neighbors have competing traffic needs. Perhaps by reviewing a few of the rules of the road, we can help to keep the holidays merry.

Regarding right of way, pedestrians using a guide dog or carrying a white cane have absolute right of way. A driver must yield to a pedestrian within a crosswalk, and a pedestrian outside a crosswalk must yield to drivers. Regardless of the circumstances, however, drivers must do everything possible to avoid hitting a pedestrian or vehicle.

Traffic lights often cause confusion. A flashing red light means drivers must come to a complete stop, then proceed when safe. A flashing yellow light means drivers must slow down and proceed with caution. A steady red arrow means stop. You may not turn in the direction of the arrow. A steady yellow arrow means drivers may turn left but must yield to pedestrians and oncoming traffic. A green arrow means drivers may turn left.

Unless a sign is posted prohibiting the action, drivers may turn right on a red light after making a complete stop and yielding to pedestrians and traffic. With the same limits, drivers may turn left on a red light when turning from a one-way street onto another one-way street.

Bicyclists must travel on the right side of the road and use the bike lane if one is available, unless making a left turn. Other drivers should give the bicyclist the entire lane, if possible, and may enter a bike lane only to make a right turn.

Speeding and parking can be problematic in residential areas. Unless otherwise posted, the speed limit is 30 mph. Residents may contact police at 918-5100 for temporary speed enforcement and Public Works at 371-4475 for permanent traffic control devices, such as lights, signage, and speed bumps. In addition, citizens and businesses can post store-bought signs on their property.

By sharing the road, we will all get where we want to go, safely and easily. Happy holidays!

Tip Lines
Department and local tip lines provide anonymity for residents, students, and business personnel reporting criminal activity and aid the law enforcement process with accumulated intelligence and information.

Tip Line Numbers:
LRPD 501.371.INFO (4636)
12th Street (Property Crimes) 501.404.3119
Narcotics and Vice Unit 501.918.3800
Crime Stoppers 501.340.8477
Email tips: asklrpd@littlerock.gov

FROM THE DESK OF CAPTAIN HASKINS

This year was phenomenal, and I welcome 2020 with excitement! We (citizens of Little Rock, community stakeholders, and LRPD) have done a lot of good work. We have seen a significant decrease in Part 1 offenses for the division. I look forward to sharing our report card in January 2020. Let’s stay vigilant in our collective efforts to improve the quality of life in our city.

Please welcome Officers C. Gallegos, X. Lewis, D. Ticey, E. Willis, T. Mellinger, and B. Likins who completed their field training. We are pleased with their progress and look forward to seeing their continued development.

As the holiday season begins, please take every safety precaution. There will be lots of vehicles on the roads and congested parking at local businesses and event centers. Package deliveries will increase over the next several weeks. Dedicated officers will be on duty to deter criminal activity and keep everyone safe. Do not hesitate to contact me if necessary at chaskins@littlerock.gov. As always, take care.
DATES AND DETAILS

Stifft by Starlight
(A Holiday Frolic)
Thursday, December 5
5 to 8 p.m.

City of Little Rock Big Jingle Jubilee Holiday Parade
Saturday, December 7 at 3 p.m.
(Parade route: West Capitol Street from Broadway to the State Capitol Complex)
COP officers, mounted patrol,
and police recruits will be
walking the parade route.

Arkansas State Capitol Building Lighting Ceremony
Saturday, December 7
6 to 7 p.m.

Cocoa & Carols at Mosaic Templars Cultural Centers
Saturday, December 14
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Building a Better Blue
Written Exam/Physical Endurance Ability Testing
October through January
10901 Arch Street
See announcement

Little Rock Police Unity Ball
Saturday, March 28, 2020
Tickets: lrpolicefoundation.org
NEW COURT TO SERVE MISDEMEANOR OFFENDERS WITH MENTAL ILLNESS

Little Rock District Court—Criminal Division announced the creation of the Pulaski County Mental Health Court to serve high-risk/high-needs persons who have misdemeanor charges and who suffer from mental illnesses or disorders. For more information or for attorneys to refer potential clients, please contact Mental Health Court Program Coordinator Natalie Short at 501-391-4573 or via email at nshort@littlerock.gov.
Neighborhood Association Crime Statistics Maps for October
(No map is shown if no Part 1 crime occurred)