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Hildale City Police Department
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Police Department Report

May 2025

Patrol: In Colorado City officers took 255 cases and in Hildale City 199 cases. Traffic violations in Colorado City 73 with 54 warnings, and Hildale City had 111 and 47 warnings. Three DUI drivers were taken into custody during the month.

A year ago we completed a traffic survey that showed us the number of vehicles that use highway 389 and highway SR59. We are currently repeating the traffic survey and we are finding the same results. That is that there is an extremely high number of vehicles failing to obey the speed limit. That means that all of the warnings and road side education has not had a positive effect. Which means as a police department we have to change how we address the issue. High speeds cause serious injuries and death and we are certainly seeing those speeds daily on our highway segments. I have attached below examples of the reports. What we look at to determine how we enforce speed violations is that any speed over the 85th percentile receives a citation. With these reports in mind the patrol officers have been given direction to issue citations to drivers exceeding the 85th percentile. Keeping in mind that the direction is a guide and officers will still use their discretion appropriately. We have to reduce the speeds to equally reduce the serious injuries we are seeing in our highway crashes.

* While I am on traffic safety, a reminder to slow and move over for emergency lights, not only for police vehicles, but Fire apparatus, EMS Ambulances, tow trucks, highway safety vehicles and construction vehicles as required by law.

Additionally this month a male subject came to the police department to recover some personal belongings. The male became agitated when it appeared he would not get his way at which time he used a razor blade to cut his neck causing a severe laceration. He repeatedly called for the officer to shoot and kill him. Additional officers arrived and between the officers on scene they were able to de-escalate the situation and get the male medical attention. As the Chief of Police I often do not discuss such cases publicly, but it is important that the community understands that their police officers are presented with complex calls for service that are life threatening not only to them but to community members surrounding such events. With that being said, it is critical that community members keep their distance in such events as in a split second they can become an incident that becomes mobile, either on foot or by vehicle. We respect everyone's right to video police encounters, but a safe distance, and cover while doing so is appropriate for the safety of the citizen, the suspect and officer (so they don't have to worry about injury to a third party that was otherwise uninvolved).

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Survey Description

Survey Location

SR59 MP 1.5

Survey GPS Coordinates

37.012981, -113.020309

Survey Dates

Start

Tuesday, 5/20/2025 6:36 AM

Stop

Wednesday, 5/28/2025 5:56 AM

Posted Speed Limit

65 mph

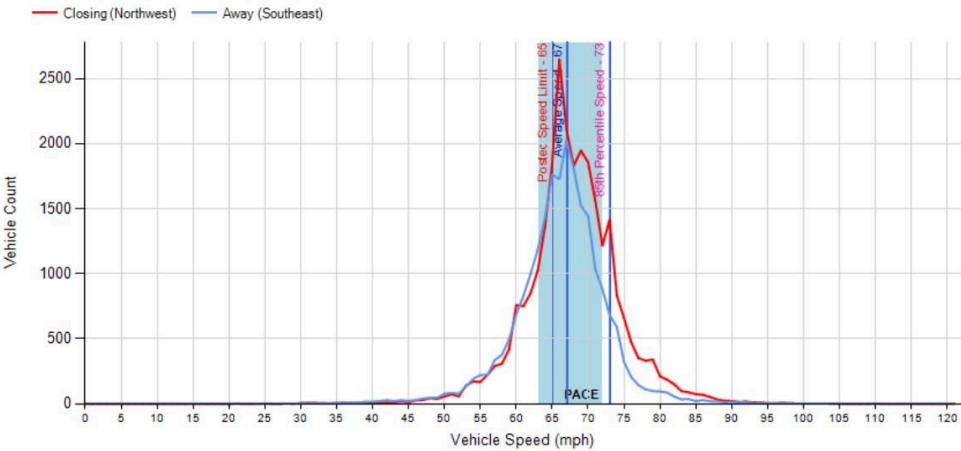
Traffic Zone

Normal

Count vs Speed - Line Chart

Date Range: 2025-05-20 - 2025-05-28

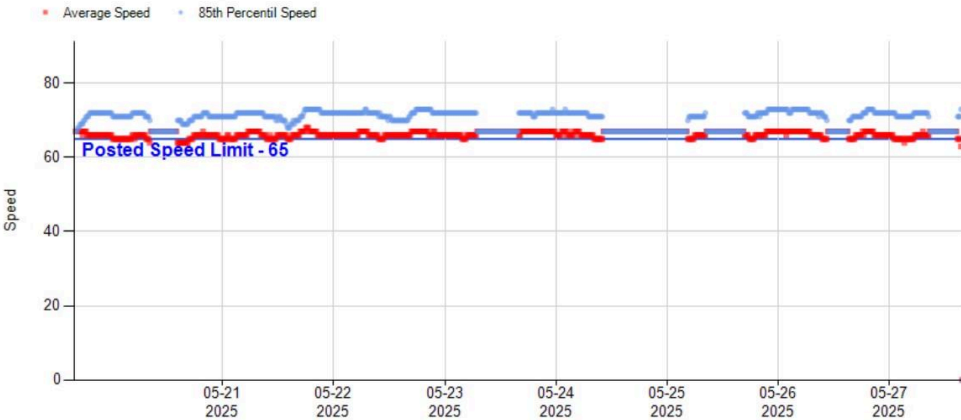
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Average Speed vs Time - Point Chart

Date Range: 2025-05-20 - 2025-05-28

Direction: Both



Highway 389 Report:

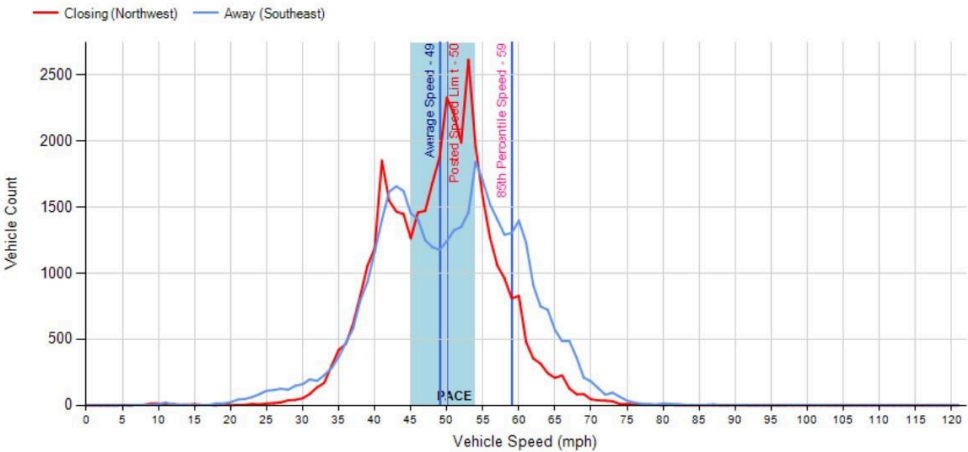
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Survey Description		
Survey Location	SR 389 MP 3	
Survey GPS Coordinates	36.9633096, -112.9691143	
Survey Dates	Start	Stop
	Friday, 5/2/2025 5:56 AM	Sunday, 5/11/2025 12:11 AM
Posted Speed Limit	50 mph	
Traffic Zone	Normal	

Count vs Speed - Line Chart

Date Range: 2025-05-02 - 2025-05-11

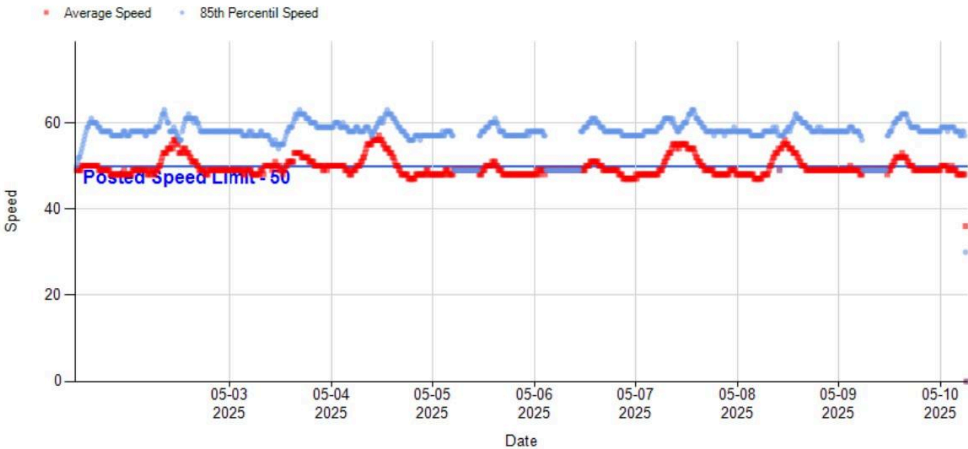
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Date Range: 2025-05-02 - 2025-05-11

Direction: Both



Investigations:

During the month a homicide occurred in Colorado City. Detectives are continuing work on follow-up interviews to prepare the homicide case for trial.

Just to help the community understand these critical types of investigations I have added an example of how we look at critical cases such as this case:

How complex is the case? A case where the suspect is immediately known, with dependable witnesses may be resolved rapidly or within days. More complex cases involving complex forensic information such as computer data, phone data, etc..., or multiple suspects or difficult suspects can make the case take longer.

Processing forensic evidence like DNA can take weeks or months. Processing other evidence that is sent to the state labs is dependent on the number of cases the state currently has and how quickly our case comes up in the queue.

Cooperation from witnesses can expedite or hinder the investigation.

Our police agency's staffing level and access to specially trained officers all play a part in the pace of the investigation.

Other investigative issues such as how well was the scene preserved, victim specific details, location and time of the crime have a direct impact on the investigative timeline.

In a large agency here are some typical times for six person homicide squad:

Within the first 72 hrs an initial squad meeting is held with a review of known information. The second stage is approximately 10 days. The last stage that results in a clearance of the case takes an estimated 36 days for the six person squad which results in an arrest and case presented to the county attorney's office. These are just estimates, actual times vary greatly. If a case becomes a "cold case" it may take years. The overall time to come to a final resolution can be years depending on adjudication time.

Really, there is no single average time for a police department to spend on a homicide case, as the factors in each case vary.

What I can say is that we do use our external resources including and not limited to allied police agencies, forensic labs, and the prosecutor's office to investigate our complex cases.

Administration:

The focus of this month has primarily been on the investigation of our critical cases. We are undergoing our first accreditation assessment at this time as well. Shortly we anticipate completing the accreditation process successfully. Thank you, *Robbins A. Radley*