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## Traffic Enforcement Focus on Poor Driving Behaviors

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Each month, the Santa Monica Police Department's Traffic Enforcement Unit focuses on different driving behaviors that are the primary causes for traffic collisions. For the month of February, motor officers in addition to their normal duties, will focus on individuals that fail to stop for stop signs and red lights.

### WHAT CONSTITUTES A VIOLATION?

California Vehicle Code Section 22450 – Stop Requirements

22450. (a) The driver of any vehicle approaching a stop sign at the entrance to, or within, an intersection shall stop at a limit line, if marked, otherwise before entering the crosswalk on the near side of the intersection.

If there is no limit line or crosswalk, the driver shall stop at the entrance to the intersecting roadway.

(b) The driver of a vehicle approaching a stop sign at a railroad grade crossing shall stop at a limit line, if marked, otherwise before crossing the first track or entrance to the railroad grade crossing.

(c) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a local authority may adopt rules and regulations by ordinance or resolution providing for the placement of a stop sign at any location on a highway under its jurisdiction where the stop sign would enhance traffic safety.

Lieutenant Jay Trisler wants to remind everyone that these laws pertain to bicyclists as well.

For more information, please contact Sergeant Phillbo Rubish with the Santa Monica Police Department's Traffic Enforcement Section at 310-458-8950, or Lieutenant Jay Trisler at 310-458-8471.