



INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

October 11, 2021

TO: SCOTT COLLIER
City Marshal

FROM: CAPTAIN JAMES MUNDEL, Commander
City of Wildwood Precinct

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "JM", written over the printed name of Captain James Mundel.

SUBJECT: Update to Old State Rd. Discussion

Upon review of crash statistics collected and documented in the 2020 Annual Vehicle Crash Analysis report, there appeared to be an unusual crash trend increase on the south end of Old State Rd. In particular, during wet pavement conditions, there was an increase in single car crashes for an unknown reason.

In response, the Police Department was in contact with the St. Louis County Department of Transportation and requested an evaluation of the roadway in the area of Red Tail Hawk. The Police Department conducted a speed survey in August 2021 and found the average speed near 35 MPH (posted limit), with the 85th Percentile at 39.9 MPH. The road construction is such that there are no shoulders, the road curves at various locations and consists of hills. The roadway is not favorable for enforcement due to safety concerns for stopping motorists. The speed survey does not show excessive speeding and the road is patrolled regularly.

The review of crash data showed in the first nine months of 2020 there were 15 crashes, however, for the same timeframe in 2021 there was now only 5 crashes. The change in the trend cannot be defined. An examination of the roadway was conducted by both the Police Department and the Department of Transportation. The findings are such that the roadway is in good condition having been repaved within the last five years using a high friction type surface pavement.

The St. Louis County Department of Transportation has prioritized the roadway for a review of signage for replacement, upgrades and additions.

At this time, I see that the crash trend has subsided and the review and attention provided by the Department of Transportation is satisfactory for safety improvements. No further action is requested at this point and the roadway will continue to be monitored and reviewed for unusual trends.