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From: CEER@brevardfl.gov
Sent: Monday, January 5, 2026 9:28 AM
To: Horst, Rachel
Subject: A new CEER Recommendation has been submitted as ID #2026009

Recommendation # 2026009

Dear CEER Administrator,

Speak Up Brevard Recommendation ID #2026009 has been submitted. Please login to the CEER Application to start the recommendation evaluation workflow.

Contact Information:

Group/Organization

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Recommendation Information:

Recommendation ID	2026009
Recommendation Title	Enforce Motor Vehicle Law
Areas Affected	Brevard County and Palm Bay
Department Affected	SHERIFF'S OFFICE
Current problem	Motorists are displaying persistently dangerous driving behaviors throughout Brevard County and the City of Palm Bay. Most notably, excessive speeding, aggressive lane changes, tailgating, and reckless passing are visible each day along our major throughfares, including US-1, I-95, Malabar Road, Minton Road, and Palm Bay Road. The number of drivers manipulating mobile devices while driving has also gotten out of hand. Florida law requires motorists to use hands-free devices, but the law is clearly not enforced in Brevard County. By allowing motorists to operate their vehicles in this manner, the BCSO and PBPD are contributing to increased crashes and preventable injuries, and should take some level of responsibility. I refrain from calling vehicular incidents 'ACCIDENTS' because the term implies an unexpected event with no one at fault. More appropriately, I refer to them as 'CRASHES', suggesting a more serious, often preventable event that may involve negligence or error by the operators, BCSO, and PBPD.
Recommendation	I ask that BCSO and PBPD consider (1) increasing patrol visibility during peak risk periods (commute hours, weekends, late-night), (2) conducting targeted enforcement

focused on high-speed and aggressive driving, (3) installing speed cameras throughout Brevard County, and (4) issuing citations consistently for the most hazardous violations (speeding, following too closely, improper lane changes, manipulating mobile devices, and impaired driving where applicable). In addition, periodic saturation details and/or coordinated operations with local agencies could help re-establish deterrence and reinforce safe driving expectations. With a focus on prevention, the seriousness of legal implications, and the privilege of driving on Florida roadways. I recognize that enforcement resources are finite and must be balanced statewide. However, even a modest increase in high-visibility patrols and focused enforcement on US-1, I-95, Malabar Road, Minton Road, and Palm Bay Road in Brevard County would likely have an immediate deterrent effect, improving public safety for commuters, families, and commercial drivers. Thank you for your time and for the work BCSO and PBPD do every day to keep Florida's roads safe. If there is an appropriate point of contact for follow-up or a forum where community members can provide input, I would appreciate being directed accordingly and participating as needed.

Attachments

No Documents were attached.

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TO: Jim Liesenfelt, County Manager

FROM: Don Walker, Director of Communications

SUBJ: Citizen Efficiency and Effectiveness Recommendation #2026009

CEER #2026009, titled Enforce Motor Vehicle Law, was received by the County from Caesar Velez.

Citizen Statement:

Motorists are displaying persistently dangerous driving behaviors throughout Brevard County and the City of Palm Bay. Most notably, excessive speeding, aggressive lane changes, tailgating, and reckless passing are visible each day along our major thoroughfares, including US-1, I-95, Malabar Road, Minton Road, and Palm Bay Road. The number of drivers manipulating mobile devices while driving has also gotten out of hand. Florida law requires motorists to use hands-free devices, but the law is clearly not enforced in Brevard County. By allowing motorists to operate their vehicles in this manner, the BCSO and PBPD are contributing to increased crashes and preventable injuries, and should take some level of responsibility. I refrain from calling vehicular incidents 'ACCIDENTS' because the term implies an unexpected event with no one at fault. More appropriately, I refer to them as 'CRASHES', suggesting a more serious, often preventable event that may involve negligence or error by the operators, BCSO, and PBPD.

Citizen Recommendation:

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Staff Analysis:

Traffic enforcement in Brevard County and municipalities is outside the jurisdiction of Brevard County Government. However, we forwarded Mr. Velez's concerns and CEER recommendations to those respective agencies for their consideration. The County shared the recommendation with the Brevard County Sheriff's Office, City of Palm Bay Police Department and City of West Melbourne Police Department. Also, in January (2026), the Brevard County Sheriff's Office and Florida Highway Patrol announced a joint initiative to both elevate presence and enforcement of traffic laws on Interstate 95 in an effort to curtail accidents and excessive speeding. The effort also targeted seat belt violations, illegal lane changes, expired tags and other violations. To date there has been no announced conclusion to that initiative.

Staff Recommended Action:

It is recommended the Board of County Commissioners reject CEER #2026009 because enforcement of traffic violations on area roadways is outside of the County's jurisdiction.