



# UPPER MORELAND POLICE

## Howard Avenue

### Speed Study

June 2017

#### *Initial Complaint:*

A resident reported that vehicles speed at all times of the day on Howard Avenue near its intersection with Preston Lane.

#### *Description of Area:*

Howard Avenue is a residential street that connects County Line Road to Preston Lane. Residential homes line both sides of the roadway as well as a local business. The roadway is wide enough to accommodate on-street parking. Howard Avenue is approximately 300-feet in length and is oriented in a north-south direction with a 25 mph speed limit.

#### *Data Gathering Method:*

Speed/volume counters were placed on Howard Avenue near its intersection with Preston Lane for a period of seven days. Crash data was gathered and evaluated for a five-year period.

#### *Hazardous Factors:*

Evaluating the speed of vehicles, the volume of traffic, and the total number of crashes assists in determining the level of response necessary to address the public safety concern.

The speed of vehicles using this section of Howard Avenue indicated that 0% of vehicles met the threshold for enforcement. The 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed for vehicles on this section of Howard Avenue is 17.00 mph.

During the study period, 5,774 vehicles traveled on this section of Howard Avenue.

Crash reports do not indicate that there is an existing public safety hazard on this section of roadway.



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***Analysis:***

At this time, speeding is not an issue on this section of Howard Avenue. The average speed is 13.26 mph. There are no other traffic control devices oriented on Howard Avenue.

***Response:***

This location does not require enhanced patrol at this time.