

# **ENFORCING REASONABLE SPEED LIMITS**

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## **A VIEW FROM THE BENCH**



**WHEN THERE IS A PERCEIVED  
DEFICIENCY IN THE OPERATION  
OR ENFORCEMENT OF A LAW,  
THERE IS A TENDENCY TO LOOK  
TO AN ENTITY, A BRANCH, OR  
AN INDIVIDUAL IN  
GOVERNMENT TO BLAME.**

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**SO, IS THERE A PARTICULAR ENTITY,  
INDIVIDUAL, OR BRANCH OF  
GOVERNMENT THAT WE CAN LOOK TO  
FOR THE FAILURE OF THE PUBLIC TO  
OBEY SPEED LIMIT LAWS?**

The **BIG** Question

IS

Why Are Motorists  
Ignoring Speed Control  
Laws ?

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# COULD IT BE???

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**THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH? (LAW ENFORCEMENT NOT WRITING ENOUGH CITATIONS)**

**THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH? (THEY GAVE US BAD LAWS MAYBE)**

**THE JUDICIAL BRANCH? GOD FORBID (THEY ARE LETTING TOO MANY GUILTY ONES GO FREE)**

**Florida has a large and diverse population base.**

*All traffic violations are charged pursuant to UTC's.*

**All violations are written pursuant to uniform state statutes.**

*All violations are processed thru the traffic or criminal divisions of the state court system.*

**All dispositions are monitored and recorded thru a state dept. of motor vehicles.**

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**INQUIRING  
MINDS WANT  
TO KNOW:  
WHO OR WHAT  
DO WE BLAME**

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LETS LOOK AT SOME FACTS AND FIGURES FROM  
THE STATE OF FLORIDA

**P LET US EXAMINE SOME FACTS AND  
FIGURES FROM THE STATE OF  
FLORIDA**

**BUT, WHY FLORIDA'S  
STATISTICS?**

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**LET ME GIVE YOU A  
LIST OF REASONS  
WHY.....**





In My Opinion It's Essentially



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Matter of

**ECONOMICS**

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**PEOPLE SPEED BECAUSE  
THEY  
DO NOT  
FEAR LOSS OF THEIR  
DRIVING PRIVILEGE  
OR  
A SIGNIFICANT  
MONETARY PENALTY**

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# ***RECOMMENDATIONS***

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- 1. Abolition Or Reduction Of Laws That Permit Withholding of Points Or Adjudication Of Guilt.**
- 2. Graduated Penalties Increasing In Severity For Recidivism.**


- 3. Charge All Speed Related Violations Pursuant To Uniform State Statutes.**
- 4. Charge All Speed Related Violations Utilizing Uniform Traffic Citations.**
- 5. Require All Dispositions To Be Reported To A State Record Keeping Entity.**



**6. Publish The Disposition Statistics of Individual Courts And Judges.**

**7. Encourage Public Support Groups.**

**8. Monetary Rewards To Safe Drivers and Non-Speeders**



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**P The Conclusions Of The  
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Represent The Official  
Positions Of Their  
Colleagues, Court System,  
Administrators, or Chief  
Judges.**



# DISCLAIMER:

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**P JUDICIAL PRESENTERS HAVE NO BIAS OR PRECONCEIVED POSITIONS ON HOW SPEED ENFORCEMENT LAWS SHOULD BE APPLIED IN THE INDIVIDUAL CASES THAT MAY COME BEFORE THEM.**

**P IN ALL CASES, EXISTING LAWS WILL BE APPLIED FAIRLY AND IMPARTIALLY WITH DECISIONS BASED UPON THE FACTS AS PRESENTED.**