

# **Not So Fast!**

No doubt - there is a speeding problem in Pine Ridge, and it's increasing the number and severity of hazardous situations for the residents of our community.

Seeing is believing. We see cars flying down our roads. We see a growing number of reports about excessive speed throughout our community. We see the results of our recent Speed Study in Pine Ridge. Of the 19,000 vehicles that drove in Pine Ridge in one day:

- Once every 15 minutes, someone exceeded the speed limit by more than 15 mph.
- Once every 2 ½ minutes, someone exceeded the speed limit by more than 10 mph.
- Once every 25 seconds, someone exceeded the speed limit by more than 5 mph.

Some of the speeding problems come from cut through traffic. Some of the problems come from us – the residents of Pine Ridge.

Unfortunately, the speeding problem results in hazardous traffic situations for our residents whether they are driving, walking, jogging, riding a bicycle or a horse...almost everywhere. In a recent survey of our residents, more than 75% of the respondents stated they encountered a hazardous traffic situation – mostly due to excessive speed. There has also been an increase in the frequency and severity of accidents in our neighborhood. Drivers and their passengers, pedestrians, and equestrians are getting injured.

## **What's the Speed Limit?**

The speed limit is obvious where speed limit signs are posted along the road. Posted speed limits in Pine Ridge range from 25 mph to 45 mph. However, there are many roads in Pine Ridge without speed limit signs. In those situations, the speed limit is 30 mph (FS 316.183).

## **What Is Being Done?**

The Citrus County Sheriff's Department has already increased speed limit enforcement in Pine Ridge. It started because the sheriff recognized our speeding problem and the rising number of accidents in Pine Ridge. The increased patrolling is also reinforced by the recommendations of our residents. In the Traffic & Roadway Safety Survey, increased speed limit enforcement was the top recommendation from our community. Therefore, we can expect those enforcement efforts to continue well into the future.

Please Drive Safely,  
Your Roads Committee