



PRESS RELEASE

DATE: October 22, 2020

SUBJECT: Public Service Announcement regarding Golf Cart/Motorized Scooter Laws

LOCATION OF OCCURRENCE: City of Garden Grove

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NARRATIVE:

Although it is fun and convenient to stroll about the neighborhood in our Golf Carts and motorized bicycles/scooters, we must also remember these vehicles must abide by the rules of the road for the purposes of public safety. Here are some laws to keep in mind:

Motorized Gas powered units such as mopeds/bicycles

- Require an "M1" drivers license
- Require a "DOT" approved helmet be worn
- Require to be registered through the state
- Require Insurance

Motorized Electric bicycles/mopeds (without pedals)

- Require an "M2" drivers license endorsement
- Require a "DOT" approved helmet be worn
- Require to be registered through the state
- Require Insurance

Motorized Electric bicycles/mopeds (with pedals)

- Do not require a drivers license
- Operator must be at least 16yrs of age
- Must wear a bicycle helmet
- Requires front and rear lighting after darkness

Motorized Scooters (that have two wheels, a floorboard and handle bars)

- Must have a drivers license
- Must wear a bicycle helmet
- Requires front and rear lighting after darkness
- Ride as close to the right edge of the road as possible but NOT on the sidewalk

Golf carts 2 persons or less

- Require a valid drivers license
- Does not have to be registered with the DMV
- CANNOT be modified
- Requires front and rear lighting after darkness
- All drivers/passengers must wear seatbelts
- Require proof of insurance

Neighbor Electrical Vehicles (NEV)

- Can carry more than 2 people
- Require a valid drivers license
- Requires front and rear lighting after darkness
- All drivers/passengers must wear seatbelts
- Require proof of insurance

All Traffic signals/signs, speed laws, and right-of-way laws also still apply. If you should have any further questions or concerns, please contact the Garden Grove Police, Neighborhood Traffic Unit.

Lastly, the Garden Grove Police Department has been actively enforcing the recent rise in street racing, plaguing the city. Currently, GGPD is working with a newly formed partnership involving several other agencies, to combat this dangerous new fad. In just two days of enforcement, over 51 citations have been issued, 4 cars have been impounded, and 3 DUI and drug possession arrests have been made.

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