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MEMORANDUM FOR SQUADRON PERSONNEL & VISITORS

FROM: 367 RCS/CC
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SUBJECT: Local Safety Briefing

1. Welcome to the home of the 367th Recruiting Squadron, Colorado Springs, Colorado and the Pike's Peak Region. Colorado Springs has a variety of road and weather conditions you may encounter during your stay. Always be aware of changing conditions.
2. When driving in and around Colorado Springs, unless posted otherwise, Colorado speed limits are as follows:
 - a. Colorado Springs -
 - 20 MPH – narrow, winding mountain highways and blind curves
 - 25 MPH – any business district
 - 30 MPH – any residential district
 - 40 MPH – open mountain highways
 - 55 MPH – open highways and urban interstate highways
 - 65 MPH – rural interstate highways (may be posted higher)
 - b. Peterson AFB –
 - 30 MPH – base-wide speed limit unless otherwise posted. Parking lot speed is 10 MPH. Always beware of on-going construction on the base.
 - c. The use of seat belts is mandatory, both on and off base, on and off duty to all military personnel and DOD civilians, guest contractors, dependents and military retirees. Approved infant/child restraint devices (car seats) are required on and off base for children under 40 pounds.
3. Colorado drivers have drastically cut down on running yellow lights, unfortunately they have made up for it running red lights. To protect yourself from the “speed racers” you must ensure the intersection is completely clear prior to proceeding through the green light. If a mishap occurs in this situation, local police will ticket BOTH drivers—one for running the red light, the other for failure to ensure the intersection was clear.

4. On Peterson AFB, the most common areas for cars to “greet” each other are the intersections of Steward Avenue and Otis Street, and Peterson Boulevard and Otis Street. These intersections are always congested near the location of the Commissary, BX, McDonald’s and Building 1470 (HQ US SPACECOM/NORAD) and the location of the parking areas.
5. On the Air Force Academy, speed limit on base is 45 MPH unless otherwise posted. The Air Force Academy does not have any major traffic problems during the summer. The main thing to look out for are the deer that may be crossing the road at any given time or place. Otherwise, it may be the most beautiful base in the Air Force, with an abundant amount of wildlife to observe.
6. While enjoying your stay in the Springs, be aware of the high elevation as it can cause extreme fatigue. You may feel weak and tire much faster than normal. Drinking plenty of water is highly suggested. Enjoy your stay in the Springs and drive safely.



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