



# BROOME COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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## **BROOME COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE PRESS RELEASE**

### **Broome County Sheriff's Office Updates Fenton Town Board on Road Safety and Enforcement on Route 369**

(TOWN OF FENTON, NY) This week, members of the Broome County Sheriff's Office provided an update on traffic and safety on Route 369 to the Town of Fenton Town Board following two serious crashes on the road that occurred in June.

Over the past several weeks, the Broome County Sheriff's Office poured over old data from accident reports, traffic ticket reports and other statistics while collecting new data from this stretch of highway to identify trends or mitigation possibilities to make the road safer. Following the accident, the BCSO also increased proactive patrols and added speed trailers to the area.

After 29 days of data collection measuring over 74,000 vehicles passing through Route 369 in the Town of Fenton, the data showed the average vehicle speed was 53.34 mph in a 55 mph zone with vehicles traveling at speeds in the top 85<sup>th</sup> percentile averaged a speed of 58.53 mph. While only 1% of the 74,000 vehicles were measured to be traveling at 65 mph or more, the data does not include reports from community members of vehicles passing in a no-passing zone or passing on the shoulder of the roadway.

Total reported vehicle accidents across Broome County average over 5,000 per year, with Route 369 in the Town of Fenton accounting for an average of 30 accidents per year, with the vast majority of those accidents being animal-related.

Over the past month, increased Broome County Sheriff's patrols have led to a total of 27 tickets issued, far outpacing 2023, when a total of 33 tickets were issued throughout the year.

The Sheriff's Office will be comparing their data with traffic data gathered from the Department of Transportation and collaborating with New York State Police to continue an increased patrol and speed trailer presence on Route 369 going forward.

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“The honest answer is we will never be able to flip a switch and eliminate all unsafe driving on Route 369 or any highway,” said BCSO Captain Ben Harting. “Anyone who claims they can is lying. What we can say is that the Sheriff’s Office will do and continue to do everything we possibly can to try and make Route 369 in the Town of Fenton safer.”

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