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## Press Release

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**Subject: Driver Education Program (July 2013)**

Leaving the scene of a motor vehicle crash is a costly event for Joplin motorist. From January 1<sup>st</sup> to July 1, 2013 the Joplin Police Department has been dispatched to 204 hit and run crashes, with 50 of them in the month of June. At times drivers who leave the scene may not be aware of they have been involved in a crash, but commonly drivers leave because of issues with their driver's license or the vehicle's insurance.

Drivers involved in a crash are required by law to stop their vehicles at the scene (after removing them from the roadway of non-injury crashes) and provide information to the other driver such as name, address, vehicle information and driver's license information. Drivers are also required to notify police by the quickest means practical if an injury has occurred or property damage of more than 100 dollars.

The Traffic Division is responsible for investigating hit and run crashes and several things are needed to help aid in the completion of cases. The most helpful is accurate license plate information of the vehicle, followed by the vehicle description including, color, make, model, and a description of the possible damage, followed by a description of the driver and any possible passengers.

References City Ordinances 114-103 and 114-99

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