

An aerial photograph of a busy city street intersection. The street is filled with traffic, including several yellow taxis, a white car, and a black SUV. Pedestrians are walking on the sidewalks, and a cyclist is riding across the intersection. The street has white markings, including a crosswalk and a 'BUS ONLY' lane. The scene is set in an urban environment with trees and buildings visible in the background.

Pedestrian Safety Through Enhanced Enforcement

Presented by
The Baltimore County Police
Department

TRAFFIC TRAINING TEAM

Goals of the Program

- ◆ Develop a highway safety culture
- ◆ Encourage officers to take an active role in pedestrian safety
- ◆ Provide officers with applicable enforcement options
- ◆ Assist officers with the keys to successful prosecutions

Pedestrian Safety & Enforcement Seminar

- ◆ 8 hour seminar
 - ◆ Pedestrian Safety through Enhanced Enforcement
 - ◆ Accessing Location-Specific Data
 - ◆ Keys to Successful Prosecutions
 - ◆ Driver Enforcement
 - ◆ Pedestrian Enforcement
 - ◆ Practical Crosswalk Enforcement Project



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Pedestrian Safety through Enhanced Enforcement

4 E's of Traffic Safety

- 🚶 Engineering
- 🚶 Education
- 🚶 Enforcement
- 🚶 EMS



Engineering

- Encourage state & local highway engineers to attend the class
- SHA & county engineers have attended some of our sessions
- Encourage officers to take active roles in their districts to address issues
- Provide officers with agency contacts for issues to be resolved

Education

- Encourage officers to educate the public during these details
- Distribute PSA's on traffic safety

PEDESTRIAN VIOLATION

DID UNLAWFULLY VIOLATE:

- 21-202(i) **Failure to obey red traffic signal**
Pedestrian facing a steady red traffic signal alone may not enter the roadway. **Penalty: \$90 or up to \$500.00.**
- 21-203(c) **Failure to obey pedestrian control signal**
Pedestrian may not start to cross the roadway in the direction of a solid "don't walk" or "upraised hand" signal. **Penalty: \$50 or up to \$500.00.**

Failure to yield right-of-way to vehicle
pedestrian crosses a roadway at any point other than marked crosswalk or in an unmarked crosswalk at an intersection, the pedestrian shall yield the right-of-way to vehicle. **Penalty: \$50 or up to \$500.00.**

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When adjacent intersection is in operation, a pedestrian may not cross a marked crosswalk. **Penalty: \$50 or up to \$500.00.**

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DRIVER VIOLATION

DID UNLAWFULLY VIOLATE:

- 21-502(a)(2) **Failure to stop for pedestrian in crosswalk**
Driver of a vehicle shall come to a complete stop when a pedestrian crossing the roadway in a crosswalk is: (i) on the half of the roadway on which the vehicle is traveling or (ii) approaching from an adjacent lane on the other half of the roadway. **Penalty: \$80 or up to \$500.00. One Point.**
- 21-502(c) **Passing a vehicle stopped for a pedestrian**
It is unlawful for a driver to pass a vehicle that is stopped for a pedestrian either in a marked or unmarked crosswalk. **Penalty: \$90 or up to \$500.00. One Point.**
- 21-202(k) **Failure to yield right-of-way when turning on green signal**
Vehicles facing a circular green signal, including any vehicle turning left or right, shall yield right-of-way to any pedestrian lawfully within an adjacent crosswalk. **Penalty: \$90 or up to \$500.00. One Point.**
- 21-202(h) **Failure to stop at clearly marked stop line**
Vehicles facing a steady circular red signal or red arrow signal shall stop at the near side of the intersection at a clearly marked stop line, or before entering the crosswalk. **Penalty: \$140 or up to \$500.00. Two Points.**
- 21-202(k) **Failure to yield to pedestrian before turn on red**
Vehicles facing a red signal shall, after stopping, yield the right-of-way to any pedestrian lawfully within an adjacent crosswalk. **Penalty: \$90 or up to \$500.00. One Point.**
- 21-504 (b), (c) **Failure to exercise due care to avoid hitting a pedestrian**
The driver of a vehicle shall exercise due care to avoid colliding with any pedestrian, shall warn any pedestrian by sounding a horn, and shall exercise proper precaution on observing any confused or incapacitated pedestrians. **Penalty: \$70 or up to \$500.00. One Point.**
- 21-801(b) **Special dangers as to pedestrians**
The driver of a vehicle shall drive at an appropriate, reduced speed when any special danger exists as to pedestrians. **Penalty: \$90 or up to \$500.00. One Point.**

YOU HAVE RECEIVED THIS NOTICE FOR FAILURE TO ABIDE BY THE MARYLAND LAW(S) INDICATED ABOVE.

On average, every year more than 100 pedestrians are killed and more than 2,300 pedestrians are injured in Maryland as a result of collisions with motor vehicles.

Look Out for Each Other!

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LET'S MOVE
MARYLAND
TOWARD
ZERO DEATHS

BUCKLE UP

DRIVE SOBER

USE CROSSWALKS

SLOW DOWN

AVOID DISTRACTIONS

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

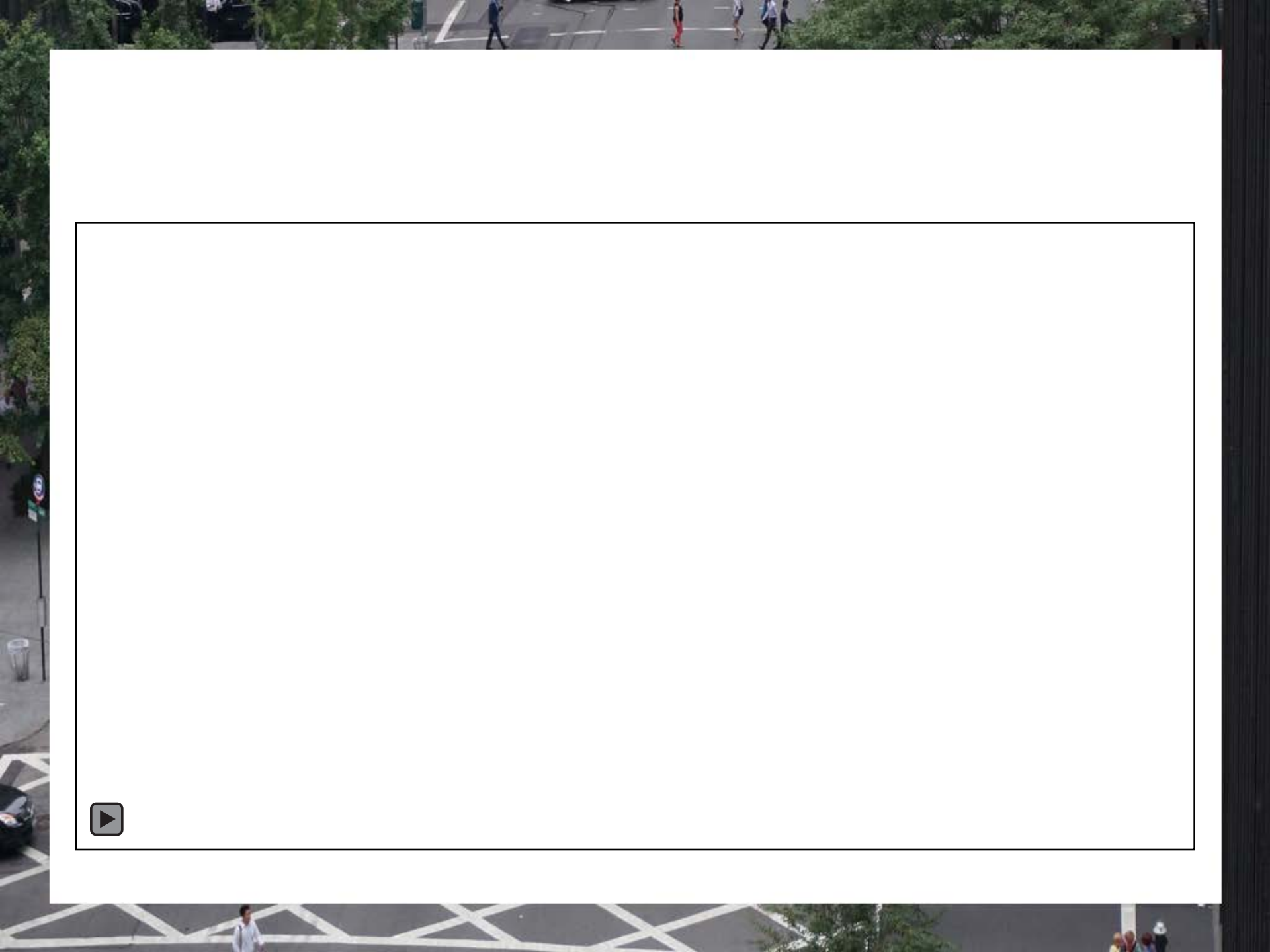
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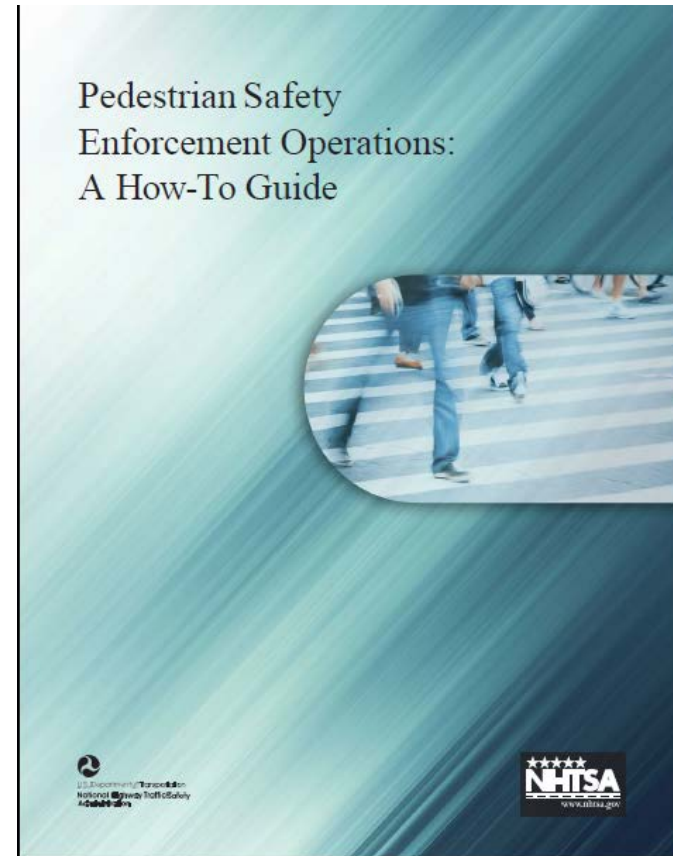
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Enforcement

- Operations use NHTSA's "Fair Game Rules"
- Students receive the NHTSA manual:
 - Pedestrian Safety Enforcement Operations: A How-To Guide



Enforcement

Goals should be:

- Reduce pedestrian crashes
- Educate the public by:
 - Changing driver's behavior
 - Changing pedestrian's behavior
- Citations vs Warnings

The image shows a document titled "Pedestrian Safety Program" with several sections and checkboxes. The sections include:

- Program Objectives:** A list of objectives with checkboxes next to them.
- Program Description:** A section describing the program's goals and objectives.
- Program Implementation:** A section detailing the implementation of the program, including a list of activities and their frequencies.
- Program Evaluation:** A section for evaluating the program's effectiveness, including a list of evaluation methods and their frequencies.
- Program Funding:** A section for identifying funding sources and their amounts.
- Program Reporting:** A section for reporting on the program's progress and results.



Enforcement

Training

- Officers who participate must fully understand the goals of the detail
- The goal of any pedestrian enforcement program is to save lives and prevent injuries
- Officers who conduct the enforcement must be aware of what constitutes a violation

Location Specific Data

- ◆ Partner with Washington College
- ◆ Utilize RAVEN for specific locations
- ◆ Access their department's crime analysis section
- ◆ High Incident Areas (HIA)

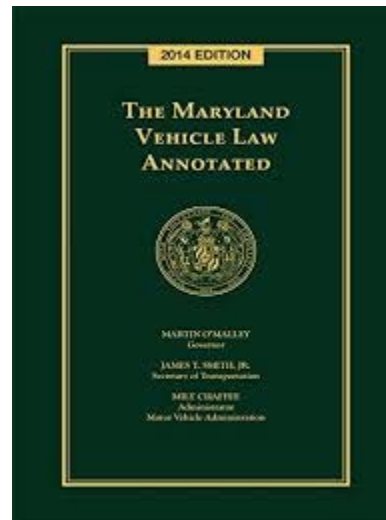


Keys to Successful Prosecution

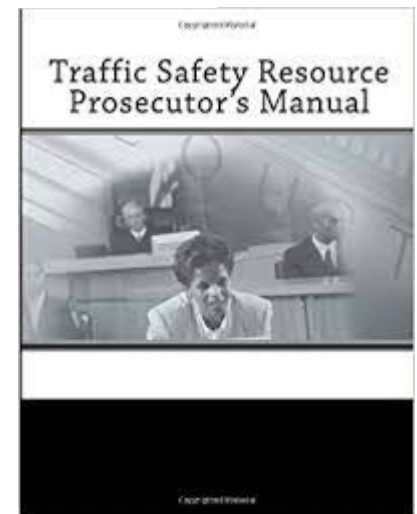
 Partner with your
Traffic Safety
Resource
Prosecutor



 Current laws and
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 Elements of the
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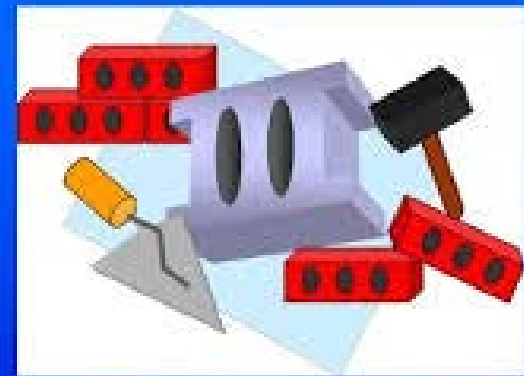
Keys to Successful Prosecution

Set your officers up for success

- ◆ Build the proper foundation
- ◆ Include enforcement area photographs
- ◆ Videos (bodycam)
- ◆ Use trained officers



Laying a Proper Foundation



The Pedestrian Problem

Maryland trends in pedestrian fatalities:

- 🚶 2015 - 99
- 🚶 2016 - 107
- 🚶 2017 - 111
- 🚶 2018 - 130
- 🚶 2019 - 121



24 % increase over 5 years

Driver Enforcement

- ❖ Crosswalk enforcement operations
- ❖ Other enforcement actions
 - Distracted driving
 - Speed enforcement
 - Impaired driving



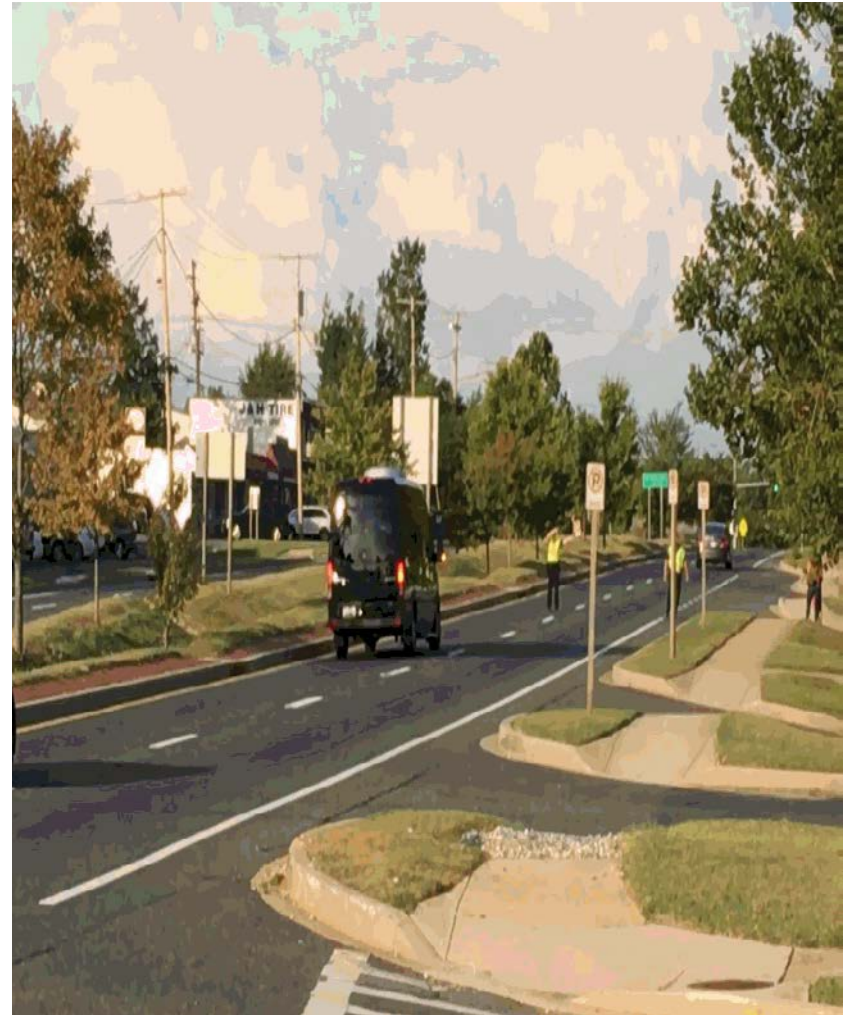
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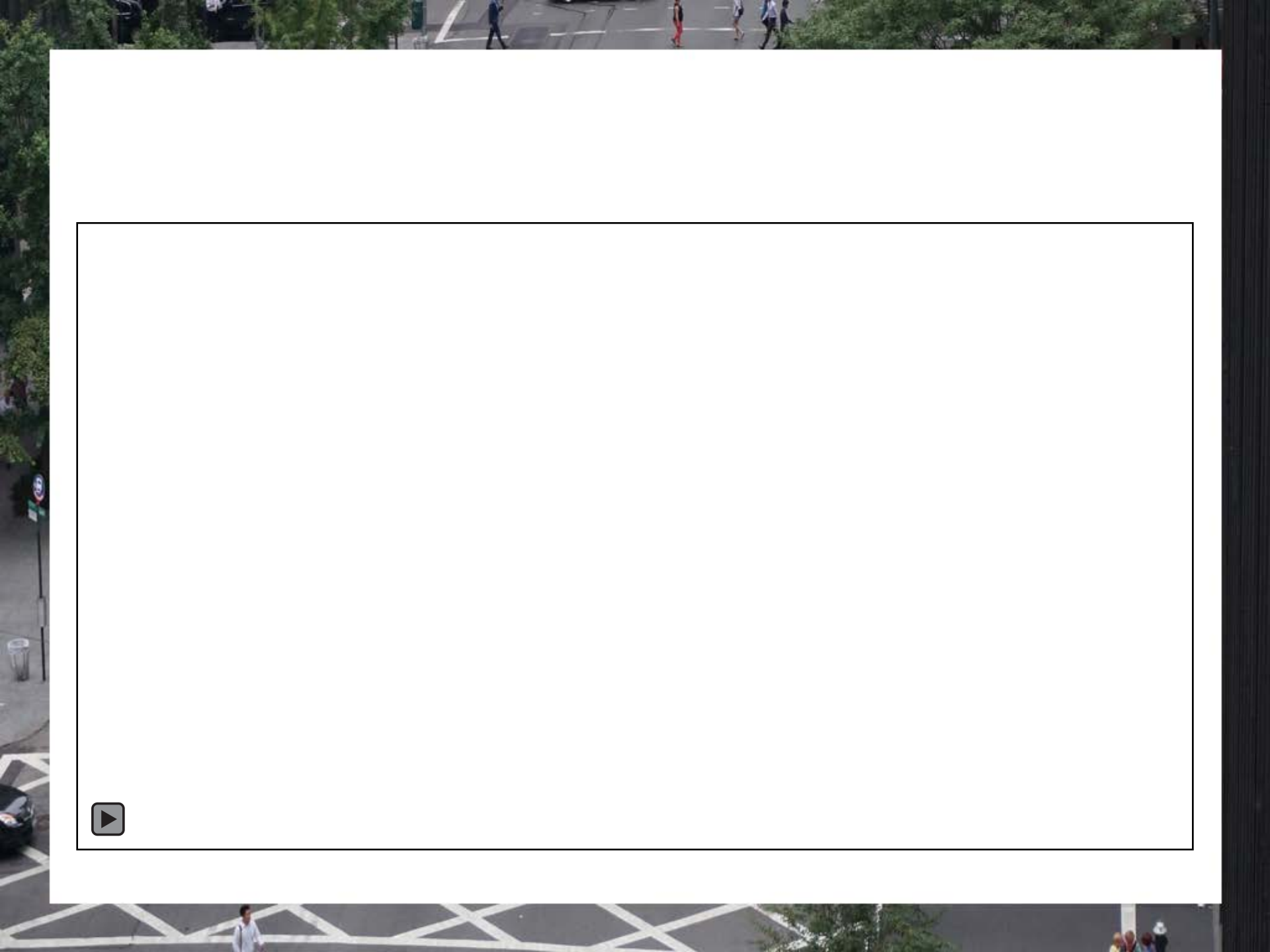
- Mid-block crossing
- Proper signage
- Clear visible crosswalk
- Speed limit 35 or less
- Clear sight lines
- Decoy in bright clothing



Enforcement Teams

- ◆ 4-8 Officers
- ◆ A supervisor
- ◆ All must be trained
- ◆ Highly motivated
- ◆ Radar/Lidar operations





Pedestrian Enforcement

- ❖ Right-of-way violation
- ❖ Failure to obey pedestrian signals
- ❖ Crossing intersections diagonally













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Who Have We Trained?

83 Law Enforcement Officers

-  Baltimore County Police Department
-  Anne Arundel County Police Department
-  Montgomery County Police Department
-  Ocean City Police Department
-  Howard County Police Department
-  Hagerstown City Police Department
-  Cumberland Police Department
-  U of M College Park Police Department
-  CIA Police Department
-  *Several other departments*

Baltimore County Details

Enforcement

– Citations (270+)

- Failure to yield
- Speeding
- Other violations

– *DUI (Drugged Impaired) Arrest*

– *Felony CDS Arrest*

– *Cleared Multiple Arrest Warrants*

pedestrian Education Team

