

# Sheriff



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## **GET UP TO SPEED ON TRAFFIC CITATION CIVIL PENALTIES** (Public Service Announcement)

Traffic laws are designed to protect public safety. A Destin resident recently told the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office that he also believes if more people were more aware of the financial penalties of traffic infractions for things like speeding, parking in a handicapped spot, and running stop signs – they would probably be less likely to violate them.

He asked us if we would get out the word, so we put together this quick list of fines for some of the more common traffic violations.

This list hits some of the highlights of what hits your pocketbook:

- Going up to nine m.p.h. over the speed limit = \$123.00 fine
- Going 20 to 29 m.p.h. over the speed limit = \$273.00 fine
- More than 29 miles is a \$348.00 minimum fine and MANDATORY court appearance
- Running a stop sign = \$201.00 fine
- Running a red light = \$256.00 fine
- Parking in handicapped parking (County) = \$155.00
- Parking in handicapped parking (Destin) = \$255.00
- Failure to wear a seat belt = \$108.00 fine

And to address a common misconception, keep in mind that the majority of the traffic fine funds collected DO NOT go to the law enforcement agency that issued them. Fines are distributed to various funds established by the Florida Legislature. A portion is returned to the issuing agency and a service charge is retained by the Clerk of Court. The Okaloosa Sheriff's Office typically receives less than two dollars per ticket. The money is used for training.

The Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office asks that you help protect yourself and others by driving safely!



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