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## New campus speed limits, stop signs posted

By **Jeff Samoray**, OU Web Writer To enhance the safety of pedestrians at Oakland University, the OU Police Department instituted new speed limits and installed new stop signs in several campus locations.

### Changes include:

- The current 15 mph speed limit that extends from the campus' main entrance at University Drive and Meadow Brook Road to Hamlin Hall has been extended past the residence halls to East Oakland Drive.
- The speed limit on Meadow Brook Road from East Oakland Drive to the Adams Road entrance has been reduced from 35 mph to 25 mph.
- A new 15 mph speed limit area is designated near the new parking structure crosswalk on Pioneer Drive.
- New stop signs are placed at the intersection of East Oakland Drive and Meadow Brook Road and in the Varner Hall parking lot (P-26).
- New stop signs will be installed at Meadow Brook Road and Ravine Drive around the beginning of September.
- New stop signs will be installed at the crosswalk from the Varner Hall parking lot (P-26) and the Recreation and Athletics Center in October.

"The main reason for the changes is that we are concerned about pedestrian safety where there are a great number of people crossing the road," said Lieutenant Richard Tomczak of the OU Police Department. "We're trying to address this issue and be proactive because of the increase in the campus population that will come with the fall semester. We want to allow citizens to drive in a safe manner. We're continually monitoring these changes to see what kind of impact it has on campus traffic and may make some adjustments if necessary. Right now we feel that the new speed limits and stop signs will have the impact we're looking for."

OU police officers will enforce the new regulations and may issue a State of Michigan Uniform Law Citation to those who speed or disregard the stop signs. Motorists also are required to yield to pedestrians when they are in crosswalks or intersections, and OU Police may issue citations to drivers who fail to do so. The court magistrate will find the driver either responsible or not responsible for the ticket violation. The court and magistrate determine traffic violation costs and fines.

For more information, contact the OU Police Department at (248) 370-3331 or [police@oakland.edu](mailto:police@oakland.edu).

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