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## **Collaboration to Prioritize Traffic Safety in St. Johns Area**

**ST. JOHNS, MI:** A joint agreement has been established between the St. Johns Police Department (SJPD), Bingham Township, and the Clinton County Sheriff's Office to improve traffic safety and simplify patrol zones in the greater St. Johns area. The collaboration will allow for cooperative traffic enforcement between the three entities along the following routes:

- M-21 (City limits to US 127)
- US 127 (M-21 to Kinley Rd)
- US 127 BR (Kinley Road to city limits)
- US 127 BR (City limits to Parks Road)
- Parks Road (US 127 BR to Loomis Road)
- Loomis Road (Parks Road to city limits)
- DeWitt Road (Parks Road to Kinley Road)

Travelers will spot new Joint Enforcement Zone signage around these areas, which features the logos of both the St. Johns Police Department and the Clinton County Sheriff. Beyond the streamlined routes and operations from this change, City officials hope that the overlap in enforcement zones will calm inbound traffic to the city.

"Collaboration is an essential part of keeping our community safe for residents and travelers," said St. Johns City Manager Dave Kudwa. "Together, the collaborative patrol and enforcement from city and county officers near our city boundaries will simplify operational logistics and create safer roadways for everyone."

The agreement allows SJPD officers to take enforcement action for traffic violations in any of the included areas, but primary enforcement for issues other than traffic violations, including crashes, remains with the county and state. City resources like stationary radar will still be limited to within City boundaries, per requests from both the City Commission and Sheriff's Office.

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