

## **Providence Car Accident Lawyer Calls for Rhode Island to ‘Get Serious’ About Speeding and Drinking Drivers**

*Attorney Mark Gemma of Gemma Law Associates, Inc., endorses the GHSA’s suggestion to label speeding as ‘aggressive driving’ in law enforcement, public education programs.*

Providence, RI ([PRWEB](#)) September 15, 2012 -- [Providence car accident lawyer](#) Mark Gemma said today that results of a recent drunk driving campaign and ongoing State Police efforts to crack down on speeding motorists call attention to important safety issues that all Rhode Island residents have a stake in.

“Rhode Island State Police said earlier this summer they continue to find more drivers speeding and are dealing with an increase in [fatal car accidents](#),” said Gemma, an attorney with the Rhode Island personal injury firm, Gemma Law Associates, Inc.

“Last week, State Police said they charged 32 drivers with driving under the influence in about three weeks leading up to and through Labor Day,” Gemma continued. “Parents, educators, employers – everyone – should recognize that drunk driving and speeding are significant dangers to all Rhode Island residents.”

The Providence Journal said in August that RI state troopers had issued 14,708 [speeding tickets](#) between January 1 and July 25. In the prior three years, state police averaged about 20,000 speeding tickets a year, the newspaper said.

The campaign has arguably been a success: State police also said troopers had responded to 50 fatal auto accidents so far this year, down from 66 in each of the past two years, according to the Journal.

On September 5, the Journal reported that State Police stopped more than 2,900 motor vehicles and issued nearly 2,200 traffic citations, including for [driving under the influence](#), or DUI, during the “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over” campaign.

Police say the campaign also targeted speeders, aggressive drivers, those who text while driving and those not wearing seat belts between August 17 and September 3.

Gemma’s law firm prosecutes personal injury and wrongful death lawsuits on behalf of individuals in the Providence and Newport area injured in car wrecks.

The Rhode Island vehicle accident attorney cited a Governors Highway Safety Association (GHSA) report issued earlier this year that says speeding continues to be a factor in nearly one third of the nation’s traffic deaths.

“The GHSA says part of the problem is the public’s relative indifference to speeding, and suggests that law enforcement officials and others talk about ‘aggressive driving,’ which encompasses speeding, instead,” Gemma said.

“Speeding is, indeed, aggressive driving,” the veteran [Rhode Island personal injury attorney](#) continued. “Drivers need to slow down, get smart about not drinking and driving, and get serious about the safety of our state’s roads.”

The GHSA report said speeding is the one highway safety area where there has been no progress in almost 30 years. Since 2000, fatalities attributed to speeding have increased by 7 percent, while fatalities blamed on not wearing a seat belt dropped by 23 percent and fatalities blamed on drunk driving fell by 3 percent.

Gemma said his firm will continue to stand beside those who are injured in car wrecks caused by drunk driving and speeding, as well as other forms of aggressive driving, such as following too closely, erratic or unsafe lane changes, or running stop lights.

“We raise awareness about the consequences of speeding and other types of reckless driving by providing a strong voice for those who are injured when these negligent drivers cause crashes, injury and death,” Gemma said.

About Gemma Law Associates, Inc.

[Gemma Law Associates, Inc.](#), is a Providence law firm that has represented the people of Rhode Island for more than 48 years while earning a reputation for success in several practice areas, including drunk driving accidents, car accidents, personal injury, workers’ compensation, Social Security disability, divorce, criminal defense and bankruptcy law. The law firm’s staff works as a team to ensure success in cases and is backed by a state-of-the-art collection of resources, including an advanced computerized case management system and extensive legal library.

The firm represents clients throughout the state of Rhode Island, including Providence, Pawtucket, Warwick, Washington County and Newport County. The firm’s office is located at 231 Reservoir Avenue, Providence, RI 02907. To learn more about Gemma Law Associates, Inc., call (401) 467-2300 or use the firm’s [online contact form](#)



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