

HAVING BEEN A PARENT TO FOUR GROWING YOUNG BOYS, I LEARNED THAT WHEN YOU CHASTISE ONE OF THEM, THEY BETTER BE IN THE ROOM, OR AT LEAST WITHIN EAR SHOT. SAME GOES FOR THOSE THAT I AM ABOUT TO CHASTISE, ALTHOUGH I AM ALMOST POSITIVE THAT NONE OF THIS STATIONS GOOD LISTENERS NEED TO BE CHASTISED FOR WHAT I AM ABOUT TO SHARE.

I AM NOT SURE ABOUT YOU, BUT WHEN I GO INTO A PARKING LOT, I DON'T CARE IF IT'S SAFEWAY, WINCO, THE MALL, PICK ONE, I FOLLOW THE PAINTED ON CEMENT ARROWS. NOTHING PULLS MY CHAIN MORE THAT TO BE OBEYING THAT LITTLE INDICATOR AND HAVE SOMEBODY PULL UP TO THE FRONT OF MY VEHICLE GOING THE WRONG WAY. WHAT PULLS MY CHAIN EVEN MORE IS WHEN THEY GIVE ME THE "LOOK"...LIKE IAM THE ONE GOING THE WRONG WAY.

ONCE UPON A TIME I CHOSE THE CORRECT ARROW AND A DRIVER OF A NICE LOOKING VEHICLE CAME THRU THE EMPTY PARKING PLACE AND HEADED STRAIGHT FOR MY HAPPY ZONE. BEING 71 YEARS OLD NOW, I FIGURED, NOT ONLY DID I HAVE THE RIGHT OF WAY, I HAD THE RIGHT. BUT NOOOOO! HONKING SOUNDS CAME OUT OF THIS VEHICLE AND ALL FOUR WHEELS MOVING IN MY DIRECTION.

PAUSE, NO REASON TO HAVE A SIMPLE CASE OF ROAD RAGE. BUT

**THE MOVEMENT CONTINUED UNTIL THEY REACHED THEIR GOAL CLIMBING OVER THE CONCRETE PLANTER BOX AND THEN MY FAVORITE PART, THE MIDDLE FINGER FLYING AROUND LIKE A FLAG ON THE FOURTH OF JULY.**

**I ADMIT, A COUPLE OF THESE PARKING LOTS COULD RE PAINT SOME OF THEIR ARROWS TO STAND OUT MORE. I'D BE GLAD TO HAND OUT TICKETS COME TO THINK OF IT.**

**I ASK YOU, IS IT TOO MUCH TO ASK THAT ONE FOLLOWS THE ARROWS? WHAT IF EVERYBODY IGNORED THE ARROWS ON OUR PUBLIC ONEWAYS IN TOWN... TAKE "H" AND "I" STREET.**

**NOW FOR THE MEAT OF THIS WEEKS COMMUNITY COMMENT. SIMPLY PUT, WE LOOKED AT IT WHEN I WAS ON THE COUNCIL A DECADE AGO. IF I AM CORRECT, AND I AM, WITH ONE OF THE BEST CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS ASSEMBLED, IT WAS A BIG FAT NO. IF YOU WANT TO SEE MORE ROAD RAGE AND ACCIDENTS, CHANGE "H" AND "I" STRET INTO TWO WAY STRETS AND WATCH THOSE SPEEDERS PASS THE LAW ABIDING DRIVERS. THEN WHAT DO YOU SUGGEST MR JONES ? AS TOM HANNAH USED TO SAY, AND I REPEAT IN MY OWN MODIFIED WAY, OR THE THE 3 E'S. ENFORCEMENT, ENFORCEMENT, ENFORCEMENT. CALMING ZONES, SPEED LUMPS AND A FEW MORE SIGNS AND THAT REVEALING SPEED ZONE MACHINE. HEY, AND HOW ABOUT A UNIFORMED POLICEMAN DURING THOSE SPECIALS HOURS WHEN FOLKS ARE ON THEIR WAY TO OR FROM WORK? GIVE ME A SPEED GUN AND A BADGE AND A THE COMMISION AND THE END**

**WOULD BE INSIGHT BEFORE YOU COULD SAY, "SLOW DOWN"!**

**DO ME A FAVOR CITY COUNCIL AND FOR THE MOST PART,  
CITY STAFF..JUST DON'T WASTE THE MONEY, THE TIME AND THE  
RESOURCES ON SOMETHING THAT ISN'T BROKEN. THERE IS  
CERTAINLY BETTER PLACES FOR THAT MONEY... THAT SAID  
KEEP AN EYE ON THAT NEXT LITTLE QUARTER CENT SALES TAX  
THE CITY WANTS US TO TAKE A BITE OUT OF.**

**THIS HAS BEEN MIKE JONES FOR COMMUNITY CONVERSATION.**