

DID YOU KNOW???

YIELD TO SANTA SATURDAY NIGHT

Special legislation, mandating all traffic yield the right-of-way to Santa, is in effect every year but only on Christmas Eve. If you are out and about this Saturday night, and you see a red light (not a red light at a traffic signal, but a red light that looks a lot like a red nose), likely accompanied by sleigh bells ringing loudly, pull over and stop – it just might be Santa led by Rudolph and the eight other reindeer, making their annual deliveries of gifts for everyone. And, surly you don't want to impede Santa – he has a verrrrrry long trip to make that night and doesn't have time to get hung up in traffic.

Of course his reindeer can fly, which means they don't have to worry about traffic while in the air, but when they get to cities and villages, they can't just fly, so, that's where Rudolph comes in very handy.

Originally Rudolph's red nose was used on a very foggy Christmas Eve so Santa could see where he was going. That was many decades ago, long before congested highways and long traffic jams. However, today, Rudolph's red nose is more useful as an emergency signal, giving him, the other eight reindeer and Santa the right-of-way over all other vehicles. This is why Santa doesn't have any more trouble getting around now than he did decades ago.

So, if you are out driving this coming Saturday night, which is Christmas Eve, and you see a flashing red light, or just a red light moving very fast, pull off to the side and yield the right-of-way – it just might be Santa and his eight reindeer, led by Rudolph with his red nose so bright. And, certainly you wouldn't want to be accused of delaying Santa and denying children their gifts on Christmas morning, would you?

Know the law and drive safely, not just on Christmas Eve, but at all times. And to everyone, whether you celebrate Christmas or not, have a very happy and safe holiday season from the Franklin County Traffic Safety Board.