GOLF CART USE ON STREETS

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CRASHES

THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF PREVENTIVE MEDICINE REPORTS:

- GOLF CART INJURIES INCREASED 132 PERCENT FROM 1990 TO 2006.
- IN 1990 THERE WAS AN ESTIMATED 5,772 GOLF CART INJURIES, BUT IN 2006 THAT NUMBER SURGED TO 13,411.
ABOUT 15 PERCENT OF INJURIES OCCURRED ON THE STREETS, AND THOSE INJURIES WERE MORE LIKELY TO RESULT IN CONCUSSIONS AND HOSPITALIZATION.

THE MAJORITY OF INJURIES INVOLVED PEOPLE FALLING OR BEING EJECTED FROM A MOVING CART.
NEW LEGISLATION

- DEFINES LOW-SPEED VEHICLES AS ANY 4-WHEELED VEHICLE WITH A MAXIMUM SPEED GREATER THAN 20 MILES PER HOUR BUT NOT GREATER THAN 25 MILES PER HOUR, THAT CONFORMS WITH THE FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARDS SET FORTH FOR THAT VEHICLE.
NEW LEGISLATION – CON’T

- PROVIDES RULES FOR THE OPERATION OF A LOW SPEED VEHICLE ON STREETS.
NEW LEGISLATION – CON’T

● PROVIDES THAT IT IS LAWFUL FOR A PERSON TO DRIVE ON A STREET WHICH HAS A POSTED SPEED LIMIT OF 30 MILES PER HOUR OR LESS AND CROSS A STREET THAT HAS A POSTED SPEED LIMIT OF 45 MILES PER HOUR OR LESS.
NEW LEGISLATION – CON’T

- PROVIDES THAT OPERATORS OF LOW SPEED VEHICLES OPERATED ON STREETS:
  - MUST HAVE A VALID DRIVERS LICENSE.
  - ARE SUBJECT TO THE MANDATORY INSURANCE PROVISION OF THE ILLINOIS VEHICLE CODE.
NEW LEGISLATION – CON’T

- FEE FOR A CERTIFICATE OF TITLE FOR A LOW SPEED VEHICLE IS $30.00.

- REGISTRATION FEE IS $18.00.
GOLF CART INSPECTION CHECKLIST

- APPLICATION COMPLETED
- LIABILITY INSURANCE

REQUIREMENTS:
- BRAKES
- STEERING APPARATUS
- TIRES
- REARVIEW MIRROR
REQUIREMENTS - CONT

- SLOW MOVING EMBLEM ATTACHED TO THE REAR OF VEHICLE.
- HEADLIGHTS (WHITE LIGHT - 500 FEET VISIBLE FROM THE FRONT).
- TAILLIGHTS (RED - 100 FEET VISIBLE FROM THE REAR).
- BRAKE LIGHTS
- TURN SIGNALS (FRONT AND REAR).
- HORN
REQUIREMENTS – CON’T

- SAFETY BELTS/ CHILD SAFETY SEATS- SAME AS AN AUTOMOBILE (# OF PASSENGERS).
- MUST BE 18 YEARS OF AGE.
- OBEY ALL TRAFFIC LAWS.

SHOULD YOU CHOOSE NOT TO FOLLOW THE LAW....
SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS - OPERATORS

- OPERATE CARTS AT A REASONABLE SPEED.
- AVOID SHARP TURNS.
- WEAR SAFETY BELTS WHEN AVAILABLE.
- LIMIT THE NUMBER OF PASSENGERS.
- DO NOT DRIVE WHILE UNDER THE INFLUENCE.
SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS - PASSENGERS

- KEEP ARMS AND LEGS INSIDE THE CART.
- KEEP BOTH FEET ON THE FLOOR AT ALL TIMES.
- WEAR A SAFETY BELT WHEN AVAILABLE.
- THE CART SHOULD COME TO A COMPLETE STOP BEFORE GETTING ON OR OFF THE CART.