

## **Police Department**

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Shawn M. Bennett CHIEF OF POLICE

Residents of Mountain Lakes,

In light of the two recent tragedies in northern New Jersey, one involving an e-bike and the other involving an e-scooter, I would like to take a moment to remind parents of children with e-bikes and e-scooters to be sure your children understand and practice safe riding rules. Additionally, be sure that the e-bikes and e-scooters they ride are street legal, age appropriate, and that your children have the skillset and maturity level to operate these vehicles safely on the roadways.

It is the job of the Mountain Lakes Police Department to keep our residents safe. To that end, our officers will be actively enforcing e-bike and e-scooter laws, as well as educating e-bike and e-scooter riders. However, the police are only one part of the equation for keeping our children safe. We also need the help of the community, and specifically parents to accomplish this mission. Please speak to your children about safe riding, and do not let them ride e-bikes that are illegal, or more than your child can safely operate.

If you have questions about e-bike and e-scooter laws, please see the accompanying documentation.

It often takes a tragedy to effect change. Unfortunately, we have recently witnessed two such tragedies. Please help us ensure that we do not have a similar tragedy in Mountain Lakes.

Sincerely,

Chief Shawn Bennett

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