

Support HB 364/PG 301–24

Prince George’s County – Traffic Control Device Monitoring Systems – Authorization

I am Ron Weiss in Fort Washington. I support HB 364 and I ask for your support.

This legislation will help prevent more people from dying near our schools as did these:

“Two students walking to Riverdale Elementary School in Prince George’s County on Monday were struck and killed by the driver of a van near the school, stirring grief and anger as pupils prepared to celebrate Thanksgiving with their families.” – The Washington Post, November 20, 2023

Wise High School student died after a crash in Upper Marlboro, Maryland Tuesday morning. According to investigators, only one car was involved in the crash.

Officers with the Prince George's County Police Department responded to Ritchie Marlboro and Dunsmore Terrace Road around 9 a.m. for a report of the crash. Prince George's County Acting Deputy Chief Anthony Cline said an 18-year-old woman was pronounced dead at the scene of the crash and an 18-year-old man, who was driving, was hospitalized after the incident.

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Rios said she and others in the neighborhood have repeatedly asked for speeding to be addressed along Ritchie Marlboro Road.

According to the Prince George's County Police Department, **another crash actually happened on Ritchie Marlboro Road, two blocks away from the one that claimed the life of the Wise High School student**, around 6:30 am. Police did not reveal the age of the victim in that incident. However, they said they have non-life threatening injuries.

"[We] preliminarily believe speeding may have been a contributing factor," a police spokesperson said.

- WUSA-TV, March 7, 2023

Life is too precious to not use the common sense measures that this bill enables.

I ask for your favorable report on HB 364

Thank You.

Stay safe,

Ron Weiss, Fort Washington