

Letters to the Editor

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Tickets needed for unsafe drivers

Driving to work recently, I witnessed the aftermath of unsafe driving by one or more seriously injured individuals. Vehicles were crushed, occupants were strapped to gurneys for trips to local hospitals, and there was fresh blood and heavily bandaged and broken bodies.

In the past several months, I have been required numerous times to move out of the path of individuals who simply assumed that other drivers would avoid them due to their stupidly reckless driving. I even had a near miss, in which I honked the horn to alert the other person of their error, only to receive a middle finger for my concern for my and their safety.

It seems pointless to even pen these words, because very little will change. What will change are lanes of traffic as careless drivers dangerously and illegally cross lines, run stop lights and signs, and consider other drivers with about the same courtesy and consideration as they do when they mindlessly throw trash on our streets.

I would like to see the City of Montgomery issue tickets for Stupid Maneuvers Driver (SMD) violations. For every 10 SMD-points a driver receives, they must perform community service — during the hot summer months. They can repeatedly wash stop signs, pick up their trash and stand at busy intersections with a Stupid Maneuvers Driver sign that reads: I am an inconsiderate stupid driver and as long as I am off the road, you are a little bit safer.

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