

Golf Carts

A number of residents have voiced concern about the operating of golf carts on Drum Point streets. Their concerns stem from the possibility of injury should there be an accident, in particular injury to young people who are being permitted to operate the carts.

In order to address the concerns, the Association requested information on the legality of operating a golf cart on public streets. The following response was received from First Sergeant Jason Dean, the Community Action Team Supervisor, for the Calvert County Sheriff's office. His response is below:

Based on the Maryland Laws, Golf Carts are **not legally permitted to be operated** on State or County maintained roadways in Calvert County. There are legal exemptions for Golf Carts to be operated in certain approved counties (St. Mary's, Somerset, Garrett, Allegany and Dorchester Counties) but **not Calvert**.

If a Golf Cart is stopped for being operated on the roadway, the following traffic charges and fines could be issued.

- **Unregistered Motor Vehicle: \$290 fine and the vehicle/golf cart could be towed.**
- **Uninsured Motor Vehicle: Must Appear violation and the vehicle/golf cart could be towed.**
- **Unlicensed operator: Must Appear violation and could be an arrestable offense.**

In response to whether Drum Point roads, which are not private but are privately maintained, would fall under the same guidelines, Sergeant Dean replied that indeed they would.

Please be aware that, while the deputies would prefer to educate violators, there is a risk that the above charges and fines could be issued.