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This is Lieutenant Larry Depee, Commander of the California Highway Patrol, Crescent City Area. Aggressive driving has increasingly become a major cause of concern for many road users.

Aggressive driving is any unsafe driving behavior, such as tailgating, cutting in front of another driver and then slowing down, and blocking vehicles from passing or changing lanes, performed deliberately and with ill intention or disregard for the safety of others.

Extreme cases of aggressive driving can escalate to road rage. Road rage is aggressive or violent behavior that occurs between drivers on a roadway. Road rage can start off with rude gestures, including yelling, insults, threats, throwing objects at vehicles, and quickly escalate to conduct such as ramming, sideswiping, forcing a driver off the road, or threats to injure, kill, or harm another individual.

The California Highway Patrol takes aggressive driving and road rage seriously and will actively investigate these incidents. Road rage can lead to a six-month driver license suspension and may even lead to misdemeanor or felony charges.

Your assistance is essential to combatting aggressive drivers and road rage. Anyone who witnesses this type of behavior is encouraged to call 9-1-1 and report the incident.

If you would like more information on aggressive driving, rules of the road, or any other information, please feel free to contact us. Additionally, please follow us on Facebook for the most current news and information from the California Highway Patrol.

Thank you.