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Liberty Police Department: Back to School Safety

LIBERTY, Mo. – When the Liberty School District heads back to school on August 14, the safety of those traveling to or from schools becomes a prime concern for the Liberty Police Department.

Enforcement of the 20 mph school zones is an ongoing effort of the department throughout the school year. LPD will focus on special enforcement around school zones and driver compliance with school bus flashing lights in the coming weeks. We ask that drivers be alert, considerate and patient when traveling near schools as students, parents, teachers and staff get back in the routine of a new school year. The safety of our community's students is our shared responsibility.

Please take time to review the following tips as a refresher on traffic and pedestrian safety:

When Walking to School:

- If your child is young or walking to a new school, walk with them during this first week to make sure they know the route and can do it safely
- Be realistic about your child's pedestrian skills
- Consider a "walking school bus" where one adult accompanies a group of neighborhood children walking to school

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When Riding the Bus:

- Wait for the bus to come to a complete stop before approaching it from the curb
- Do not move around while on the bus
- Check to make sure no traffic is coming before you cross the street or step out from behind the bus

Tips for Motorists:

- School zone speed limits are back in action with the start of school. Be mindful about your speed
- Watch for school buses. Red flashing lights and an extended stop arm indicate that the bus is stopping to load and unload children. State law requires you to stop
- Keep an eye out for children walking in the street, especially in areas where there are no sidewalks

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