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Back To School Traffic Safety

School Starts Monday August 8th

With another school year about to begin, the Anderson County Sheriff's Department and the Tennessee Highway Patrol would like to offer the following tips to make our school zones safer and improve traffic safety.

With school in session, there will be significantly more traffic. Pedestrians, buses, and parents all contribute to school zone congestion. Many schools in Anderson County are faced with traffic issues such as parking, speeding, unsafe U-turns, and more.

Motorists should exercise a heightened awareness in and around a school zone. Potential hazards are much easier to perceive when driving at or below the school zone speed limit. Special attention must also be paid to buses displaying flashing red lights when on an undivided roadway. In these instances, drivers are required by state law to stop and wait until the flashing red lights are turned off before passing a bus.

Follow these simple suggestions to help make school zones safer for everyone:

- Don't speed.
- Don't impede traffic.
- Don't block intersections or school entrances and exits.
- Don't make U-turns.
- Watch for children walking or on bicycles.
- Always make sure that your children are wearing seatbelts when transporting them to and from school.

Sheriff's deputies and State Troopers will be enforcing all traffic laws in our school zones. Slow down, be alert, and drive with care. The safety of our children is at stake.

Sheriff Paul White