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Safe Travels During Back-To-School Week

GRASS VALLEY, CA – The Grass Valley Police Department is reminding citizens to exercise due care and caution in their travels this week as school opens for the 2008-2009 school year.

This coming Wednesday, August 13th, marks the return to school for students in the Grass Valley and Nevada Joint Union School Districts. The Grass Valley Police Department is reminding motorists to remain highly vigilant during their travels to ensure the safety of everyone; especially during the peak school arrival and departure times. To prepare, everyone is encouraged to follow some basic safety tips.

Driver Safety

- Drive the Speed limit in school zones
- Be aware that children are walking to school and can dart out at anytime
- Never pass a school bus when its stop sign is out
- Tell the bus driver if you drop something beside the bus. If you try to pick it up, the bus driver may not see you and drive into you

Likewise, it is important that students and other pedestrians also use caution and follow some basic rules when commuting to and from school.

Pedestrian Safety

- Cross only at intersections. Stop at the curb and look left, right, then left for moving vehicles. Cross when it is clear and keep looking for cars as you cross.

- Always cross at a crosswalk if one is available.
- Use sidewalks or walk facing traffic when there are no sidewalks so you can see what is coming.
- If you must walk through parked traffic, stop and look carefully before stepping out from between vehicles.
- Don't run between parked cars and buses. Don't run across the street or through a parking lot.
- When crossing at a traffic light, wait until you see the WALK signal. A flashing DON'T WALK signal indicates you should not start to cross the street. If the WALK signal changes to a flashing DON'T WALK signal while you are crossing, continue crossing without delay.
- Always watch for turning cars when crossing the street at an intersection.

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