

September 2010

## SCHOOL BUS SAFETY

School bus transportation is safe. In fact, buses are safer than cars! Even so, last year, approximately 26 students were killed and another 9,000 were injured in incidents involving school buses. More often than not, these deaths and injuries didn't occur in a crash, but as the pupils were entering and exiting the bus.



Remember these safety tips:

- Have a safe place to wait for your bus, away from traffic and the street.
- Stay away from the bus until it comes to a complete stop and the driver signals you to enter.

- When being dropped off, exit the bus and walk ten giant steps away from the bus. Keep a safe distance between you and the bus. Also, remember that the bus driver can see you best when you are back away from the bus.
- Use the handrail to enter and exit the bus.
- Stay away from the bus until the driver gives his/her signal that it's okay to approach.
- Be aware of the street traffic around you. Drivers *are* required to follow certain rules of the road concerning school buses, however, not all do. Protect yourself and watch out!

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**CITY DEPARTMENT  
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**EMERGENCY-911**  
**POLICE 793-1700**  
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**21ST DIST. COURT 793-1680**  
**BUILDING DEPT. 793-1650**  
**CITY CLERK 793-1620**  
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## Walking and Biking to School

Even if you don't ride in a motor vehicle, you still have to protect yourself. Because of minimal supervision, young pedestrians face a wide variety of decisions making situations and dangers while walking to and from school. Here are a few basic safety tips to follow:

- Mind all traffic signals and/or the crossing guard -- never cross the street against a light, even if you don't see any traffic coming.
- Walk your bike through intersections.
- Walk with a buddy.
- Wear reflective material...it makes you more visible to street traffic.
- Find an easy way to walk to school or the bus stop. Ask your parents if there is anything you should watch out for along way. Always walk with a brother, sister, neighbor, or friend.
- Don't talk to strangers, go anywhere with them, or take anything from them.
- Know your phone number and address, even your area code and zip code. If you have trouble remembering them, write them down and keep them in a safe place.
- If you stay home alone for a few hours after school while your parents are at work, call and check in with them as soon as you get home. Check out the Home Alone Tips on the back page.

### NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWS

*Remember Neighborhood Watch Meetings about beginning again. The dates will remain the same this year. Meetings are the First Tuesday of the following months:*

**October, December, March and May.**  
 Meetings normally are scheduled for 7pm at the Garden City Community Center and Maplewood Center and

*and are usually in the IMC conference room. If you have any questions, please call myself or Nancy Minor in the Detective Bureau. Thank you,  
 Det/Sgt. Brian Aure'*

### NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH BLOCK / CITY CRIME STATS

#### August Crime Stats—Number of Crimes Reported

<b>Robbery 1</b>	<b>Sexual Assaults 4</b>	<b>Stolen Vehicles 18</b>	<b>Drugs 6</b>
<b>Fraud 7</b>	<b>Breaking &amp; Entering 11</b>	<b>Assaults 33</b>	<b>Property Damage 26</b>
<b>Arson 1</b>	<b>Larceny 39</b>	<b>Murder 0</b>	<b>Assaults 33</b>

The numbers listed represent statistics for the entire city during the month listed only