

Sheriff Points

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School's Open - Drive Carefully"

It is time for school to open and I would like to remind all motorists and children going to school to use extra caution on the roadways.

AAA offers the following safety tips to motorists:

Drive with your headlights on - even during the day - so children and other drivers can see you.

Slow down in or near schools and residential areas. The speed limit in school zones are 15mph.

Look for clues such as School Safety Patrollers, bicycles, and playgrounds that indicate children could be in the area.

Scan between parked cars and other objects for signs that children could dart into the road.

Watch out for bicyclists. Sometimes our children get forgetful or in a hurry when they ride their bikes.

Use extra caution in bad weather or when the sun obscures vision.

Always clean your windows of frost so you can have a clear view.

Always stop for school buses that are loading or unloading students.

Parents can keep their children safe by teaching good pedestrian habits.

Try to find the safest route to school and walk the route with your children.

Teach your children the meaning of traffic signals and signs along the route

Remind children to watch for cars backing out of driveways.

Help children understand the importance of cooperating with the police, school safety patrols and adult crossing guards.

Teach children to stop, listen and look for approaching and turning vehicles, especially those turning on a red light.

Stress the importance of allowing enough time to cross the street and making sure children understand they must WALK - not run - across the street as they continue to WATCH for vehicles. All ways cross in cross walks.

Introduce the concept of looking LEFT-RIGHT-LEFT before crossing streets. This even applies to drivers of motor vehicles.

Always set a good example of safe pedestrian conduct for your children.

Hopefully these little reminders will keep our children safe as they go back to school.

I would like to leave you with this verse.

Be generous, and you will be prosperous. Help others, and you will be helped.
Those who are good are rewarded here on earth.

I hope to see you at the Turner County Fair Aug. 15 – Aug. 18th.