



Press Release

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Subject: Pedestrian Safety / Joplin Schools start Thursday, August 20th

The Joplin Police Department would like to remind motorists that the new school year starts tomorrow, August 20th, which brings potential hazards associated with travel.

The Joplin Police Department reminds everyone that there will be more traffic on the roadways and an increase of children crossing traffic lanes, particularly in school zones. Some of the children may be inexperienced at traversing roadways during their commutes to and from schools. Please be cautious as you travel the streets and be aware of pedestrians in the roadway.

Due to the increased vehicular traffic that begins tomorrow, it is a good practice for motorists to leave earlier and allow themselves more time to reach their destinations. This will help to avoid unsafe driving caused by the feeling of being rushed and late for appointments or work.

Please be mindful of school busses on the roadways. School busses stop frequently at bus stops, and also at all railroad crossings. It is against the law to pass a school bus when the red lights and stop arm are activated.

The Joplin Police Department would also like to remind students and other pedestrians to use sidewalks and crosswalks provided and for students to cross at designated crossing points operated by trained crossing guards.