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SUBJECT: Operation Safe Passage

LOCATION OF OCCURRENCE: School Zones in the City of Scotts Valley

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SYNOPSIS:

The Scotts Valley Police Department will be participating in "Operation Safe Passage" starting August 20th thru August 31st 2018. The goal of the operation is to increase the safety of students commuting to and from school at the beginning of the school year.

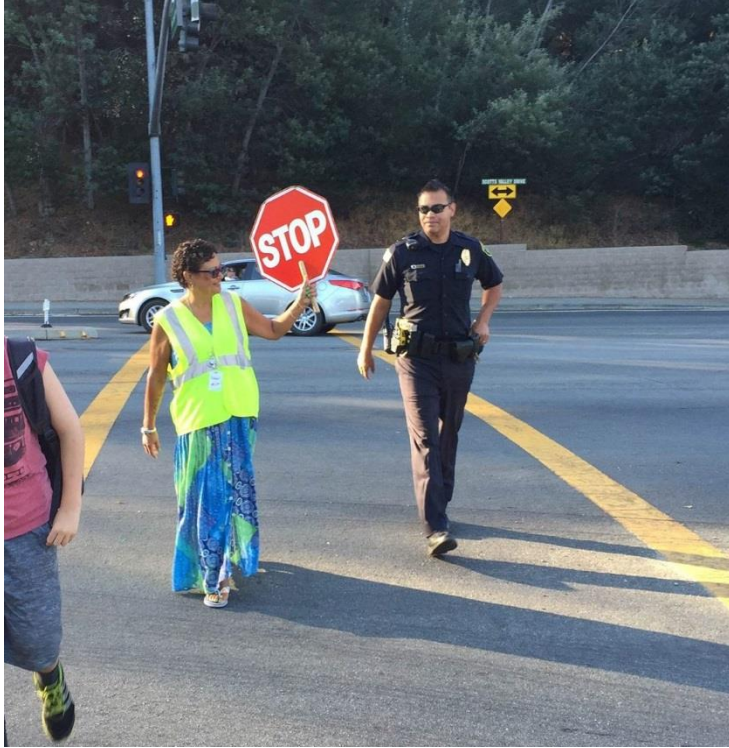
During "Operation Safe Passage," extra officers will be working to strictly enforce traffic violations in and around all local school zones within the City of Scotts Valley. Officers will focus on the following violations by both motorists as well as commuting students.

- Speeding vehicles
- Failing to yield to pedestrians
- Jaywalking
- Juvenile bicyclists without required helmets or not properly worn
- Cell phone and texting violations
- Stop sign violations
- Blocking intersections

"The beginning of the school year can be exciting and chaotic for students and parents, while commuters may find it frustrating with the sudden increase in traffic. Operation Safe Passage is aimed towards reminding pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists to follow the rules of the road so that our students can safely make it to campus," said Sgt. Wayne Bellville. "As the new school year begins Monday (the 20th) for Scotts Valley public schools, we also want to remind motorists to give themselves a little extra time for their commutes and in planning around dropping off and picking up their children."

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