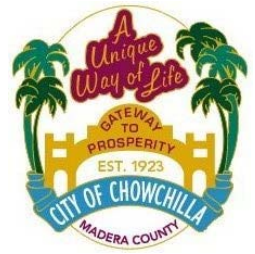




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Press Release

To: Chowchilla News
From: Officer Tyler Hormel
Subject: Traffic Safety - School is back in session

It's that time of year again - school is starting and there will be a lot more people on the roads besides just vehicles. Everyone will be trying to get to school on time so there are some safety concerns the Chowchilla Police Department will be focusing on to help ensure the safety of everyone's children.

- Chowchilla PD advises you leave a little earlier in the morning to avoid speeding in the area around the schools. Remember, all school zones have a speed limit of 25 mph. Be patient because children's safety comes first.
- Double parking or stopping in the middle of the road or alley and letting children out is not only unsafe, it is also illegal.
- Any curb painted red means you cannot stop in front of the curb to let children out. Parking in the red zone causes a safety hazard for not only the children, but for other vehicles.
- Buckle up and make sure your children are properly restrained which means a car seat for children under six years of age or under 60 pounds.
- Children riding bicycles or walking to school often ride or step out into the road without looking first, so be extra cautious around pedestrians. It is very important to stop well in front of a crosswalk to give children room to cross the street safely.

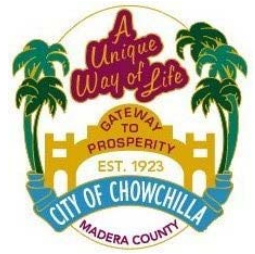
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There has been a recent increase in traffic collisions at intersections between both vehicles and pedestrians and vehicle vs. vehicle. This is largely due to inattention and distraction. In an effort to combat this problem, the Chowchilla Police Department will be conducting increased enforcement pertaining to inattentiveness and will be issuing citations to drivers for using their cell phones, not properly stopping at stop signs and crosswalks, and for any other violation endangering school traffic or everyday vehicle and pedestrian traffic.

The Chowchilla Police Department encourages you to be involved in your community. If you see an area with continuous safety violations, please help us by calling the police department at (559) 665-8600 so we can work to keep everyone safe. Your assistance and our enforcement will ensure children have a safe and productive school year.

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