

## **Back to School**

-Safety Advisory-

Summer is ending and it's time to get ready for the new school year. Hopefully children are looking forward to another year of learning and fun.

## **Driver Safety Tips:**

- Motorists and pedestrians need to slow down and be especially alert in residential and school zones
- Speed limit in school zones is 25 mph
- Double parking is not allowed when dropping off and/or picking up children from school
- Parking in red zones is prohibited
- Watch for school buses loading and unloading children
- Only allow children to enter and exit vehicle from passenger side
- Motorists should reduce any distractions inside of their vehicles and concentrate on their driving and surroundings

## Child Safety Tips:

- Explain to your children the hazards of crossing streets, obeying traffic signals, and following instructions at home and while at school
- Ensure they know the importance of being mindful of inattentive drivers and other pedestrians while walking or riding bicycles to school
- Provide schools with emergency contact numbers of parents and relatives in the event of an emergency
- Teach your children to memorize home and cell telephone numbers along with their home address
- Walk routes to and from school with your children, explaining the importance of not deviating from the route
- Explain the dangers of talking to strangers. Give them a password only you and they know, in the event someone other than a family member needs to pick them up

Now drive safe and have a great school year!