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SCHOOL STARTS MONDAY. BE PATIENT. THINK SAFETY. **Boulder City Police to have heavy presence around school zones**

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BOULDER CITY - School starts Monday, August 13, 2018 for Clark County students. Parents have done a lot to get the kids ready: bought school supplies, perhaps some new clothes, and are starting to get their sleep schedule in place. As our children head back to school, Boulder City Police Department wants all drivers to know that they will be out looking for speeders and distracted drivers.

“Please slow down and focus on your driving,” says Boulder City Police Chief Tim Shea. He and Patrol Officer Mark DuBois met with crossing guards to welcome them back and prepare for the new school year this week. “Most accidents happen within a couple miles of home,” reminds Shea. “Some drivers get so accustomed to driving roads in their neighborhoods that sometimes they get a little careless, like changing radio stations or typing into a GPS while driving. Stay focused and alert, especially during the morning hours as kids are walking to school and in the afternoon as they are walking home.”

Crossing guards estimate around 350-400 student pedestrians, bicyclists and skateboarders use the school zones every day in Boulder City. The first week can be chaotic, with everybody trying to get back into the routine of school. Several Boulder City crossing guards offered drivers this advice during their meeting: “Please stay off your cell phone. Do your makeup and shaving at home, not while driving through a school zone. And please slow down - do not speed.”

Officer DuBois also wants to remind drivers that U-turns are not allowed during school zone hours and you are not allowed to pass a stopped vehicle in a school zone.

Safety can be the first lesson of every new school year. Remember to talk to the young people in your life about school safety. Remind them to look both ways before crossing the street and to obey the crossing guards.

Here are the links to Boulder City’s Schools:

<http://mmcintosh1.wix.com/mitchelles>

<http://marthapkinges.wix.com/king>

<http://www.garrettjhs.com/>

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