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**Think Safety as First Day of New School Year Approaches  
BCPD will be "Joining Forces" in Safety Campaign**

**BOULDER CITY** – Monday, August 12, 2019 -- kids are dreading it, parents are looking forward to it ... and drivers should make note of it. That is the first day of the 2019-2020 school year for the Clark County School District/Boulder City Schools. It will be the first day in a few months that children will be walking, biking, skateboarding and scootering to school, creating challenges for motorists who have gotten used to having the streets to themselves.

In Boulder City, an estimated 350 to 400 students travel through school zones every school day and these young people are vulnerable to distracted drivers and those not used to having children appear out of nowhere.

The speed limit in school zones is 15 miles per hour and strictly enforced by police. Drivers who fail to stop for a school crossing guard's signal could face up to six years in prison and a \$5,000 fine. Making a U-turn in a school zone is also against the law.

Boulder City crossing guards meet Tuesday, August 6 to prepare for the upcoming school year. "Be aware of your driving in a school zone, as it can affect children and crossing guards," says Boulder City Police Chief Tim Shea. "Crossing guards are a valuable aspect of our community because kids can be safe and not worry when crossing the street. Stay alert in school zones, keep your eyes on the road, watch your speed and stay off your cell phone."

Drivers should also note that from August 5 through August 16, 2019, law enforcement agencies statewide will join forces to heighten enforcement of the state's pedestrian safety laws through the dedication of extra traffic patrol deputies. Funding for these extra patrols is made possible by Joining Forces grants received from the Nevada Department of Public Safety/Office of Traffic Safety.

All road users, drivers and pedestrians, need to remember and obey the basic rules of the road that have been put in place to help save lives. School zone speed restrictions apply on days when school is in session and run 30 minutes before school starts until 30 minutes after school ends. Speed restrictions only apply when the school zone is designated by a speed sign with a flashing light, only when the lights are flashing and where there are signs with the listed hours (during the time listed



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on the sign). If there is no sign indicating specific hours, speed restrictions apply when school is in session, ½ hour before school starts and ½ hour after school ends.

Parents can help by giving their children tips on how to be safe during this school season. Parents should practice walking their kids to school, make sure they use crosswalks when available, have them wear brightly colored or reflective clothing, and have them refrain from using electronic devices while walking.

Here are the links to Boulder City's Schools:

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

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

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

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

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