



# **HAWTHORNE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

## **SAFETY BULLETIN**

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**Walk To School Day**

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## **AWARENESS FOR 'WALK TO SCHOOL DAY'**

**Wednesday, October 27, 2010**

Walk to School Day is fun, educational event involving children, parents, schools, businesses, and community leaders. This event raises awareness about the need to:

- Reinforce children's traffic safety skills.
- If you are walking, pay specific attention to vehicles as you cross the street. Just because you see them, doesn't mean they see you!
- Remind adults to drive safely in school zones.
- Always watch your speed. You can and will be cited for excessive speed.
- Please remember that if a crossing guard's STOP sign is up, you cannot drive through a crosswalk. This is irrespective if the guard is standing on the sidewalk or in the crosswalk. Accordingly, it is a violation to turn or drive through a crosswalk when the school crossing guard is in the crosswalk.
- Please do not talk on your cell phone unless you are using a vehicle code compliant hands free device.
- Create and maintain safe places for children to walk within their neighborhood.
- Promote the fact that children need regular physical activity to stay strong and healthy.

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- Encourage families to have fun and spend time together simply by walking – the easiest way to stay healthy.

The Hawthorne Police Department will be assisting the Hawthorne School District Network of a Healthy California in promoting traffic safety. The safety of our children is of paramount importance.

Any specific traffic related issues or questions can be forwarded to the Hawthorne Police Department's Traffic Bureau Commander, Sergeant Eric Lane, at 310.349.2702.

For more information about The City of Good Neighbors, please see our city website: <http://www.cityofhawthorne.com>