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NEW SCHOOL YEAR TRAFFIC SAFETY

It is hard to believe that summer is ending and we are nearing the time when local schools are beginning. The Sioux County Sheriff's Office wants to remind everyone to be ready for the 2018-2019 school year. These changes make it very important for all of us to prepare for the overall increase school traffic creates on our roadways. Here are our back-to-school traffic safety tips:

- Prepare now for school bus traffic.
- Be ready to stop when a bus is picking up students.
- Be extra cautious and aware of students who are walking, biking and driving mopeds to their schools.
- Remember that the morning sun can make it very difficult to see.
- Remain watchful, be prepared to stop and keep free of any distractions inside your vehicle so you can react quickly and safely.
- Increase your awareness for stop signs, no passing zones, turning and slowing vehicles and bus stop locations.

Captain Jamie Van Voorst said, "Our deputies will once again be actively patrolling and monitoring school zones, school traffic routes and known bus stop locations to make sure our children and all motorists are kept as safe as possible; sharing the roads with bus traffic and new, young drivers is a very important task."

